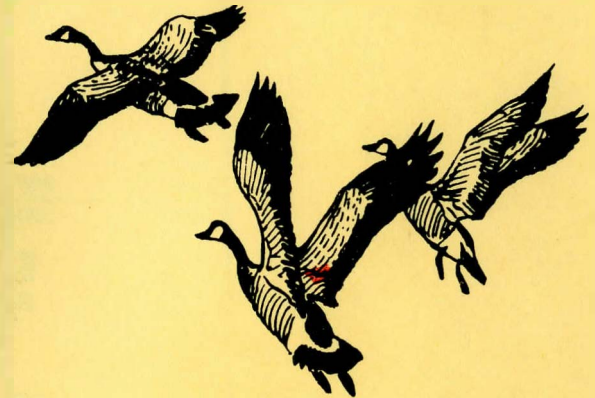


# Quivira National Wildlife Refuge



## Hunting & Fishing Regulations

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### INFORMATION

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge is one of a system of refuges administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Quivira is primarily managed to provide food, water and resting areas for migratory waterfowl. A system of canals and water control structures diverts water from Rattlesnake Creek to 30 water units ranging in size from 10 to 1,500 acres.

### GENERAL REFUGE REGULATIONS

**VEHICLES AND PARKING**—Motorized vehicles are permitted only on developed roads and parking areas. Driving off roads or on roads closed by sign or barrier is prohibited. Parking in front of gates or on bridges or water control structures is prohibited.

**CAMPING**—Overnight camping is not permitted. All visitors must leave the area at the end of each day.

**BOATING**—The use of boats and canoes is not permitted.

**FIRES**—No fires of any type are permitted within the refuge.

**FIREARMS**—Possession of firearms is prohibited except within the hunting areas during hunting season.

**LITTERING**—Littering is prohibited. Please remove all trash, including spent shell casings, from the refuge.

### WATER SAFETY

**CAUTION DEEP WATER**—Water levels fluctuate from one season to the next. Use caution when crossing open water areas as deep channels may not be visible.

### HUNTING RECOMMENDATIONS

**DECOYS AND CALLS** should be used to bring waterfowl into ideal shooting range. When setting out decoys, place the outer decoy at 40 yards from your shooting position. This will help you judge when to shoot and result in fewer cripples and more birds in your bag.

**BE A SPORTSMAN** and respect the rights of other hunters afield. When entering or leaving the field try to avoid flaring birds which are working another hunters decoys.

### FISHING REGULATIONS

**FISHING AREA**—All refuge waters are open to sportfishing in accordance with Kansas fishing regulations with the exceptions listed below.

**EXCEPTIONS**—Fishing with trotlines and setlines is prohibited. The use of seines for taking bait is not permitted. Fishing from water control structures and bridges is prohibited.

**LEGAL SPECIES**—Species listed in the Kansas fishing regulations may be taken. All other wildlife species including turtles and snakes are protected on the refuge.

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America's Federal, State and local public lands provide important opportunities for YOU to enjoy the outdoors and learn about your natural surroundings and cultural heritage. Each year millions of Americans just like YOU camp, hike, boat, swim, hunt, fish, bird-watch, sight-see, and learn about the natural and historical diversity of America's public lands.

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For further information, write:

Refuge Manager  
Quivira National Wildlife Refuge  
Rt. 3 Box 48A  
Stafford, Kansas 67578  
or call: 1-316-486-2393

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

Hunting is permitted in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations and the following special regulations.

**SEASONS**—Refuge hunting areas are open September 1 through February 28. **Refuge hunting areas may be closed to hunting without notice when whooping cranes are present or if other emergencies arise.**

**LEGAL SPECIES**—Waterfowl, pheasants, quail, dove, snipe, rails, squirrels and rabbits may be hunted during the regular Kansas seasons, **except that the refuge is closed to all hunting from March 1 through August 31.**

**All other wildlife species are protected.**

**GUNS**—Shotguns only are permitted for refuge hunting. The possession of rifles or handguns is prohibited.

**STEEL SHOT**—Steel shot is required in all gauges when hunting any game on the refuge. The possession of lead shot in the field is prohibited.

**HUNTING AREAS**—Parts of the refuge are posted as "Public Hunting Area" and are shown on the reverse side of this leaflet. Hunting is not permitted outside the shaded areas or from or across roads, trails and parking areas.

**RETRIEVING**—Retrieving game from areas closed to hunting is prohibited. Regulate your shooting so that game does not fall into no hunting zones of the refuge.

**DOGS**—The use of dogs for hunting and retrieving is encouraged.

**BLINDS**—Portable devices or temporary blinds of natural vegetation are permitted. Permanent blinds or pits may not be constructed.

**HOURS**—Hunters may not enter refuge hunting areas (to set up decoys, etc.) until one hour prior to legal shooting time. All decoys must be removed within one hour, following the end of legal shooting time.

## REFUGE SIGNS—KNOW THEIR MEANING



**Refuge Boundary**—authorized entry only



**Public Hunting Area**—area behind this sign open to hunting



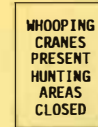
**No Hunting Zone**—area behind this sign closed to all hunting



**Steel Shot Zone**—steel shot must be used for all hunting



**Vehicles Prohibited**—no vehicles allowed, you may walk in from this point



**Whooping Cranes**—area is closed to all hunting until sign removed

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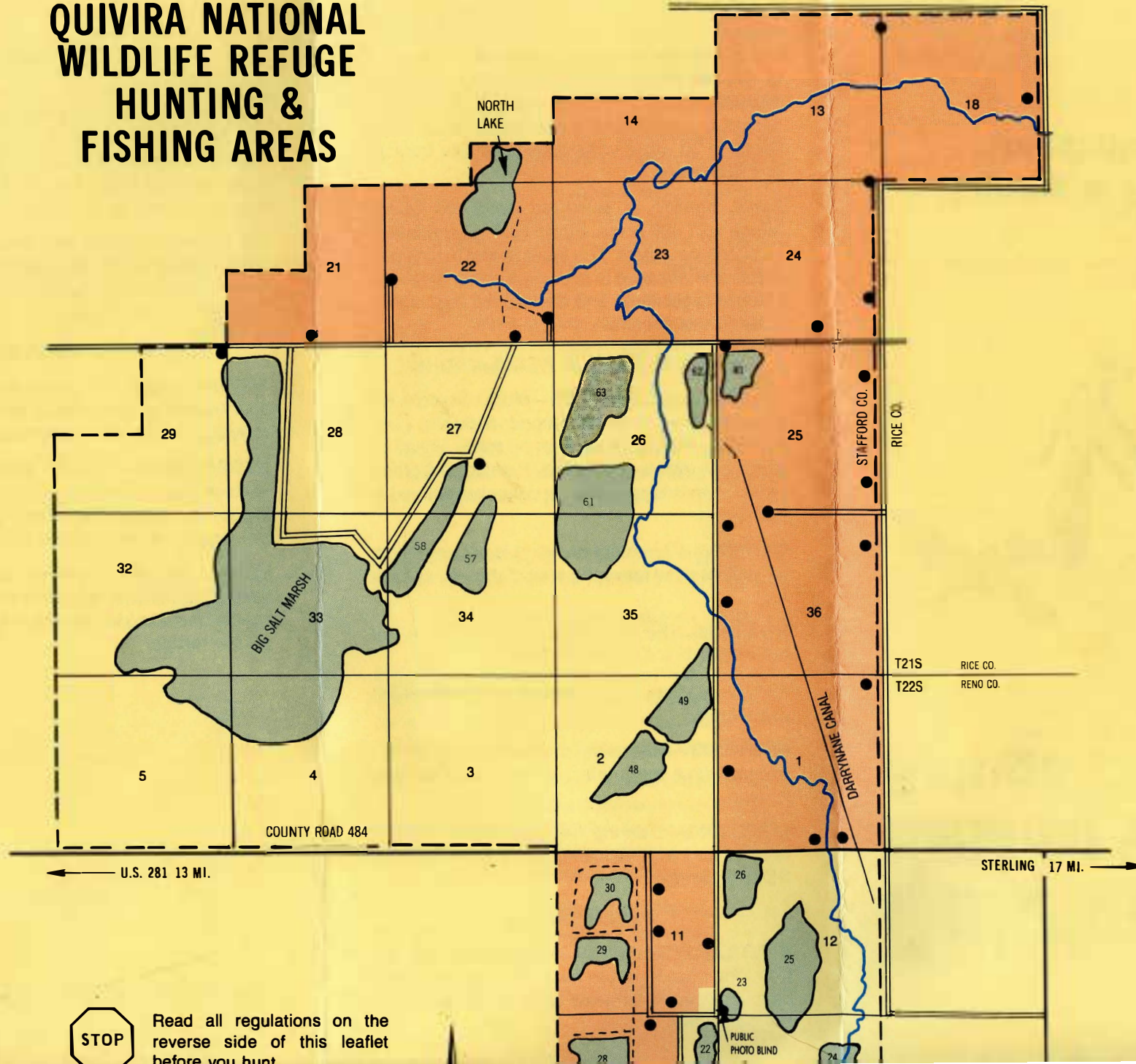
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# QUIVIRA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HUNTING & FISHING AREAS



Read all regulations on the reverse side of this leaflet before you hunt.

# LEGEND

- Refuge Boundary
- Section Line
- Gravel Road
- Foot Trail
- Paved Road
- Parking Areas
- Hunting Areas
- Water Units

