

Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting and Fishing Information



The Blue 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 Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Established in 1962, Alamosa NWR contains 12,026 acres of wetland and upland habitat along the Rio Grande in south central Colorado. A large portion of the Refuge is designated as a wildlife sanctuary and is closed to public access.

General Information

Activities are permitted one hour before legal sunrise until one hour after legal sunset.

This brochure contains information for limited migratory birds and small game hunting, and fishing on the Alamosa NWR. If you would like information about elk hunting, only allowed with a Special Refuge Access Elk Permit, contact Refuge staff at 719-589-4021.

Prohibited Activities

- Camping and fires.
- Swimming.
- Off road travel with motor vehicles or bikes.
- Possession or consumption of alcohol while hunting.
- Possession of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia.
- Unmanned aircraft systems, including drones.
- Littering, including spent shell casings.
- Searching for or removing cultural artifacts, fossils, or animal parts, including antler sheds.

Safety

Be aware of and courteous to other hunters, visitors, and staff while hunting. Fishing is not allowed on the Chicago dam due to dangerous undercurrents.

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.)

Vehicles

Off-highway vehicles, such as snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), or motorboats cannot be used on the refuge. The use of game carts or other non-motorized methods to transport hunting equipment to and from the hunting area is allowed.

Hunters may access hunting and fishing areas by foot from public roads. All vehicles on the Refuge must be parked in designated parking areas.

Access to the non-motorized portion of the hunting and fishing area is limited to foot travel, horse, bikes, and watercraft. Bicycles and e-bikes are restricted to established roads. E-bikes are bicycles with a small electric motor (less than 1 horsepower). The motor may not be used to propel an e-bike without the rider also pedaling, except in locations open to public motor vehicle traffic.

Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Hunting and fishing are 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 and fishing are allowed on the Refuge in accordance with State regulations and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure.

Fishing Regulations

State fishing regulations and permits apply to the Alamosa NWR fishing area.

Fishing is closed from April 15 to September 1 in the seasonal closure area to protect the southwestern willow flycatcher, a federally endangered bird, during the breeding season.

- Fishing is only allowed within the designated fishing area. (see map)
- Access to the fishing area must be from parking area 7 or from the Malm Trail. Do not trespass on private lands.
- All personal property, including fishing line, bait containers, and other trash must be removed at the end of each day.
- Pets must be leashed, and their waste picked up.

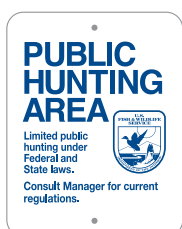
Hunting Regulations Table

Hunting is in accordance with State regulations. In addition, Refuge-specific regulations must be followed and are listed in the table below.

American coot, dove, duck, goose, merganser, Wilson's snipe	State season and regulations apply	Eurasian collared-dove hunting only allowed during the mourning dove season. Method of take includes shotguns, handheld bows, and hawking/falconry. The use of dogs for hunting and retrieving is permitted. Dogs must be under immediate control and may not interfere with other hunter's activities. Decoys and blinds cannot be left unattended and must be removed from the hunting area daily. Non-toxic shot is required for all shotgun hunting. Possession of lead shot while in the field is prohibited.
Elk	Special Refuge Access Elk Permit required	Hunters must have a valid State elk hunting license, and apply for and receive a Special Refuge Access Elk Permit through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Contact 719-587-6900 or email: montevista.wildlife@state.co.us .

Signs

For your safety and the protection of wildlife and habitat, please observe all signs. The wording of the sign applies to the area located behind the sign, except for parking signs.



Species listed in brochure are allowed to be hunted in this area.



Do not enter.



Do not enter if hunting migratory birds or small game.

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Alamosa, CO 81101

719-589-4021

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www.fws.gov/refuge/alamosa/

For State Relay Service
TTY / Voice: 711

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
www.fws.gov

For Refuge Information
1-800-344-WILD

Turn in Poachers - TIPS
1-844-FWS-TIPS (397-8477) or
1-877-COLO-OGT (265-6648)

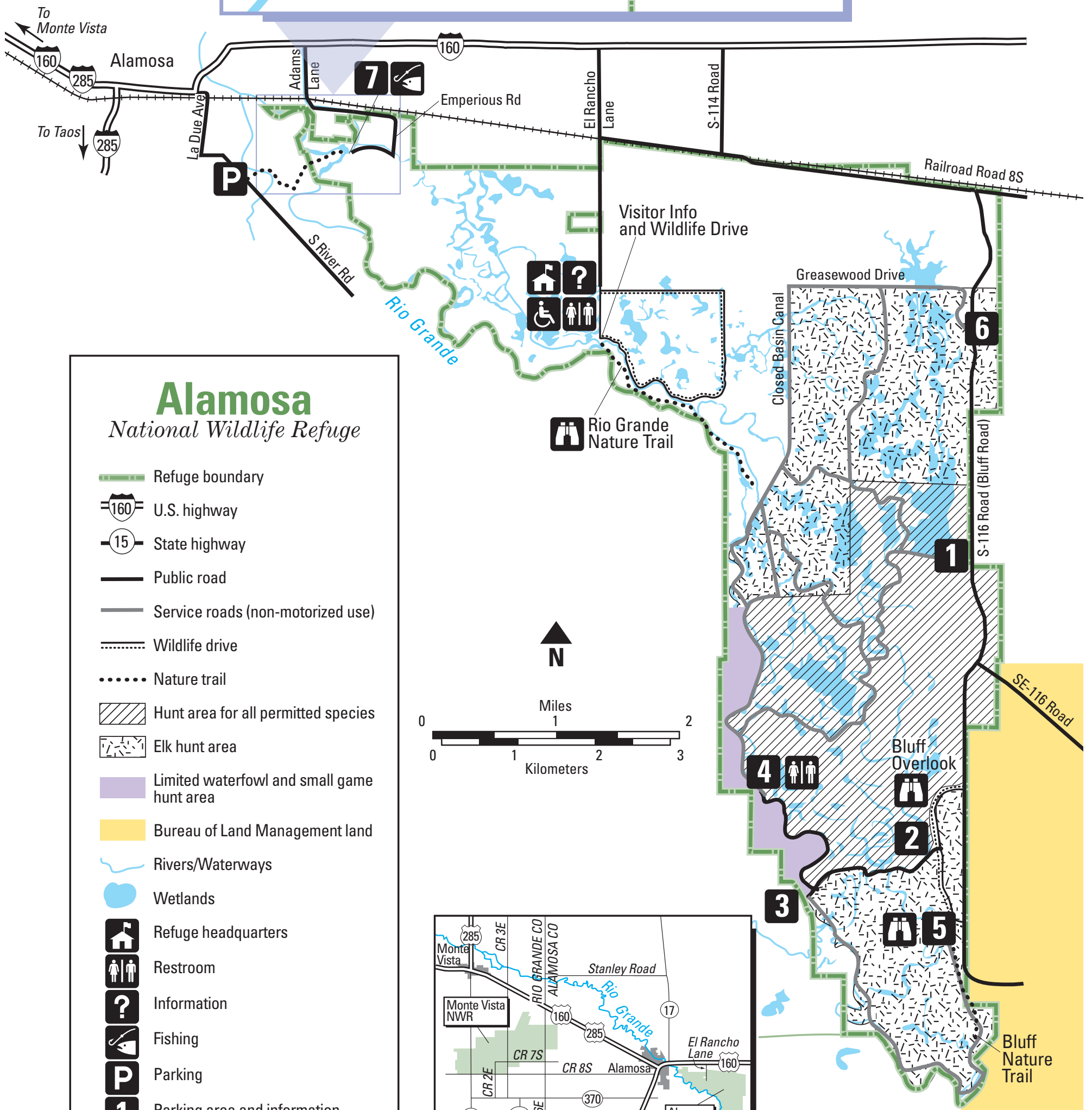
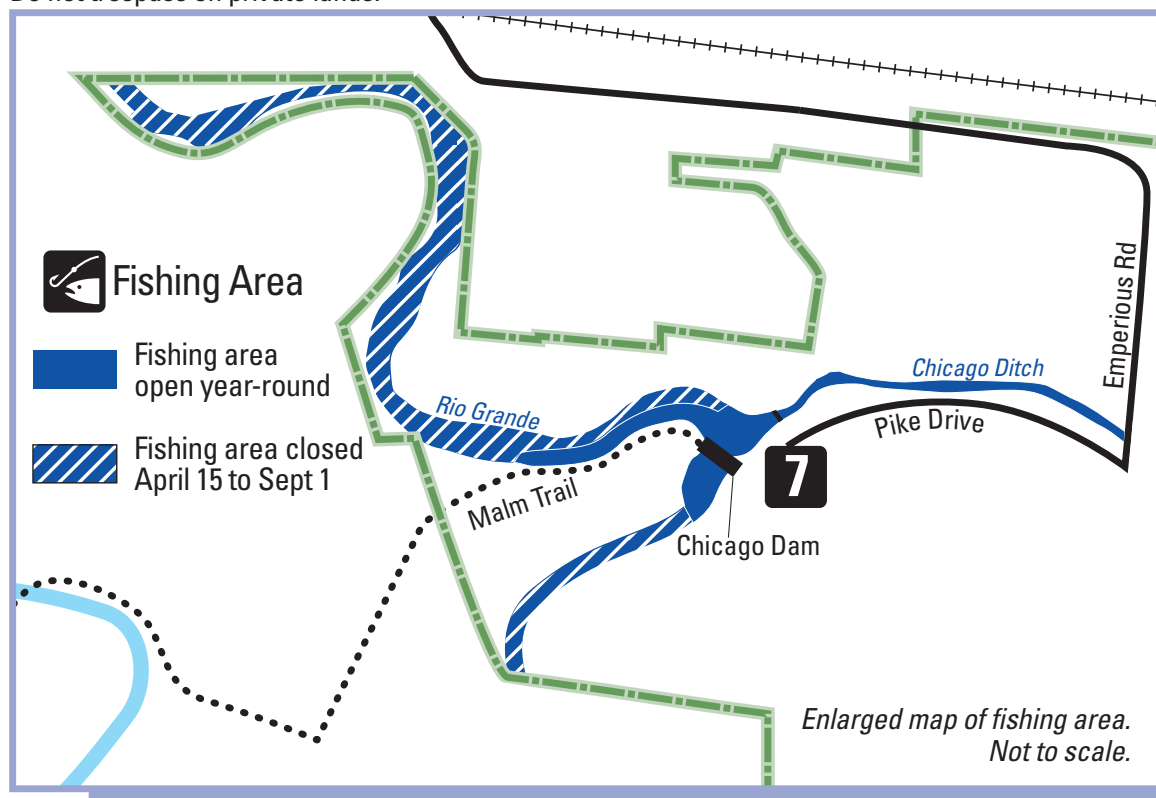
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- Refuge boundary
- U.S. highway
- State highway
- Public road
- Service roads (non-motorized use)
- Wildlife drive
- Nature trail
- Hunt area for all permitted species
- Elk hunt area
- Limited waterfowl and small game hunt area
- Bureau of Land Management land
- Rivers/Waterways
- Wetlands
- Refuge headquarters
- Restroom
- Information
- Fishing
- Parking
- Parking area and information
- Wildlife viewing area

