

Silvio O. Conte

National Fish and Wildlife Refuge

2024-2025 Hunting and Fishing in Vermont

Division/Unit	Areas Open/Closed to Hunting	Areas Open/Closed to Fishing
Nulhegan Basin Division	26,613	26,613
West River Division	3,386	3,386
Putney Mountain Unit	284	284

We allow hunting and fishing at the above divisions and units within the refuge subject to certain conditions.

Please refer to the Vermont Hunting and Fishing Guide for clothing requirements, definition of approved weapons, bag limits, license requirements, and other important information. Contact the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department at (802) 828-1000 or check their web page at <http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com>.

Allowed Species

Migratory Game: We allow hunting of coot, crows, ducks, geese, American woodcock, and Wilson’s snipe on designated areas of the refuge. Refuge lands open to migratory bird hunting will be in accordance with the State of Vermont’s applicable migratory bird regulations.

Upland Game: We allow hunting of bobcat, eastern cottontail, coyote, fox (gray and red), muskrat, opossum, porcupine, raccoon, skunk, snowshoe hare, squirrel (gray and red), weasel, woodchuck, and ruffed grouse on designated areas of the refuge. Refuge lands open to upland game hunting will be in accordance with the State of Vermont’s applicable upland game regulations.

Big Game: We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer, moose, black bear, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge. Refuge lands open to big game hunting will be in accordance with the State of Vermont’s applicable big game regulations.

Fish: Recreational fishing is allowed under the State of Vermont’s regulations for open water with some additional restrictions to protect fish, wildlife, and habitat, and to reduce potential public use conflicts

Access

Access to refuge lands for hunting and fishing is from public roads and adjoining public lands and water.

Reminders

- You may use portable tree stands and blinds. Your name and state hunting license number must be clearly visible on the tree stands or blinds, and you must remove them no later than 72 hours after the close of the season.
- No recorded or electronic calls can be used.
- No baiting is allowed on refuge lands or waters. We prohibit the use of amphibians and reptiles as bait for fishing.
- We prohibit shooting from, over, or within 25 feet of the traveled portion of any road that is accessible to motor vehicles.
- We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations. Dog training is allowed from August 1 through the last Saturday in September during daylight hours.
- At the Putney Mountain Unit, we allow the use of dogs only for hunting ruffed grouse, fall turkey, squirrel, and woodcock.
- A special use permit is required for hunting at night at the Nulhegan Basin Division.
- We allow disabled hunters to hunt from a vehicle that is at least 10 feet from the traveled portion of the refuge road if the hunter possesses a State-issued disabled hunting license and a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) issued by the refuge manager.

For more information, contact:

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