

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing

Oregon



Welcome

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge is located in the high desert country of southeastern Oregon. The refuge headquarters is located on the south shore of Malheur Lake, 40 miles south of Burns. The 185,000-acre refuge is a remote, arid land of shallow marshes, lakes, small ponds, flood-irrigated meadows, alkali flats, rimrocks, and grass and sagebrush-covered hills. The refuge is situated at 4,100 feet elevation, so freezing temperatures are common from September through May. The average annual precipitation is nine inches.

Signs to Follow

Millions of people visit National Wildlife Refuges every year. The impact of humanity descending upon refuges, if not regulated in part, can degrade these wildlands. Signs grant or restrict certain activities to provide optimum freedom for visitors while also protecting refuge elements from undue human abuse. Please respect the following signs:



This sign delineates the refuge boundary. You may enter the area only on designated access routes.



Used alone or beneath a refuge boundary sign. The area behind this sign may be hunted as permitted by refuge regulations.



Used alone or beneath a refuge boundary sign. The area behind this sign may be fished as permitted by refuge regulations.



This area is closed to ALL entry. No hunting, fishing, or sightseeing is permitted. No roads or trails are open to the public.

NO BOATS ARE ALLOWED IN THE MALHEUR LAKE AREA

COLLECTION OF INDIAN ARTIFACTS IS ILLEGAL

Enjoy Your Visit

Limited sport hunting and fishing are permitted on the refuge in accordance with all applicable State and Federal laws subject to the following special refuge regulations:



Public Access — Vehicles are permitted on all roads shown on the map. Foot travel is permitted along streams and canals open to fishing.



You should be prepared to experience temperature extremes and to travel long distances over gravel roads. Make sure your vehicle is in good condition and your gas tank is full. Carry drinking water in the summer and mosquito repellent from May through August.



Gates — Please leave all gates as you find them.



Boats — Boats with electric motors are permitted on Krumbo Reservoir during the fishing season. Boats without motors are permitted on the north half of Malheur Lake during the waterfowl hunting season.



Dogs — A good dog will speedily retrieve your game and lessen disturbance to flying birds in the area. The use of dogs is strongly encouraged. They must be kept under close control.



Camping — Overnight parking and camping are not permitted on the refuge. Camping is available at Page Springs Campground and Camper Corral near Frenchglen and at U.S. Forest Service campgrounds north and west of Burns. See the general refuge brochure for more information.



Fire — Fire danger is extremely high during late summer and early fall. Please take special precautions with all flammable materials. Campfires are not permitted.



Handicapped Visitors — Access difficulty varies by area and visitors should examine their own abilities and limitations before using the refuge. Handicapped persons should travel with a partner and consult the refuge manager for suggestions for using the area safely.



Accidents — Injuries or accidents occurring on the refuge must be reported immediately to the refuge headquarters.



Protected Species — Species not listed in this brochure are protected and may not be killed. It is your responsibility to identify your game and protected species.

More Information

You can obtain information about hunting, fishing, road conditions and nearby services for gasoline, groceries and lodging at refuge headquarters. The headquarters is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

The George M. Benson Memorial Museum, located at refuge headquarters, contains nearly 200 mounted specimens of local birds which provide an introduction to bird identification. Maps and brochures are available here. The museum is open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For further information about the refuge contact:

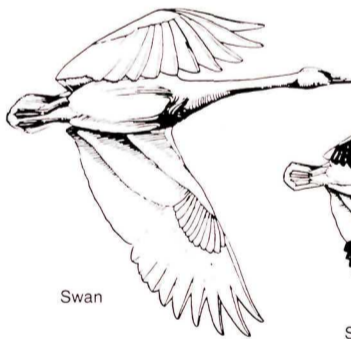

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HC-72 Box 245
Princeton, OR 97721
Telephone (503) 493-2612

For further information about visitor services in Harney County contact:

Harney County Chamber of Commerce
18 West D Street
Burns, OR 97720
Telephone (503) 573-2636

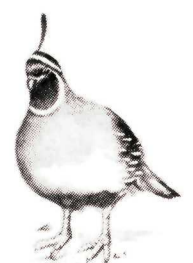
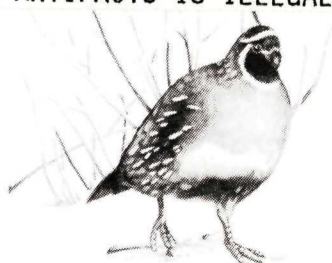
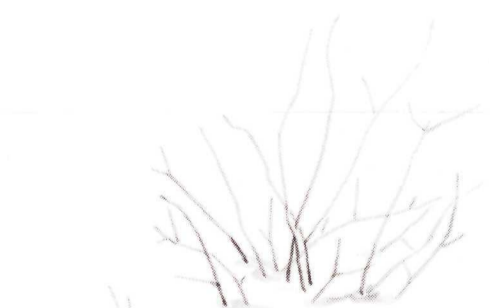
Do Not Shoot Swans

Swan Snow Goose

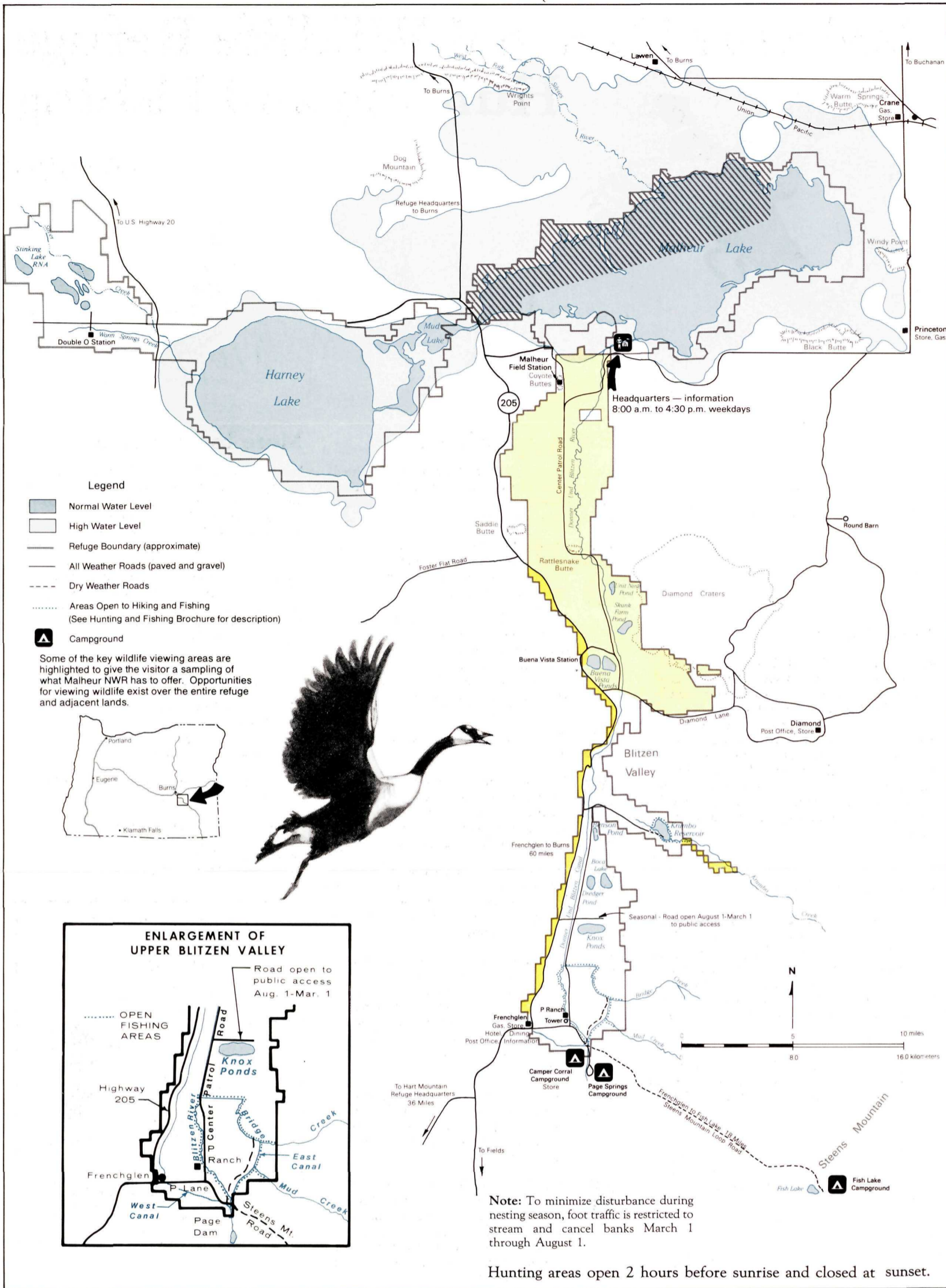
Shooting swans is prohibited. Each fall hundreds of swans visit the refuge. Many fly across the waterfowl hunting area. Swans are much larger than snow geese and do not have black wingtips. **Know what you are shooting!**

A SPECIAL ACCESS PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE MALHEUR LAKE AREA. THE PERMIT IS AVAILABLE AT REFUGE HQ; AND ODFW & BB SPORTING. BURNS



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Hunting Regulations: Species and Seasons

- Malheur Lake Area (18,000 acres)**

Species	Season
Goose, Duck, Merganser, Coot, Common Snipe, Pheasant and Quail	State Seasons and Limits

 - Boats without motors are permitted. All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are not permitted.
 - Temporary blinds may be constructed, but they will be available for general use on a first-come, first-serve basis. Construction or use of permanent blinds is not permitted.
 - Because of the increased size of the lake, access to the hunting area is now across private lands.
 - All other areas of refuge closed to hunting. Contact landowners for permission to hunt on private lands.**

- Buena Vista Area (East of Highway 205 as Posted; 22,000 acres)**

Species	Season
Pheasant, Quail, Chukar, Hungarian Partridge, Rabbit	Last Nine Days of State Pheasant Season with State Limits
- Boundary Area (West of Highway 205 and Krumbo Creek Area)**

Species	Season
Goose, Duck, Merganser, Coot, Common Snipe, Pheasant, Quail, Dove, Pigeon, Chukar, Hungarian Partridge, Antelope, Deer Coyote, and Rabbit	State Seasons and Limits

Fishing Regulations: Species and Limits

- Fishing Areas**
 - Krumbo Reservoir and Krumbo Creek above the Reservoir
 - Bridge and Mud Creeks
 - East Canal from Page Dam down to Bridge Creek
 - Blitzen River from Page Dam down to Bridge Creek
 - West Canal from Page Dam down to P Lane

Species	Season
All Species by State Regulation, Primarily Rainbow Trout and Black Bass	Concurrent with State Trout Season

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