

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting and Fishing Information



The Blue Goose is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



Welcome

Welcome to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Established in 1955, the Refuge has 22,135 acres of mixed-grass prairie and wetland habitat. Quivira NWR is primarily managed to provide food, water, and resting areas for migratory waterfowl. A system of canals and water control structures diverts water from Rattlesnake Creek to 34 water units ranging from 10 to 1,500 acres.

General Information

The Refuge is open to hunting and fishing as described in this brochure.

Motorized vehicles are permitted only on developed roads and parking areas. Driving off roads or on roads marked as closed by signs or barriers is prohibited. Parking in front of gates or on bridges or water control structures is prohibited.

The Refuge is open from 1½ hours before sunrise to 1½ hours after sunset. No night hunting or waiting, or set-up during Refuge closed hours; otherwise, it is considered camping.

Prohibited Activities

- Camping and fires.
- Searching for or removing natural items such as antlers, plants, historic, and archaeological features.
- Littering, including spent shell casings.
- Possession of lead shot/bullets in the field.
- Permanent hunt blinds or pits.
- Use of dogs for furbearer and coyote hunting.
- Trapping, baiting, and spotlighting, including the use of artificial light or light-gathering equipment to locate wildlife.
- Use of boats, canoes, and other watercraft.
- Carrying, possessing, or discharging fireworks, or explosives.
- Retrieving non-permitted species, and retrieving permitted species from areas closed to hunting.

Firearms

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.)

Hunting and Fishing Regulations

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 is permitted on 8,000 of the Refuge’s 22,135 acres in accordance with applicable Federal and State regulations and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure. See Hunting Regulations Table for regulations by species.

Parts of the Refuge are posted as “Public Hunting Area” and are shown on the map. Hunting is not permitted outside these shaded areas, or from across roads, trails, or parking areas.

Refuge hunting areas are open September 1 through the end of February. These areas may be closed to hunting without notice when whooping cranes are present or if emergencies arise.

Methods of take allowed on the Refuge include shotgun, muzzleloader rifle/musket, and archery.

Non-toxic shot/bullets are required when hunting any game on the Refuge.

The use of dogs for hunting and retrieving is encouraged; however, the use of dogs for furbearer and coyote hunting is prohibited.

Dogs and other pets must be under the owner’s control. From March 1 through August 31, all dogs and other pets must be leashed.

Portable devices or temporary blinds of natural vegetation are permitted. Permanent blinds or pits are not permitted. All devices and blinds must be removed daily. An accessible hunting blind is available on Unit 30. Reserve the blind by contacting staff at the Refuge headquarters.

Hunting Regulations Table

Hunting is in accordance with State regulations. In addition, Refuge-specific regulations must be followed and are listed in the table below.

Activity	Season Dates	Harvest	Other Regulations
Mule deer, white-tailed deer	Designated by limited-draw permit, administered by the State.	1 buck or doe, depending on permit drawn	Hunter access is allowed 1½ hours before sunrise until 1½ hours after sunset. Allowable methods of take include archery, muzzleloader rifle/musket, and shotgun, according to State regulations with use of non-toxic shot/bullets only. Portable tree stands and ground blinds allowed on the Refuge no more than 14 days prior to the beginning of the hunt season, and must be removed within 14 days of the close of the season.
*Badger, *bobcat, coyote, *fox, *long-tailed weasel, *mink, *muskrat, *opossum, rabbit, *raccoon, squirrel, *striped skunk	September 1 through the end of February. *State defined furbearers - designated by limited-draw permit, administered by the State.	State regulations apply	Hunter access is allowed 1½ hours before sunrise until 1½ hours after sunset. Allowable methods of take include archery, muzzleloader rifle/musket, and shotgun, according to State regulations with use of non-toxic shot/bullets only. Dogs may be used for hunting from September 1 through the end of February for squirrel and rabbit hunting only.
Pheasant, quail, **turkey	State regulations apply for pheasant and quail season only. **Designated by limited-draw permit, administered by the State for fall turkey season only.	State regulations apply	Hunter access is allowed 1½ hours before sunrise until 1½ hours after sunset. Non-toxic shot required. Dogs may be used for hunting from September 1 through the end of February.
Migratory Birds (crow, mourning dove, waterfowl)	September 1 through the end of February.	State regulations apply	Hunter access is allowed 1½ hours before sunrise until 1½ hours after sunset. Non-toxic shot required. Must remove all blinds and decoys at end of each day’s hunt. Dogs may be used for hunting from September 1 through the end of February.

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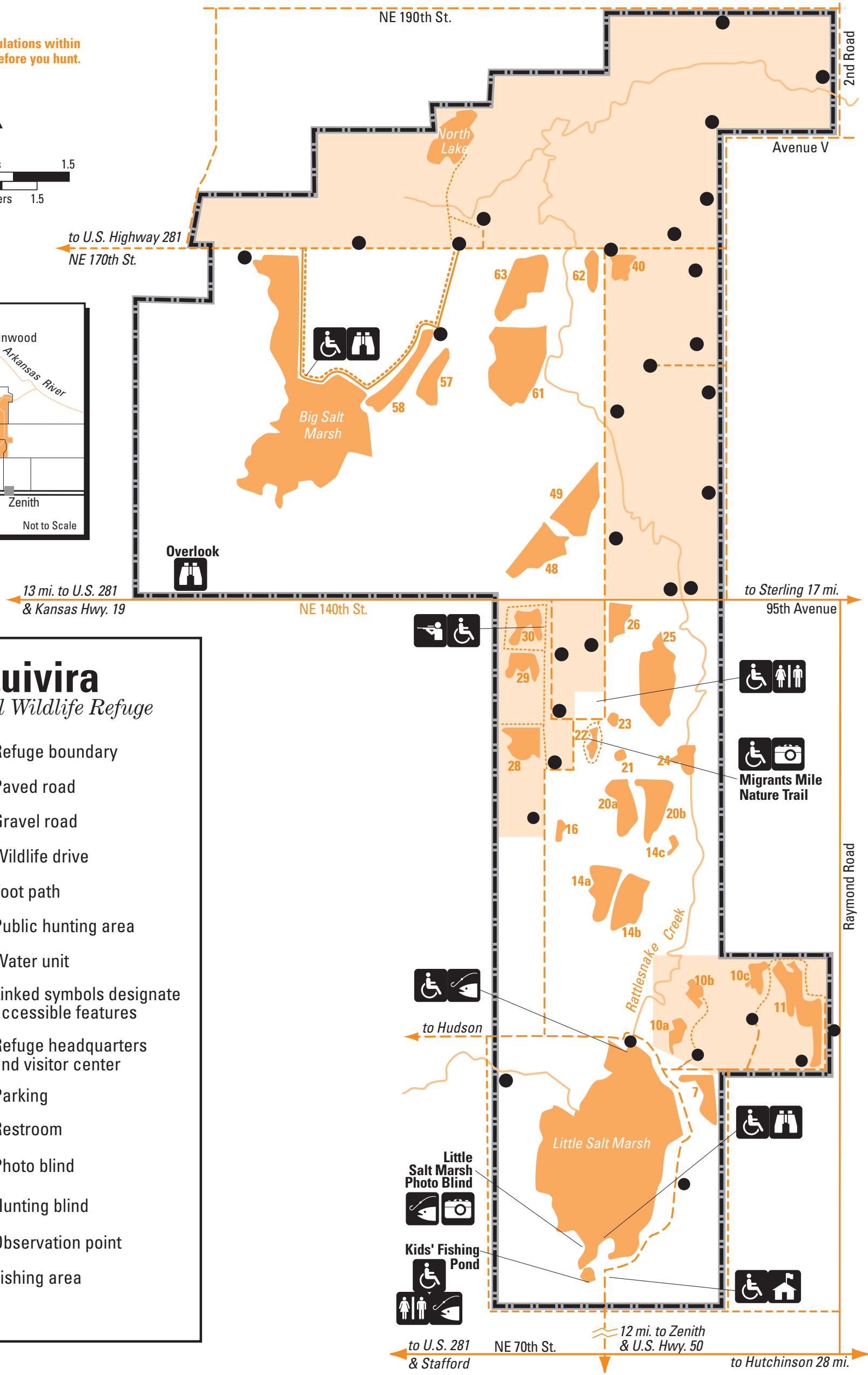
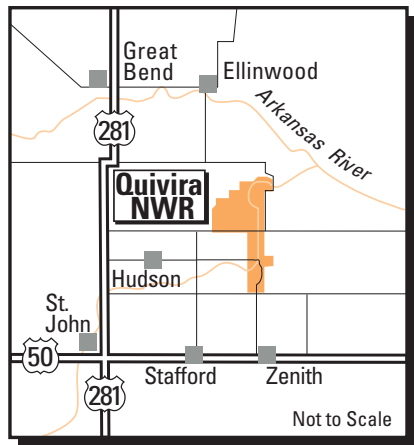
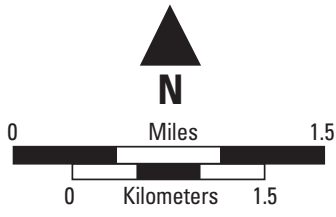
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STOP Read all regulations within this leaflet before you hunt.



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- Refuge boundary
- Paved road
- Gravel road
- Wildlife drive
- Foot path
- Public hunting area
- Water unit
- Linked symbols designate accessible features
- Refuge headquarters and visitor center
- Parking
- Restroom
- Photo blind
- Hunting blind
- Observation point
- Fishing area

Species - Permitted

Crow, mourning dove, pheasant, quail, rabbit, squirrel, and waterfowl may be hunted during the regular State seasons that fall within the hunt period of September 1 through the end of February.

Coyote, deer, turkey, and state-defined furbearers (badger, bobcat, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, striped skunk, and weasel) may also be hunted during this time with a Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism-issued Refuge access permit. Contact staff at the Refuge headquarters for information on applying for all special permitted hunts.

Other species not listed cannot be hunted on Quivira NWR.

Fishing Regulations

All Refuge waters are open to sport fishing in accordance with State fishing regulations. Fish species listed in the State fishing regulations may be taken. All other wildlife species, including turtles and frogs, are protected and may not be disturbed or removed from the Refuge.

The only live bait allowed is worms; all other live bait is prohibited.

Fishing with trotlines and setlines is prohibited. The use of seines for taking bait is not permitted.

Fishing from water control structures and bridges is prohibited.

Kids' Fishing Pond

The Kids' Fishing Pond is open for youth 15 years and younger. Adults may fish at the Pond only if accompanying a youth. Only one fish may be taken per person per day.