

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Hunting Regulations 2008/2009

When may I hunt? ½ hour before sunrise until sunset, daily.

What laws are in effect? Taking of all migratory, upland, big game, and other unprotected species and bag limits are in strict accordance with Nevada hunting laws with the following Refuge specific regulations...and don't forget your HIP number for your waterfowl hunt!

May I fish? You may *not* fish on any unit of Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

What weapons may I use? You may *not* use rifles or pistols on Stillwater Refuge. Shotguns and nontoxic shot may be used for hunting upland and migratory game birds, small game mammals and unprotected species. Shotguns, muzzle loading weapons, or bow and arrow may be used for hunting big game. You may *not* use or possess lead shot while hunting on Stillwater Refuge. Hunting at night is not allowed.

What type of vehicles may I use and where may I park? You may use only registered vehicles on open roads. You may park only in designated (signed) locations. You may not use any off-highway vehicle (OHV).

Where may I park overnight? Vehicles may park overnight only at the designated overnight parking areas located at east Division Road and east of Tule Lake Landing on Lead Lake Road.

Where may I hunt? The following Stillwater Marsh units are open to waterfowl hunting during the appropriate season: Swan Lake, Pintail Bay, North, South and West Nutgrass, Willow Lake, Lead Lake, Tule Lake, Goose Lake, and Swan Check. You may not hunt from Division Road south. During waterfowl season, you must not possess a loaded firearm within the retrieval zone which is located 200 yards north of Division Road and is posted.

Where and what types of boats may I use?

You may boat on the refuge during waterfowl and youth hunt season. Please don't forget that a **Type III PFD** is required for each person on board. You *must not* boat during the rest of the year except on West Marsh which is open all year for non-motorized boats. You **must not** use an airboat until 1 hour after the legal shooting time on opening day of waterfowl season. You *must not* take any boats on Swan Lake, northern Pintail Bay, or northeast N. Nutgrass. You may use non-motorized boats in all other open units. You may use airboats in Goose Lake, S. Nutgrass, the open area of N. Nutgrass and the open area of Pintail Bay. You may use all other motorized boats are allowed in units open to airboats as well as Lead Lake and Tule Lake. You **must** obtain a special use permit from Stillwater Refuge to operate an airboat. You also **must** paint a corresponding number on your vessel. Please call us in advance for this permit and boat number at (775)428-6452.

What activities are not allowed? You **must not** use or possess alcoholic beverages while hunting; build a campfire; litter (including spent shells and toilet paper); collect artifacts or cut trees. Violators will receive citations.

May I build a temporary blind? Portable blinds may be used. Temporary blinds may be constructed of natural material, but should be available for general use on a first come, first serve basis.

Hunting Tips and Field Etiquette -

Decoys and calls should be used to bring birds into ideal shooting range. Placing the outer decoys 40 yards from the blind will help you judge proper shooting distance and result in more birds in your bag. Please remember to leave a head or wing attached for identification.

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