

Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2022–2023



Welcome

Public hunting is permitted on Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge and is administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in cooperation with the Nevada Department of Wildlife. This refuge contains designated areas that are open to controlled hunting on designated days, concurrent with the seasons established by the State of Nevada. All applicable state and federal regulations apply. Be sure to observe refuge maps and signs designating closed areas or restricted zones.

Hunting Licenses

Permits, passes, stamps, or any license items **will not be sold** at the refuge. Visit <https://www.ndow.org/apply-buy/apply-buy-hunting/> for more information. Hunters are responsible to know all state and federal regulations. More information on these regulations, as well as permit fees and other state regulations can be found in the Nevada Small Game and Waterfowl Hunting Guides (NDOW Booklet).

Firearms

Hunting on refuge is allowed by **shotgun only**. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32.)

Watercraft

Watercraft may only be used to go to and come from daily hunting location. No shooting from moving watercraft, unless recovering wounded birds. Waterfowl may only be taken from watercraft that are anchored in open water or immobilized in natural growth vegetation.

Non-motorized boats or watercraft with electric motors are permitted on Upper Lake from February 1 through September 30. Boats and watercraft must be in compliance with all applicable state and federal rules. The refuge is closed to all watercraft from October 1 to February 1, except for waterfowl hunt purposes in the designated open waterfowl hunting zones, during open days of the waterfowl hunt season. Upper Lake is completely closed to boating from October 1 to February 1. Trailer launching of watercraft is prohibited. North Marsh is closed to all activity, including boats and other watercraft.

Activity	Season Dates	Hunting Hours	Hunt Areas	Regulation
Waterfowl hunting	Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens, and snipe is permitted on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, during the regular state season (with the exception of opening weekend of waterfowl season, when hunting is allowed on Sunday). Hunting of swans is prohibited. Use caution when hunting white geese.	Shooting hours begin ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. Hunters must vacate by 1½ hour after legal sunset.	Middle Marsh Unit and Lower Lake Unit. Maynard Lake Unit closed to waterfowl hunting. See hunt map.	Waterfowl hunting activities after January 31 are prohibited, including any special seasons.
Dove hunting	Daily during the month of September. Starting October 1, dove hunting is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.	Shooting hours begin ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. Hunters must vacate by 1½ hours after legal sunset.	Middle Marsh Unit and Lower Lake Unit. Maynard Lake Unit closed to dove hunting. See hunt map.	See refuge specific regulations and NDOW small game booklet for further information on regulations while hunting on Pahrnagat NWR.
Quail and rabbit hunting	Permitted on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday during the regular state season. Hunting of jackrabbits is permitted only during the state cottontail season.	Shooting hours are sunrise to sunset.	Middle Marsh Unit, Lower Lake Unit, and Maynard Lake Unit. See hunt map.	The hunting of jackrabbit on the refuge is closed, except during cottontail season. Rabbit limits are singly or in aggregate.

Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eo/public-civil-rights>.

Hunting and Fishing Regulations

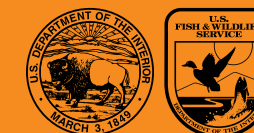
Hunting and fishing regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting and fishing are permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

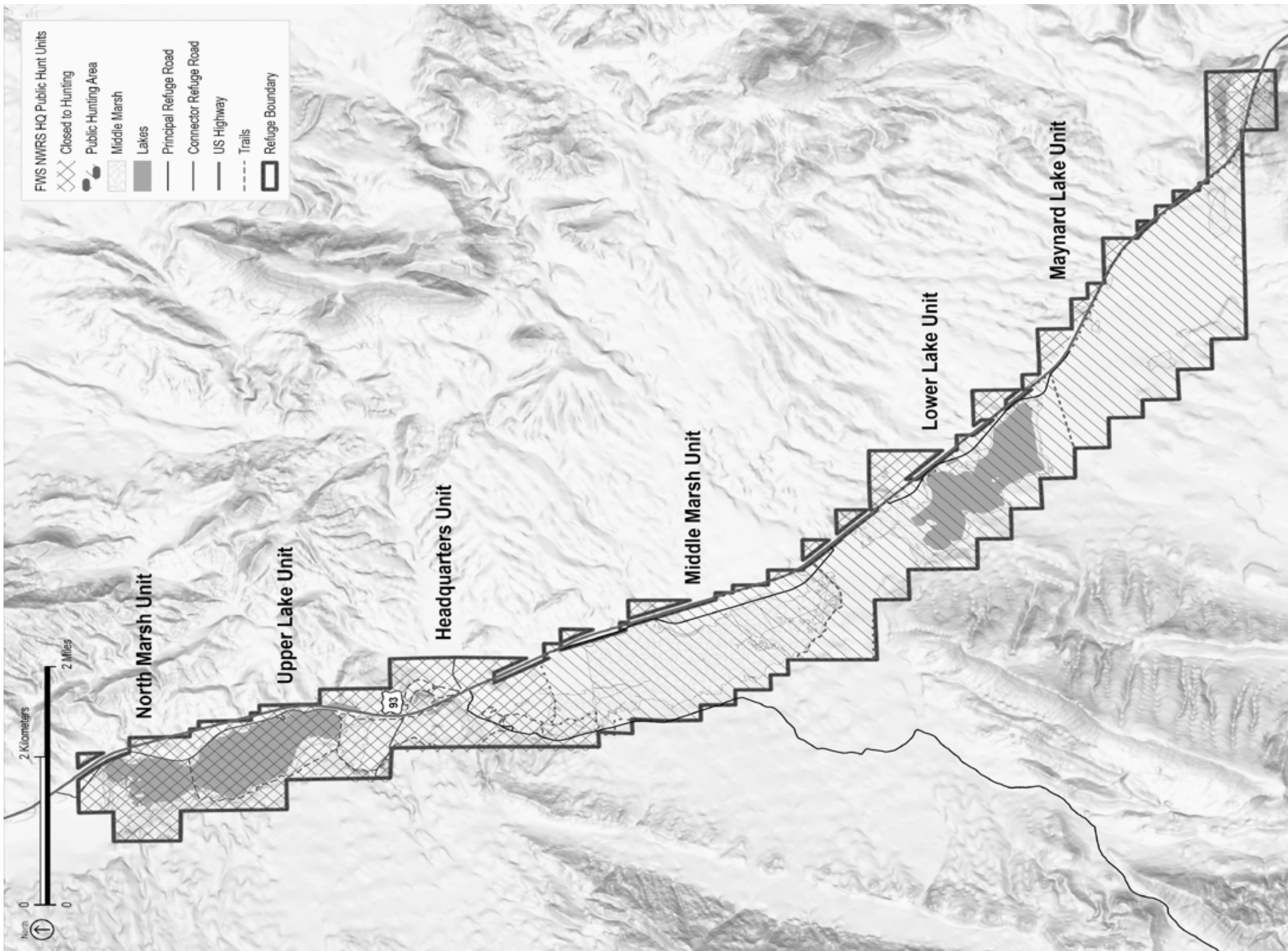
Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable State of Nevada regulations subject to the conditions stated below. Brochures may be obtained by mail, at the refuge headquarters, or from the refuge website.

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Refuge-Specific Regulations Summary

- Big game hunting is not allowed. All other wildlife, including coyotes and crows, are protected. **Target shooting is prohibited.** Discharging firearms is only permitted during authorized hunting activities.
- Federally approved non-toxic shot required for all hunting. From October 1 through February 1, Hunters are limited to 25-shell limit while in the field (public hunting area - see map). **Lead shot is prohibited.**
- No shot guns larger than 10 gauge and no shot size larger than standard shot size "T" (.20" diameter) are permitted by both State and Federal regulations.
- All motorized vehicles are restricted to designated roads and graveled parking lots only (see map) and must be properly licensed and street legal as required by law. **Operation of ATVs and UTVs (4-wheelers, dirt bikes, side-by-sides, etc.) is prohibited.**
- Temporary blinds are permitted. All decoys, portable blinds, and other personal property must be removed from the refuge daily and temporary blinds must be dismantled at the close of each day.
- Possession or consumption of an open container of alcohol or marijuana (including medical marijuana) are prohibited.
- Dogs are allowed on the hunting area, but must be kept under control. **Dogs must be kept in vehicles or on leash** while in the check station parking area and on vehicle access roads.
- Shooting is prohibited 150 feet (50 yards) from the center line of roads (including access roads and two tracks), parking areas, levees, or into or from safety zones. **Loaded firearms are prohibited in parking areas.**
- Hunters 15 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult hunter.
- Please put all trash in the dumpster located on Upper Pahranaagat Lake Road or pack out trash when leaving the refuge. **Spent shotgun shells are litter.**

