

Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations



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.

Activity	Other Regulations
Deer <i>Bow, gun, muzzleloader, youth</i>	Hunting is in accordance with the State seasons. With the exception of the area closed to hunting (see map), hunting is allowed on the entire Refuge. A Refuge permit issued by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department is required to hunt antlered deer during the gun season. No Refuge permits are needed for bow, antlerless deer gun, muzzleloader, or youth hunting. Hunters may not enter the Refuge before 12:00 pm (noon) on the first day of the respective season. Tree stands, trail cameras, hunting blinds, and all other personal property must be removed from the Refuge daily.
Moose <i>Bow, gun</i>	Hunting is in accordance with the State seasons. With the exception of the area closed to hunting (see map), hunting is allowed on the entire Refuge.
Grouse, partridge, and pheasant	Hunting Unit 1 (see map) is open to hunting in accordance with the State seasons. Hunting Unit 2 (see map) is open to hunting in accordance with the State seasons, with the exception of being closed from the first day of the State duck season to the last day of the State deer gun season. Hunters may use and possess only non-toxic shot. Blaze orange vest and cap must be worn when hunting during the deer gun season. Use of dogs is encouraged while hunting.
Turkey	Hunting is in accordance with the State seasons. With the exception of the area closed to hunting (see map), hunting is allowed on the entire Refuge. Hunters may use and possess only non-toxic shot.

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 Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), one of over 565 refuges and 38 wetland management districts in the National Wildlife Refuge System – a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife. The Refuge System is a living heritage, conserving wildlife and habitat for people today and for generations to come.

To help protect wildlife and their habitats and to ensure your safety, please familiarize yourself with the following information.

General Information

Portions of the Refuge are open to hunting deer, moose, Hungarian partridge, ring-necked pheasant, sharp-tailed grouse, and turkey in accordance with State and Refuge-specific regulations. Hunting waterfowl or any other species not previously listed is prohibited.

Pre-season scouting is allowed only in open public use areas and in areas marked “foot traffic only.”

All hunting areas must be accessed on foot.

Hunters must carry, drag, or use a cart to remove a harvested deer or moose.

Location

The Refuge headquarters and visitor center is southeast of Lake Darling Dam. To reach the Refuge headquarters, drive northwest of Minot, North Dakota on Highway 52 to 1 mile northwest of Foxholm, then 7 miles north on County Road 11. Refuge headquarters can also be reached by traveling 18 miles north of Minot on Highway 83 and 12 miles west on County Road 6.

Hours

The Refuge is open daily from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm. Hunting hours follow those set in the State hunting regulations. The headquarters is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, except on Federal holidays.

Vehicle Use

Vehicle travel is restricted to public roads and recreation area parking lots. Only walk-in access is allowed while hunting.

Parked vehicles should not block gates.

Use of bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, and other off-road vehicles is not allowed.

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).

Prohibited Activities

The following activities are prohibited on the Refuge.

- Hunting waterfowl or any other species not specifically listed.
- Entering a closed area.
- Carrying a weapon in a boat or paddle craft.
- Use or possession of lead shot while hunting grouse, partridge, pheasant, or turkey.
- Leaving tree stands overnight or using any tree stand that implements bolts, nails, screws, wires, or screw-in steps.
- Leaving trail cameras and other electronic equipment overnight.
- Using horses, mules, or other livestock.

- Collecting, destroying, disturbing, injuring, or harming any animal or plant, except legally taken fish or game animals.
- Collecting or disturbing artifacts and shed antlers.
- Use of unmanned aircraft systems, including drones.
- Use of bait.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Camping and open fires.
- Littering.

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Hunting is allowed in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, State regulations, and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure.

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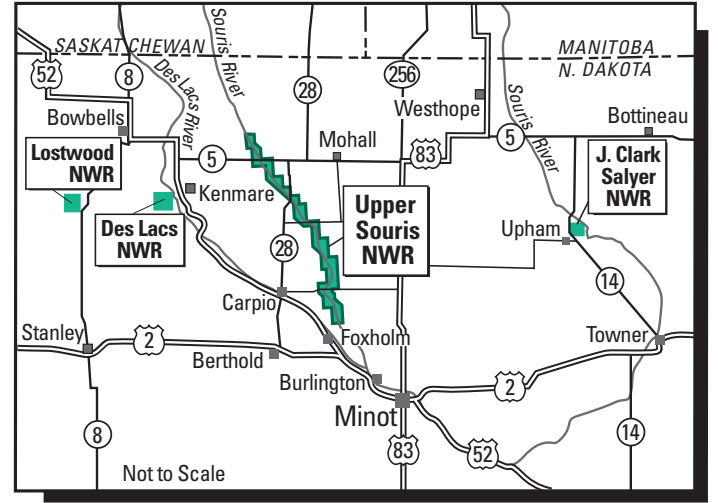
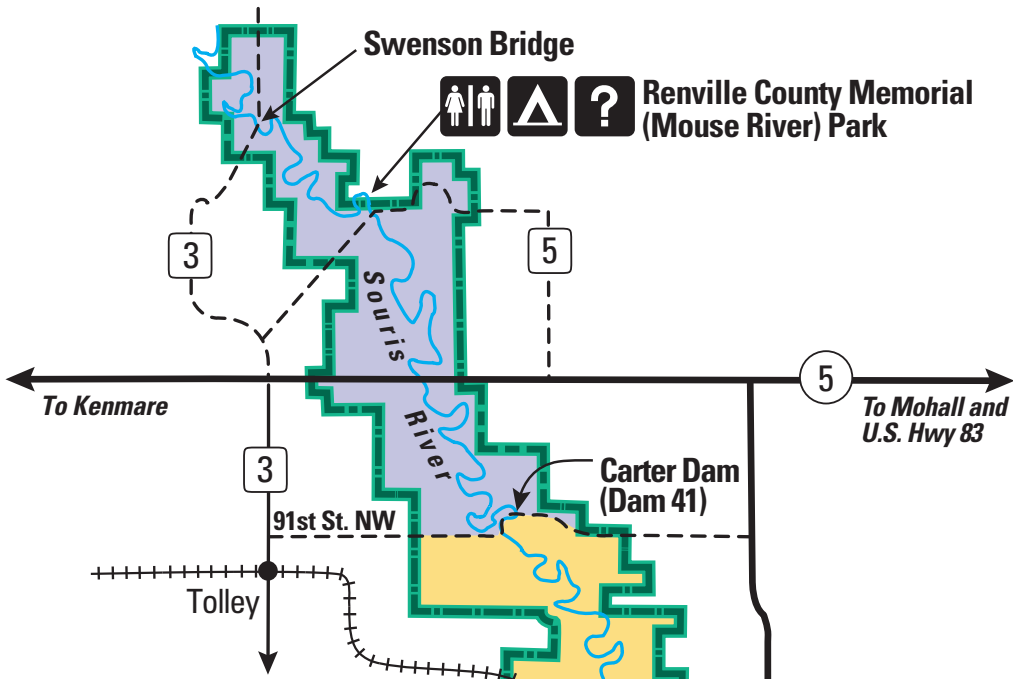
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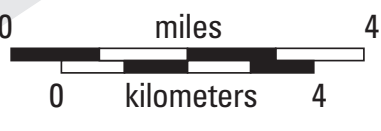
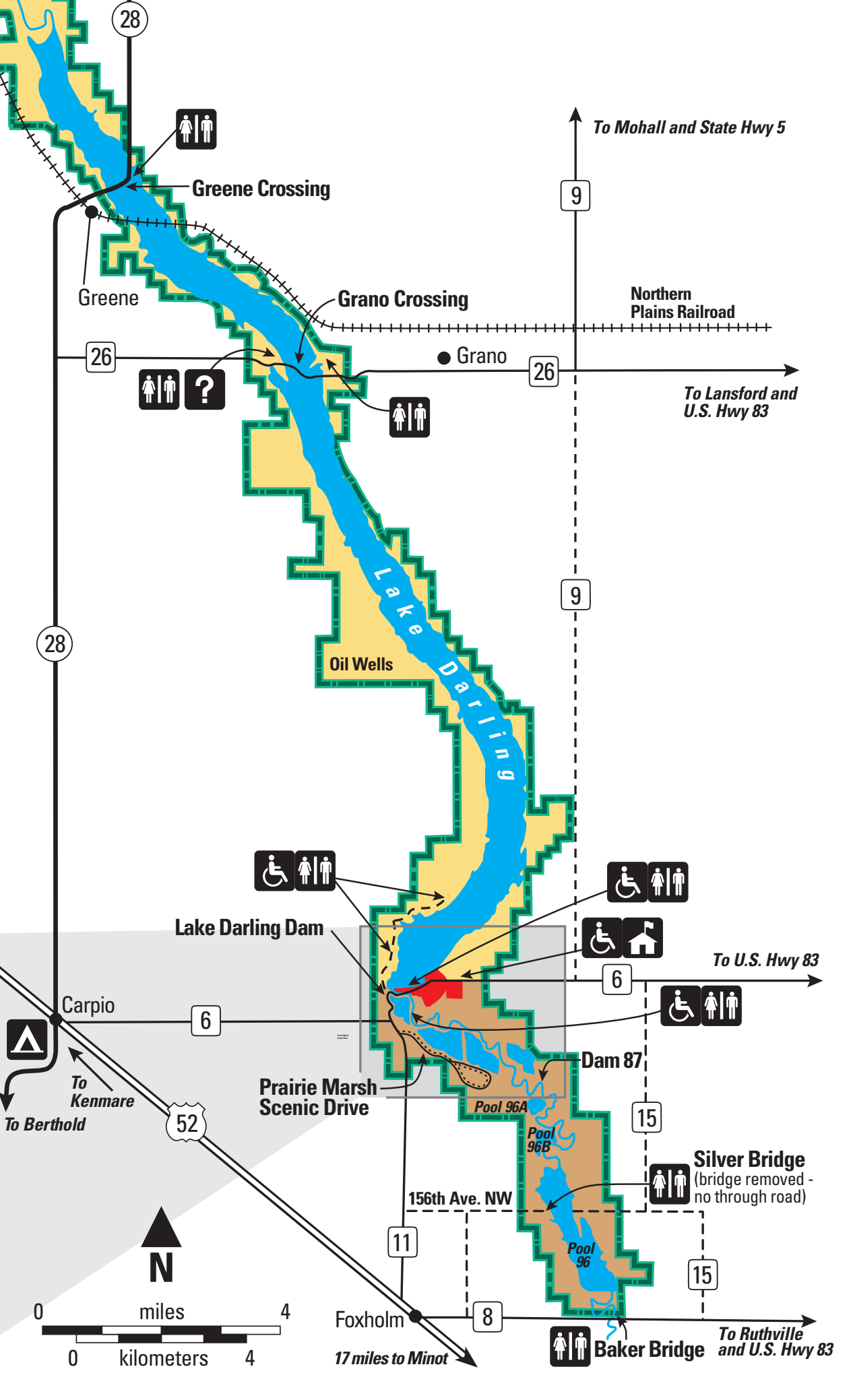
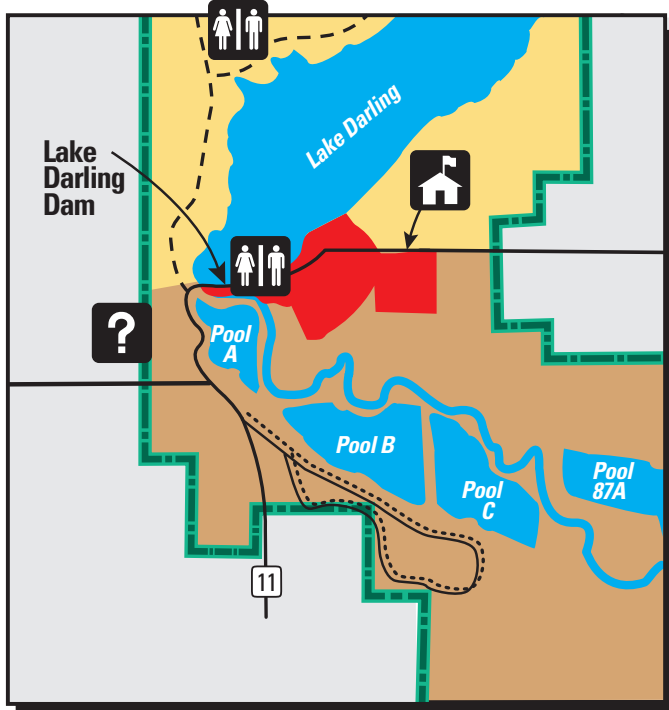




Upper Souris

National Wildlife Refuge

- Refuge boundary
- Federal highway
- State highway
- County road
- Paved road
- Gravel road
- Scenic drive
- Railroad
- Headquarters
- Restroom
- Linked symbols designate accessible features
- Information kiosk
- Camping (off-Refuge only)
- Hunting Unit 1 - Area open to hunting during State season for grouse, partridge, and pheasant
- Hunting Unit 2 - Area open to hunting during Refuge split season for grouse, partridge, and pheasant
- Area closed to hunting grouse, partridge, and pheasant
- Areas open to hunting deer, moose, and turkey
- Area closed to all hunting



Accessibility

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Signs



These signs mark the Refuge boundary. Contact the Refuge manager for specific regulations.



These signs mark areas that are closed to all public access.