



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Montezuma

National Wildlife Refuge Turkey Hunting Regulations 2020–2021

Welcome

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1938 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife. Part of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex, this 10,000+-acre refuge provides essential habitat for many species of resident and migratory birds. A popular destination for outdoor recreation, Montezuma NWR allows wild turkey hunting in accordance with State laws and refuge specific regulations.

Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge
3395 U.S. Route 20 East, Seneca Falls, NY, 13148
315-568-5987
<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Montezuma/>
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1-800-344-WILD
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This is a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



Hunt Information

Montezuma NWR is open for the New York State fall, spring, and youth turkey hunting seasons. All hunters must possess a valid daily Big Game Hunt permit card (FWS Form 3-2359, Big Game Harvest Report), which is available at the Hunter Check Station (1095 State Route 89, Seneca Falls, 13148). Keep your permit on your person and place a parking pass in your windshield while afield.

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).

Accessibility Information

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/eo/public-civil-rights>. An ADA-compliant hunting platform is available to hunters with a disabled hunting license or America the Beautiful Access pass (prior notice is needed; first come, first served; call (315) 568-5987).

Vehicles

Licensed motor vehicles are permitted only on public use roads as shown on the map. ATVs and UTVs are prohibited.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. 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 will be in accordance with applicable State of New York regulations subject to the conditions stated below.

Access

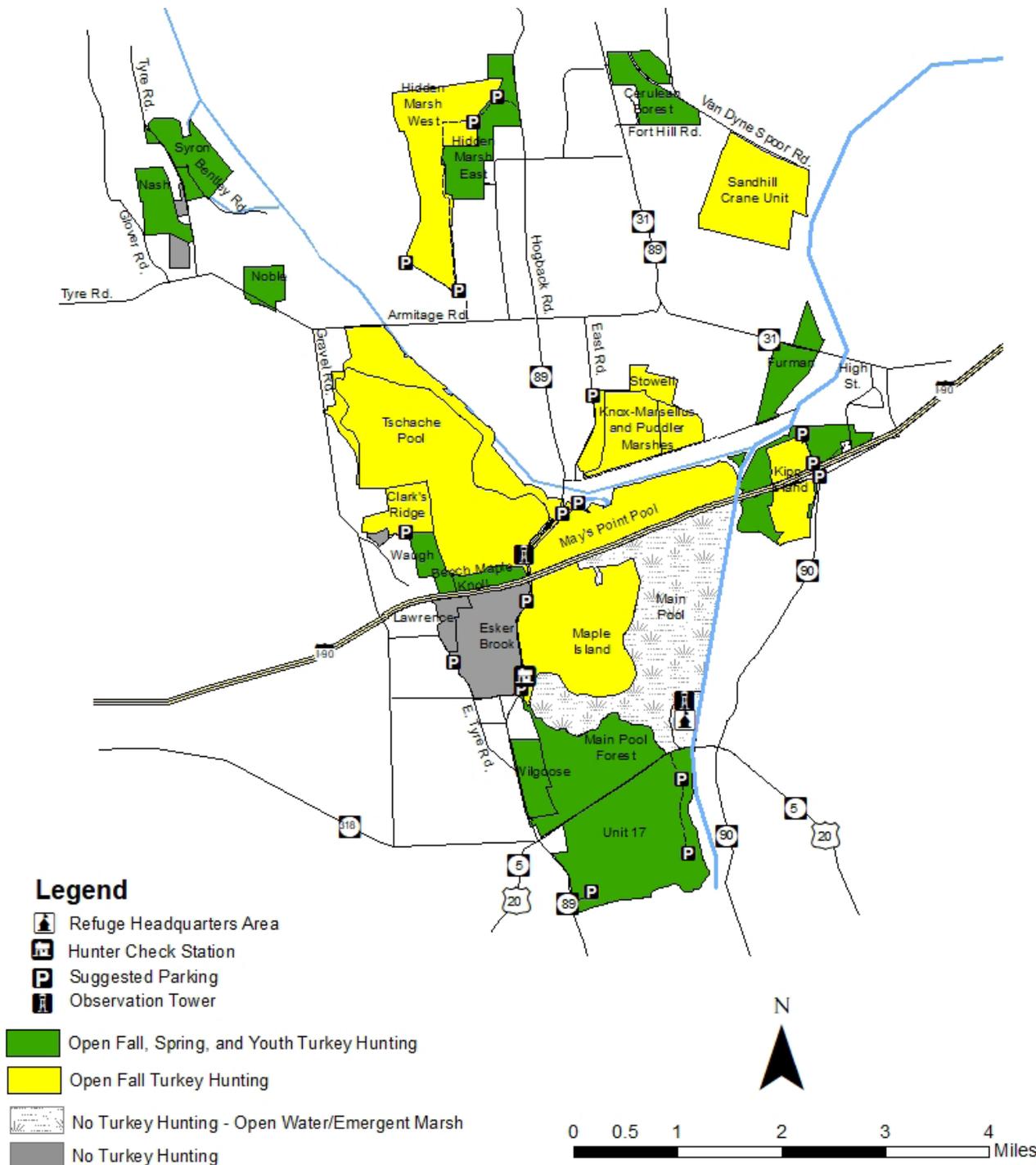
The refuge is open to the State's fall, spring, and youth turkey seasons. Turkey hunters may access the Refuge two hours before legal sunrise until two hours after legal shooting time. Turkey hunting is permitted on designated areas of the refuge. The Wildlife Drive and Esker Brook/South Spring Pool Trail areas are not open for turkey hunting. Access for turkey hunting is by foot from designated areas.

Tree Stands

We permit the use of tree stands. Stands must be removed at the end of each hunt day per New York State Wildlife Management Area regulations.

Harvest Reporting

In addition to meeting statewide harvest reporting, permitted hunters must complete a Upland/Small Game/Furbearer Harvest Report (FWS Form 3-2362) and return it to the refuge by the end of the hunt day.



Prohibited Activities

- Possession of alcoholic beverages
- Camping and Fires
- Searching for or removal of any natural items such as antlers, feathers, plants, historic, and archaeological features, are protected by Federal law.
- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices
- Marking or flagging any tree or other Refuge feature with reflectors, paint, or other substance
- Permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree
- Use of boats/canoes on refuge pools; hunting open water portions of refuge pools

Signs and Boundaries

Please respect the following signs:

- No vehicles: All Traffic prohibited
 - Parking area: Designated areas to park while hunting
- Applies to the area behind the sign
- Refuge Boundary: Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations
 - Closed Area: All entry prohibited
 - No Hunting Zone: Entry, Hunting, weapons, and game retrieval prohibited

Legend

- Refuge Headquarters Area
- Hunter Check Station
- Suggested Parking
- Observation Tower
- Open Fall, Spring, and Youth Turkey Hunting
- Open Fall Turkey Hunting
- No Turkey Hunting - Open Water/Emergent Marsh
- No Turkey Hunting

Note: Other hunts also occur on the refuge during the fall turkey season.