



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge



Hunting Permit

License Requirements: All hunters on Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge must follow licensing guidelines and hunting regulations set by the State of Maine. Hunters must be in possession of their State hunting license and a personally signed copy of this permit at all times while hunting on the Refuge.

Moosehorn NWR Hunting Zones

Most of Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge is open to hunting. The Refuge is divided up into hunt zones and the species legal to hunt in each zone varies. State of Maine Hunting Regulations and Season Dates apply in most cases. One exception is that coyote, red squirrel, and woodchuck may only be hunted between October 1 and March 31.

Hunt Zone Descriptions:

Route 191 East Hunt Zone: This area includes all refuge lands on the Baring Division east of State Route 191 and north of US Route 1 except posted Closed Areas and No Hunt Zones.

Route 191 West Hunt Zone: This area includes all refuge lands on the Baring Division west of State Route 191.

Edmunds Hunt Zone: This area includes all lands on the Edmunds Division

Edmunds Hunt Zone plus Waterfowl: This area includes refuge lands on the Edmunds Division north and east of US Route 1 and south of South Trail, with the exception of the Bill's Hill Ponds and Fields and the Nat Smith Marsh and Fields which are closed to **waterfowl hunting**

The following is a list of Refuge Hunt Zones and Species which may be hunted on each:

Hunt Zone	Deer	Bear	Moose	Coyote	Upland Game	Migratory Game Birds	Waterfowl
Route 191 East	X	X*		X*			
Route 191 West	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Edmunds Hunt Zone	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Edmunds Hunt Zone plus Waterfowl	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

*Bear and Coyote may only be hunted in the Route 191 East Hunt Zone during the open season on deer using the weaponry permitted for deer hunting at the time. For example, during the archery deer season you may only hunt bear and coyotes using archery equipment.

Crows and Wild Turkeys may not be hunted on the refuge.

Refuge Regulations:

Hunters must use and possess **only non-toxic shot** while hunting migratory game birds and upland game with a shotgun.

Tree Stands/Blinds

The construction or use of permanent structures is prohibited on Refuge lands. Only temporary or portable stands, blinds, or ladders may be used. Any tree stand left overnight must have the name, address, phone number, and hunting license number of the owner clearly printed on it. Tree stands may not be set up prior to the opening day of the archery deer season.

Migratory game bird hunters are required to remove all portable or temporary blinds and decoys from the Refuge following each day’s hunt.

You must remove all tree stands, blinds, and ladders from the Refuge on the last day of the muzzleloader deer season.

Trimming or cutting branches is prohibited. It is unlawful to drive a nail, spike, climbing screw, or other metal object into any tree or to hunt from any tree in which a nail, spike, climbing screw, or other metal object has been driven on the Refuge

Prohibited Activities:

Camping, Fires and Littering are not permitted

Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on the refuge for all species.

Game or Trail Cameras are prohibited on refuge lands.

The possession or use of **Alcoholic Beverages** is prohibited while hunting.

ATV’s and OFF Road Vehicles are prohibited on the refuge.

Mechanized and/or Motorized Equipment is prohibited in the **Wilderness Areas**

Closed Areas and No Hunt Zones

Some areas of the Refuge are closed to hunting to prevent wildlife disturbance and/or to ensure the safety of refuge staff and visitors. These areas are posted with “**Closed Area**” or “**No Hunt Zone**” signs. These areas include the **Magurrewock Closed Area, the Headquarters Safety Zone, and the Southern Boundary/WCCC Student Outdoor Classroom Area**”.

The abandoned Railroad bed from US Route 1 in Calais to the Baring-Charlotte Town line is the **Moosehorn Game Sanctuary**. Hunting and Trapping in this area is prohibited by State Law.

Cobscook Bay State Park adjacent to the Edmunds Division is closed to hunting.

See the **Moosehorn NWR Hunting Map/Regulations** leaflet available from the refuge or online at

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/moosehorn/> or the **Find Your Hunt Application:**

<https://www.fws.gov/refuges/hunting/map/>

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Moosehorn NWR Hunting Brochure and Permit

I have read and agree to comply with the refuge rules and regulations described in this hunt brochure.

Permit valid for current season only.

Signature _____

Date _____

You must carry this signed and dated permit with you at all times while hunting on the refuge