

# Pahrnagat *National Wildlife Refuge*

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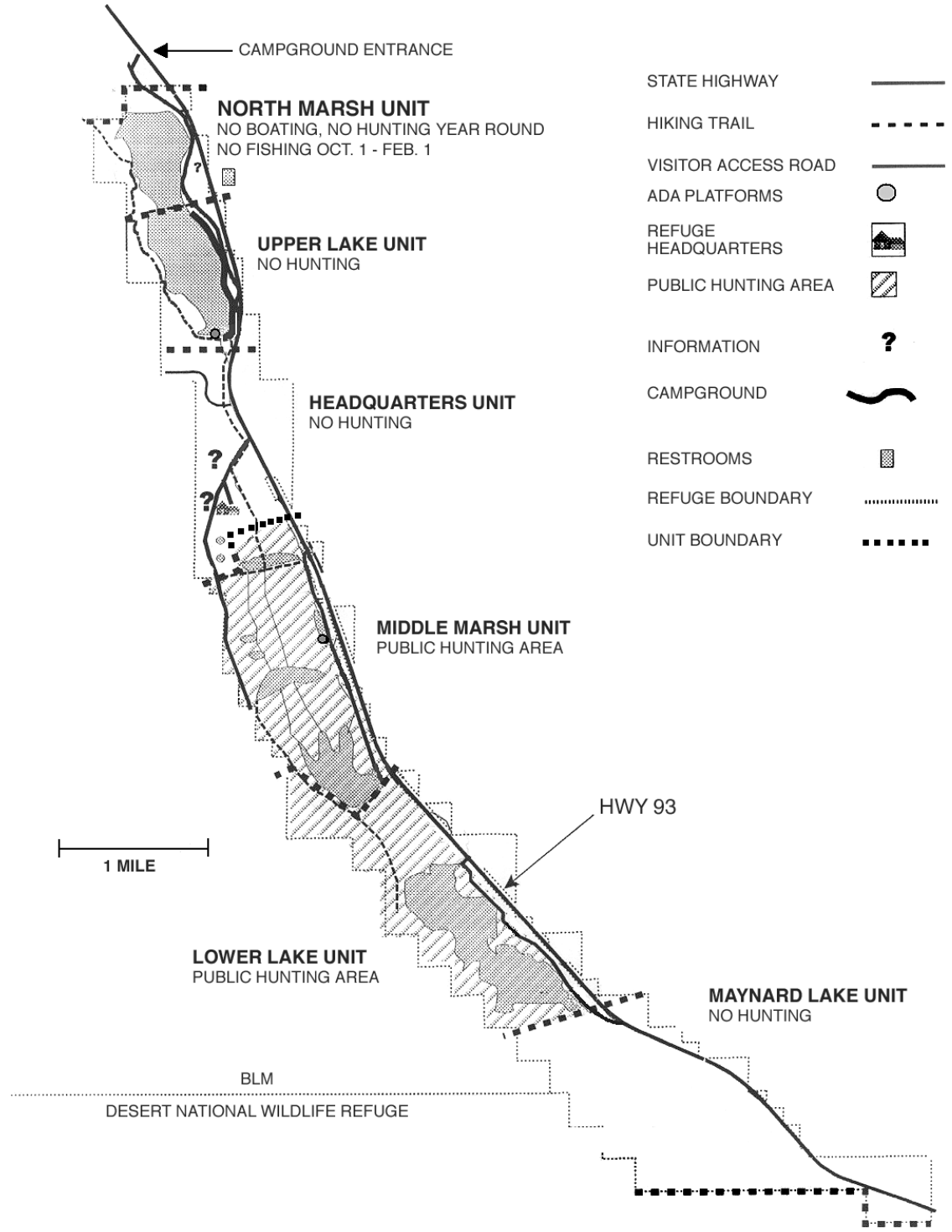
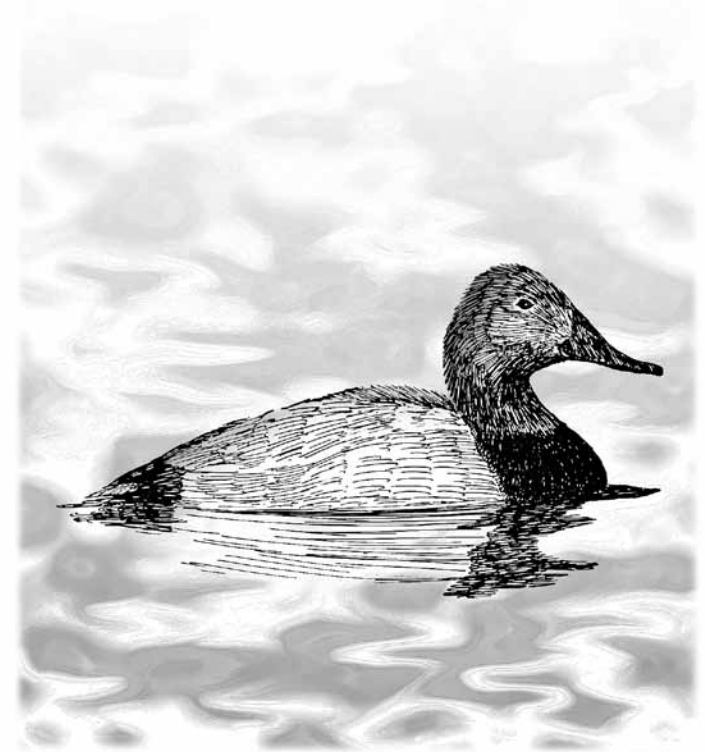
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## *Hunting, Boating, & Fishing Regulations*



## Hunting

### SEASON

Hunting on the refuge is permitted, on designated days and areas of the refuge, subject to all applicable state and federal regulations.

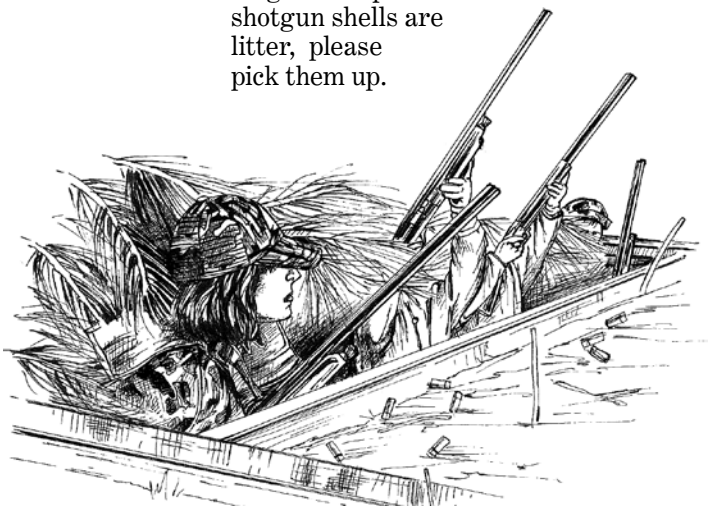
### SPECIES

Hunting of geese, ducks, coots, moorhens and snipe is permitted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, during the regular State season (with the exception of opening weekend when hunting is allowed on Sunday). Hunting of swans is prohibited. Use caution when hunting white geese.

For quail and rabbit, hunting is permitted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, during the regular State season (with the exception of opening weekend when hunting is allowed on Sunday). Dove hunting is permitted daily during the regular State season. Big game hunting is not allowed. All other wildlife, including coyotes and crows, are protected.

### FIREARMS

When participating in a legal hunting activity, firearms are permitted but must be unloaded and encased or dismantled while being transported by a vehicle or boat. Loaded is defined as having rounds in the chamber or magazine. Spent shotgun shells are litter, please pick them up.



### NON-TOXIC SHOT

You may only possess approved non-toxic shot while in the field. Lead shot is not allowed.

### BLINDS & PERSONAL PROPERTY

Temporary blinds are permitted. All decoys, portable blinds, and other personal property must be removed from the refuge daily and temporary blinds must be dismantled at the close of each day.

### PETS

Pets must be leashed and attended at all times except when used in association with a legal hunt in designated areas. Use of dogs is encouraged to reduce crippling losses. However, dogs must be supervised and controlled by their owners at all times.

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The possession or use of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

### HELPFUL HUNTING TIPS

The refuge covers a variety of habitats including rough uneven terrain, deep waters, marshes and dense stands of vegetation. Hunting difficulty varies by area, and hunters should examine their own abilities and limitations before using the refuge. Hunters should hunt with a partner and consult the refuge manager for suggestions to hunt the area safely.

Respect the rights of others and the resources of the refuge. Hikers or bird watchers may also be in the field during hunting seasons. Be aware of who is in the area before shooting. Please report acts of vandalism, poaching, littering or other violations to the Refuge Manager.

## Boating

Know your target. Study bird identification guides before the hunting season. Learn field marks of male and females during breeding and eclipse plumage, as well as when sitting or flying. Be certain of the species before you shoot.

### SEASON

Only non-motorized boats or boats with electric motors are permitted on Upper Lake, Middle Marsh Unit and Lower Lake throughout the year. The use of boats, rubber rafts or other flotation devices is not permitted on the North Marsh at any time. Watercraft must be in compliance with all applicable state and federal rules.

### LAUNCHING

Trailer launching is not permitted. To prevent the spread of invasive species, only car-top watercraft are permitted.

### LIFE JACKETS

State law requires a wearable Personal Flotation Device on board for each person. Also, all boat passengers under twelve years old must wear a life jacket while in a boat that is underway.



## Fishing

### SEASON

Fishing is permitted year-round, on designated areas of the refuge, subject to all applicable State, Federal and Refuge regulations. North Marsh is closed to fishing from October 1 to February 1.

### SPECIES

The most common game fishes found in refuge waters are largemouth bass, green sunfish and catfish. The Upper Lake, North Marsh and areas of the Middle Pond offer the best fishing opportunities.

## General Regulations

Everyone is responsible for knowing State and Federal regulations. Laws are reviewed and changed each year. State laws can be obtained from the Nevada Division of Wildlife or stores which sell hunting & fishing licenses.

### VEHICLES

All motorized vehicles are restricted to designated roads only (see map), must be properly licensed and street legal as required by state law. Operation of ATVs (3 and 4-wheelers, dirt bikes, etc.) is prohibited on the refuge. Shooting from, upon or across any refuge road is prohibited. Visitors are asked to use existing parking facilities.

### LITTERING

Please put your trash in the Upper Pahrnagat Lake Campground dumpsters or take trash with you when you leave the refuge. Spent shotgun shells are litter, please pick them up.

### ACCESSIBILITY

A hunting/observation platform, within the Middle Marsh area, and a fishing/observation pier, on the Upper Lake, are available. Contact the refuge for suggestions to use the area safely.