

## Ice Fishing

The northern portion of Lake Audubon is managed by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. The southern portion of the lake is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Audubon NWR, and has different regulations and restrictions than the northern portion. The boundary between these areas is marked by a buoy line in Lake Audubon.

- Ice fishing is permitted while ice covers the water. There is no open-water fishing on the Refuge portion of Lake Audubon.
- There are six designated ice access points where vehicles may access the ice (see map). Ice access points are marked with brown signs.
- Fish houses may be used for ice fishing in accordance with State regulations. Fish houses may not be left unattended on uplands or in visitor parking areas.
- After March 15, fish houses must be removed from the Refuge daily.
- All vehicles, including snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, are allowed on the ice. All vehicles must stay on public roads and use designated ice access points only.
- Dogs are allowed only if the dog is confined to a vehicle, fish house, or is on a leash controlled by the handler.
- Refuge staff does not plow snow from Refuge roads or ice access points throughout the winter.
- Traveling on Lake Audubon ice is always hazardous and requires caution and common sense.

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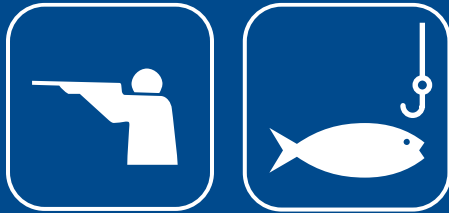
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## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Audubon National Wildlife Refuge

## Hunting and Ice Fishing Information and Regulations



### Welcome to Audubon National Wildlife Refuge



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

### Hunting General Information

Audubon National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Refuge is one of 550 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside to conserve wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

Audubon NWR is located 3 miles north and 1 mile east of Coleharbor, North Dakota, from U.S. Highway 83. The office and visitor center are open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

Hunting is permitted for deer and late season upland birds, including pheasant, grouse, and partridge, as described in the following sections and on the map. Hunting of waterfowl and all other wildlife species is prohibited on the Refuge. All Federal and State hunting regulations apply.

The Refuge is divided into areas which are designated as open or closed to hunting as shown on the map. Areas closed to hunting are posted with "No Hunting Zone" signs.

Hunters must park at the Refuge boundary or at a designated visitor parking area and walk to access areas open to hunting. Hunting from vehicles, dropping off or picking up hunters, or driving on the auto tour route to access hunting areas is prohibited.

When hunting on private lands adjacent to the Refuge, downed game may be retrieved up to 100 yards inside the entire Refuge boundary fence and closed areas of the Refuge. Retrieval is limited to direct travel to and from the game, and no firearms may be carried while retrieving game in these areas.

Refuge islands are closed to all hunting. Islands that become attached to the mainland because of low water levels and dikes may be hunted.

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).

### Prohibited Activities

- Hunting within road right-of-ways
- Using or carrying lead shot while hunting
- Littering
- Using or possessing alcoholic beverages while hunting
- Baiting
- Using horses to hunt or to retrieve game
- Dog training
- Removing natural objects and artifacts

**Deer Hunting**  
*Bow, Gun, and Muzzleloader*

- The area designated as open to hunting is open to bow, gun, and muzzleloader deer hunting in accordance with State regulations and during State seasons.
- The areas designated as closed to all hunting are posted with “No Hunting Zone” signs.
- Special Refuge permits are not required.
- Hunters may use portable tree stands that meet State regulations. No permanent tree stands are allowed.
- Tree stands, trail cameras, portable hunting blinds, and all other personal property must be removed daily.
- Vehicle travel for retrieval of a harvested deer is restricted to the auto tour route and deer retrieval trails shown on the map. These roads may become inaccessible due to drifting snow.
- The Refuge is not open for the youth deer hunting season.

**Late Season Upland Bird Hunting**  
*Pheasant, Grouse, and Partridge*

- The area designated as open to hunting is open for late season upland bird hunting beginning the first Monday after the deer gun season closes and remains open to the end of the State season.
- The areas designated as closed to all hunting are posted with “No Hunting Zone” signs.
- Hunters may only possess approved non-toxic shot. Lead shot may not be used or carried while hunting.
- The use of dogs is encouraged for hunting pheasant, grouse, and partridge.

