

Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations



Hunting is permitted in accordance with state regulations (wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations/) and special refuge regulations.

Open to Hunting – Goose, duck, coot, snipe, and all upland game birds (excluding turkey). Doves may only be hunted on the Chambers, Cloe, Halvorson, Isiri, Petty, and Webb Units and only during the mourning dove season.

Closed to Hunting – All big game and all other species of wildlife not listed are protected. Examples include elk, deer, bear, snakes, raven, crow, coyote, porcupine, turkey, squirrels, cougar, and rabbits.

Days – (See unit-specific Hunting Days below.)

Hours – The refuge is open from 1-1/2 hours before legal hunting time to 1-1/2 hours after legal hunting time.

Upland Bird Hunting – Upland hunting is allowed as per state regulations, but only on designated waterfowl hunting days for that unit (see unit-specific Hunting Days). Hunting is allowed only from 12:00 noon until the end of state hunting hours for all units.

General Public Entry – For non-hunters, parts of the refuge are open 7 days a week from sunrise to sunset. Hunting areas are closed to general public entry.

Vehicle Travel – All hunters and other visitors are required to park in designated sites (see map).

Dogs – Dogs must be kept on leashes, except during the lawful pursuit of game during legal seasons.

Decoys – The use of electronic decoys is not allowed within Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge.

Firearms & Ammunition – Only shotguns are permitted. Only federally approved non-toxic shot may be used or possessed. Firearms may only be discharged in accordance with FWS regulations (50 CFR 27.42) and refuge-specific regulations (50 CFR Part 32).

Hunting Days

Chambers, Cloe, Isiri, Petty, and Pumphouse Units – These units are open 7 days a week.

Halvorson and Webb Units – These units are open Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day (not when observed). Hunting areas are open only to hunters and only on these hunting days.

Robbins Road Unit – This unit is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day (not when observed). Hunting areas are open only to hunters and only on these hunting days.

Access, Blinds & Unit Regulations

Chambers, Cloe, Isiri, and Petty Units – Hunting is free-roam. Portable blinds or temporary blinds constructed of non-living natural materials are permitted on these units.

Halvorson and Webb Units – Hunters may free-roam hunt or hunt from two available pit blinds. Blinds are first-come, first-served.

Robbins Road Unit Disabled Hunter Blind – This blind is reserved exclusively for disabled hunters. Contact McNary National Wildlife Refuge to reserve this blind. Reservations may be made up to 1 week in advance, beginning at 8:00 a.m., by contacting the refuge at 509-546-8325. Blind capacity is 4 persons.

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Robbins Road and Pumphouse Units – Waterfowl hunters must hunt from numbered field blinds and must park their vehicles at the numbered post corresponding to the number of the blind they are using. All hunters are required to access the hunt areas from one of the 2 designated parking areas (see map). Parking for Blinds #1-5 and 17-19 is located at the refuge headquarters. Parking for Blinds #8-16 is located at the Pumphouse Road parking lot. Hunters wishing to change blinds must move their vehicle to the corresponding parking space before continuing to hunt. Hunters must remain within 100 feet of the numbered field blind unless retrieving birds or setting decoys. A maximum of 4 persons are allowed per blind. Blinds are first-come, first-served. Free-roam hunting or jump shooting for waterfowl is prohibited.

Selected Prohibited Activities

- The use/possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting
- Baiting of any wildlife
- Fires
- Overnight parking and camping
- Littering (including empty shotgun hulls)
- Use of ATVs and other off-road vehicles
- Commercial guiding for hunting
- Abandoning, discarding, or otherwise leaving personal property unattended
- Target shooting
- Discharging any firearm within 1/4 mile of any building
- Trapping or netting
- Falconry

Contact Information

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