

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

J. Clark Salyer

*National Wildlife
Refuge*

Hunting Regulations



Welcome to J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge

The Refuge was established in 1935 as a Refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife.

The diversity of wetlands, native grasslands, and woodlands found on the Refuge provides excellent habitat for a variety of wildlife species.

The Refuge offers a quality hunting experience for deer, turkey, grouse, partridge, pheasant, fox, and waterfowl in accordance with State regulations. Please familiarize yourself with the following information and regulations to help ensure a safe and enjoyable Refuge experience.

General Regulations

- All Federal and State hunting regulations apply as well as special Refuge hunting regulations.
- Hunters must possess all applicable State and Federal licenses and permits.
- Consult Refuge regulations for specific areas and species open to hunting.

Special Refuge Hunting Regulations

Hours

- The Refuge is open from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm.

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 regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).
- Approved non-toxic shot is required when hunting upland game, turkey, and waterfowl.
- Lead bullets in rifles and muzzleloaders are allowed in accordance with State regulations.

Vehicles and Parking

- Vehicle travel is restricted to public roads and recreation area parking lots. Do not block or drive around gates.
- Access onto Refuge land is limited to walk-in only.
- The use of ATV's, UTV's, ORV's, OHV's, amphibious vehicles, snowmobiles, and other off-road vehicles is not allowed on the Refuge.
- Bicycles are only permitted on roads open to vehicle traffic. Bicycles are not allowed on closed roads, gated roads, and trails.

Blinds and Tree Stands

- Portable ground blinds and portable tree stands are allowed.
- Only strap-on tree steps or removable climbing ladders are allowed. The use of screw-in steps, nails, or screw-in devices that attach a tree stand or ladder stand to the tree is not allowed.

- All hunting equipment must be removed from the Refuge at the end of each day.

Boats

- Deer hunters may use non-motorized boats or boats with electric trolling motors on the river from Johnson Bridge to Dam I to access hunt areas (*see map*).
- Non-motorized boats or boats with electric trolling motors are allowed for waterfowl hunting on the Public Hunting Area located north of Dam 357.

Dogs

- Dogs may be used for upland game bird and waterfowl hunting, but must be under direct control of the hunter.

Livestock

- Horses, mules, or similar livestock are not permitted on the Refuge.

Camping, fires, and litter

- Overnight camping and open fires are not allowed on the Refuge.
- Littering is prohibited. Please take your trash with you when you leave.

Alcohol/Controlled Substances

- Using or possessing alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited. Possession of controlled substances is illegal.

Other Prohibited Activities

- The areas surrounding the Refuge office and visitor center, shop area, and residences are posted with No Hunting Zone signs and are closed to all hunting activities. Entering the closed areas is not permitted.
- There are no retrieval zones on the Refuge.
- The use of trail cameras or any electronic or photographic monitoring devices is prohibited.
- The use or possession of bait is prohibited.
- The use of flagging, ribbon, reflective tacks, or any trail marker is not allowed.
- Collecting, injuring, disturbing, destroying, or harming any animal or plant, except legally taken fish and game animals, is not permitted.
- Artifacts and historic items are protected on Refuge lands by Federal laws. It is unlawful to search for or remove these objects from Refuge lands.
- Searching for and/or collecting shed antlers is not allowed.
- The use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems, including drones, is not allowed.
- Target shooting and/or target practice is not allowed.

Deer Hunting on the Refuge

- Deer hunting (archery, rifle, muzzleloader, and youth) is permitted on the entire Refuge with the exception of the closed areas.
- Pre-season scouting for deer is not allowed.
- Entry onto the Refuge before 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the first day of the respective bow, gun, or muzzleloader deer hunting seasons is not allowed. Refuge roads open to the public may be accessed before 12:00 p.m. (noon).
- Hunters may use a game cart or sled to remove their harvested game.

Archery

- Consult State hunting regulations for season dates and Special Refuge Hunting Regulations for permitted and prohibited activities.

Rifle

- Hunters issued a Special Refuge Permit (Unit 3A4 – J. Clark Salyer NWR, Antlered Deer) by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department for J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge are allowed to hunt antlered deer on the entire Refuge during the 16 ½-day rifle season.
- Hunters issued a Unit Permit for Unit 3A4, Antlerless Deer, by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department are allowed to hunt antlerless deer on the entire Refuge during the 16 ½-day rifle season
- Hunters issued a Unit Permit for Unit 3A4, Antlered Deer, by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department are allowed to hunt antlered deer only on the Nine Refuge Public Hunting Areas during the 16 ½-day rifle season.
- Once hunters fill their deer tag, they may return to the Refuge and participate in other open seasons as permitted.
- Consult State hunting regulations for season dates and Special Refuge Hunting Regulations for permitted and prohibited activities.

Muzzleloader

- Muzzleloader hunters are required to have a special muzzleloader deer permit issued by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- Consult State hunting regulations for season dates and Special Refuge Hunting Regulations for permitted and prohibited activities

Youth Deer

- Consult State youth deer hunting regulations for hunt dates and Special Refuge Hunting Regulations for permitted and prohibited activities. Youth antlered and antlerless permits are valid on the Refuge.

South Hunting Area

- The portion of the Refuge located south of the Upham/Willow City road is open to turkey, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, and Hungarian partridge hunting.
- Consult State hunting regulations for season dates and Special Refuge Hunting Regulations for permitted and prohibited activities.
- Turkey hunters must possess a State issued Unit Tag from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to hunt on the Refuge.
- Permitted weapons for turkey hunting include shotguns, muzzleloader shotguns, and archery equipment. Muzzleloader rifles are not allowed.
- Approved non-toxic shot is required when hunting upland game and turkey.
- Blaze orange vest and head garment must be worn when hunting upland game birds during deer gun season.

Public Hunting Areas

There are 9 Public Hunting Areas on the Refuge (see map). These areas are open to sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, pheasant, waterfowl (geese, ducks, mergansers, and coots), and deer hunting in accordance with State regulations, State seasons, and Special Refuge Hunting Regulations. Sandhill crane hunting is not allowed on any portion of the Refuge.

Special Late Season Hunting

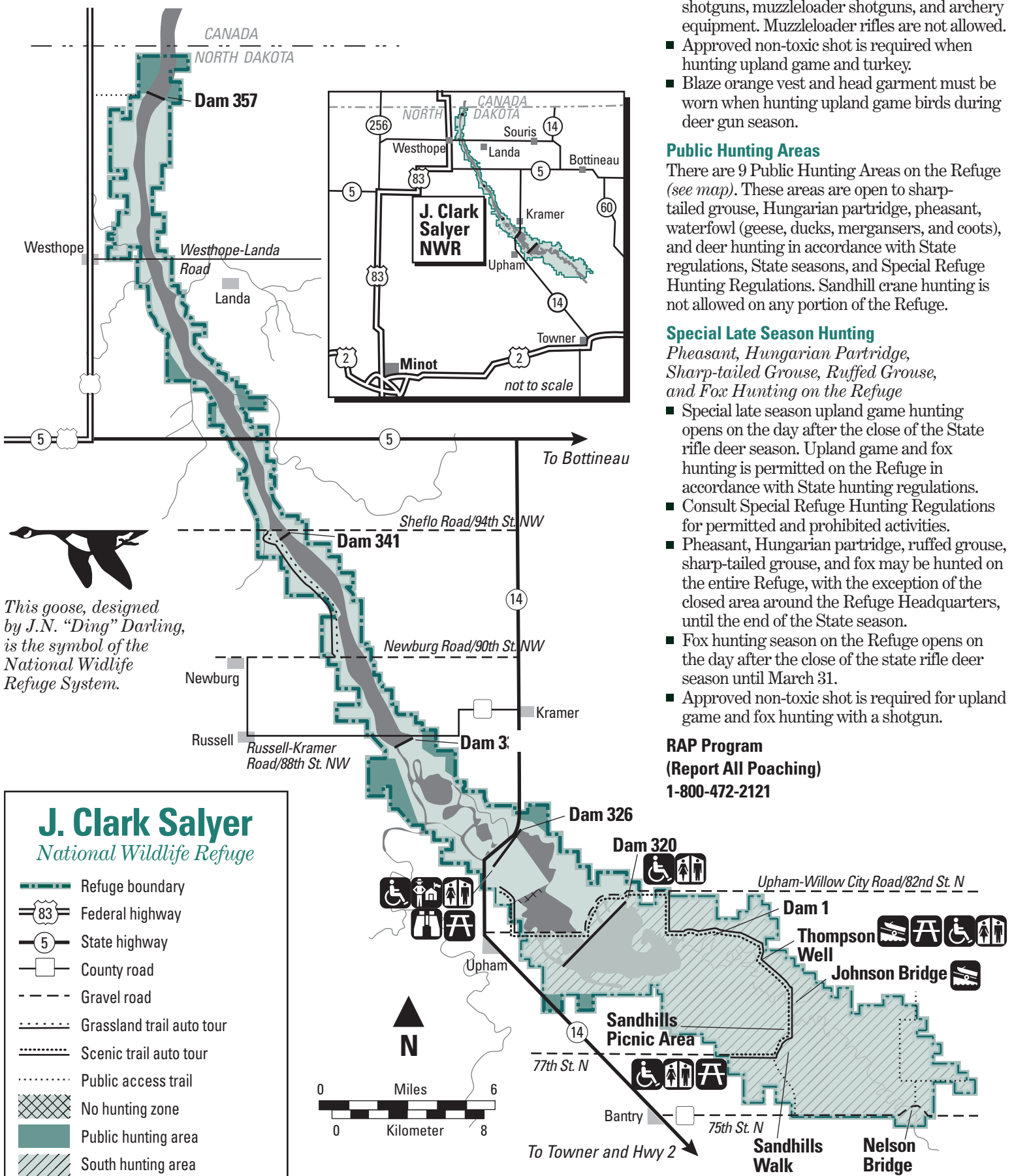
Pheasant, Hungarian Partridge, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Ruffed Grouse, and Fox Hunting on the Refuge

- Special late season upland game hunting opens on the day after the close of the State rifle deer season. Upland game and fox hunting is permitted on the Refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations.
- Consult Special Refuge Hunting Regulations for permitted and prohibited activities.
- Pheasant, Hungarian partridge, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, and fox may be hunted on the entire Refuge, with the exception of the closed area around the Refuge Headquarters, until the end of the State season.
- Fox hunting season on the Refuge opens on the day after the close of the state rifle deer season until March 31.
- Approved non-toxic shot is required for upland game and fox hunting with a shotgun.

RAP Program

(Report All Poaching)

1-800-472-2121



This goose, designed by J.N. "Ding" Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge

- Refuge boundary
- 83 Federal highway
- 5 State highway
- County road
- Gravel road
- Grassland trail auto tour
- Scenic trail auto tour
- Public access trail
- ▨ No hunting zone
- ▨ Public hunting area
- ▨ South hunting area
- 🏠 Refuge Office and Visitor Center
- 🚻 Restroom
- ♿ Linked symbols indicate accessible feature
- 🍷 Tables
- 🚤 Canoe launch site
- 👁 Wildlife observation area

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. Dial 711 for a free connection to the State transfer relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from the speech and hearing impaired. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Refuge staff at 605 / 685 6508, or the U.S. Department of the Interior; Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Refuge Office and Visitor Center

The Refuge Office and Visitor Center are located 2 miles north of Upham, North Dakota, on State Highway 14. The Refuge Office and Visitor Center is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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