

# John W. and Louise Seier

## National Wildlife Refuge Hunting



The 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 John W. and Louise Seier National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), a 2,400-acre Refuge located in the Nebraska Sandhills. The Sandhills region is the largest remaining tract of mid- and tallgrass prairie in North America. The purpose of the Refuge is to protect and manage fish and wildlife resources.

### General Information

The Refuge is open to hunting as described in this brochure. It is closed to all other uses.

Vehicle parking areas are located near the Refuge boundary (see map). Hunting is available by walk-in access only.

If you open a gate to enter a hunting area, immediately close it behind you.

### Prohibited Activities

- Camping and fires.
- Searching for or removing natural items such as antlers, plants, historic, and archaeological features.
- Carrying, possessing, or discharging fireworks or explosives.
- The use or possession of weapons, other than firearms, not legal for hunting on National Wildlife Refuges.
- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices.

### 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 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	Other Regulations
<b>Resident Game - Antelope, elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer</b>	State regulations apply	Hunter access is allowed 2 hours before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset.  Portable tree stands are allowed from August 16 through January 31.  Permanent tree stands and blinds, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree are prohibited.
<b>Resident Game - Badger, bobcat, cottontail rabbit, coyote, fox, jackrabbit, long-tailed weasel, mink, opossum, porcupine, prairie dog, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, woodchuck</b>	State regulations apply	Hunter access is allowed 2 hours before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset (rather than the 24-hour State regulation). Shooting hours for coyote, porcupine, prairie dog, woodchucks, and State-defined furbearers are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.  Non-toxic shot is required for all shotgun hunting.  Dogs may be used for hunting from August 1 through April 30.
<b>Resident Game - Greater prairie-chicken, grouse, partridge, pheasant, quail, turkey</b>	State regulations apply	Hunter access is allowed 2 hours before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset.  Non-toxic shot is required for all shotgun hunting.  Dogs may be used for hunting from August 1 through April 30.
<b>Migratory Birds - Coot, crow, dark goose, dove, duck, light goose, merganser, rail, snipe, teal, woodcock</b>	State regulations apply	Hunter access is allowed 2 hours before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset.  Non-toxic shot is required for all shotgun hunting.  Blinds and decoys must be removed at end of each day's hunt.  Dogs may be used for hunting from August 1 through April 30.

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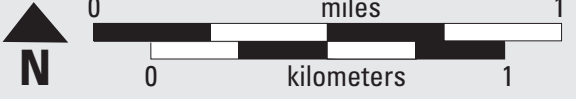
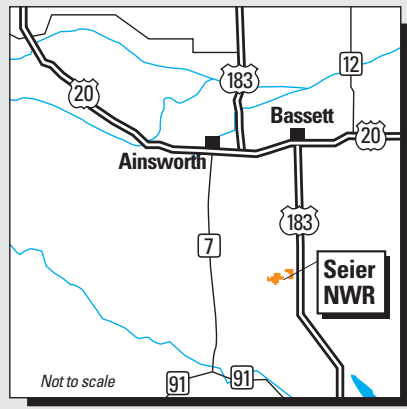
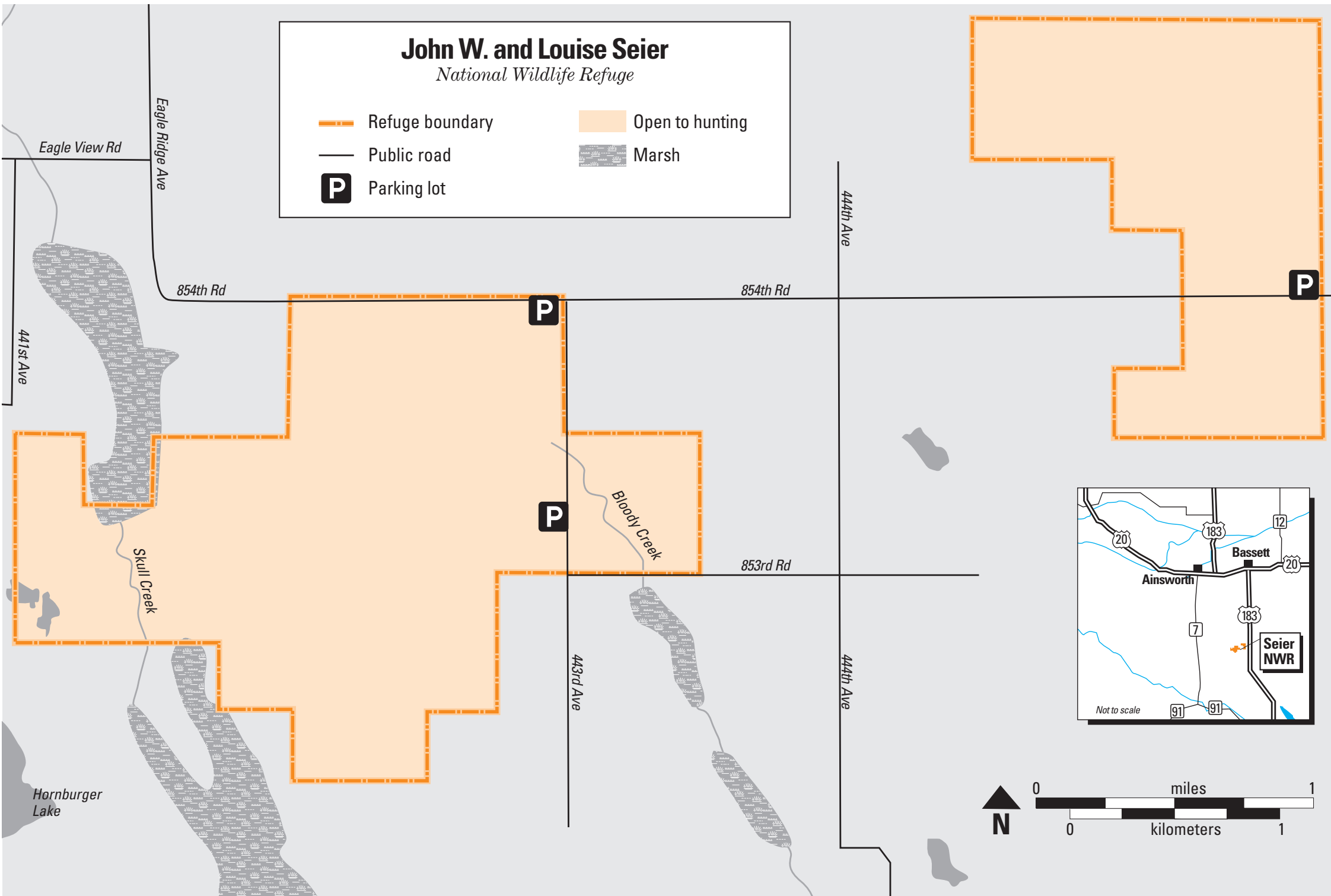
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-  Refuge boundary
-  Public road
-  Parking lot
-  Open to hunting
-  Marsh



**Accessibility**  
 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/eoo/public-civil-rights>.

**Hunting Regulations**  
 Hunting is 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 allowed on the Refuge in accordance with applicable State regulations and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure.

See the Hunting Regulations Table for a complete list of species that can be hunted on the Refuge, as well as Refuge-specific regulations.