

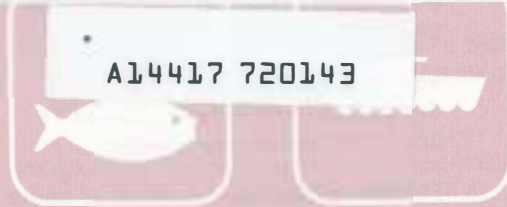
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Fishing, Boating and
Hunting*

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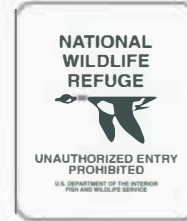
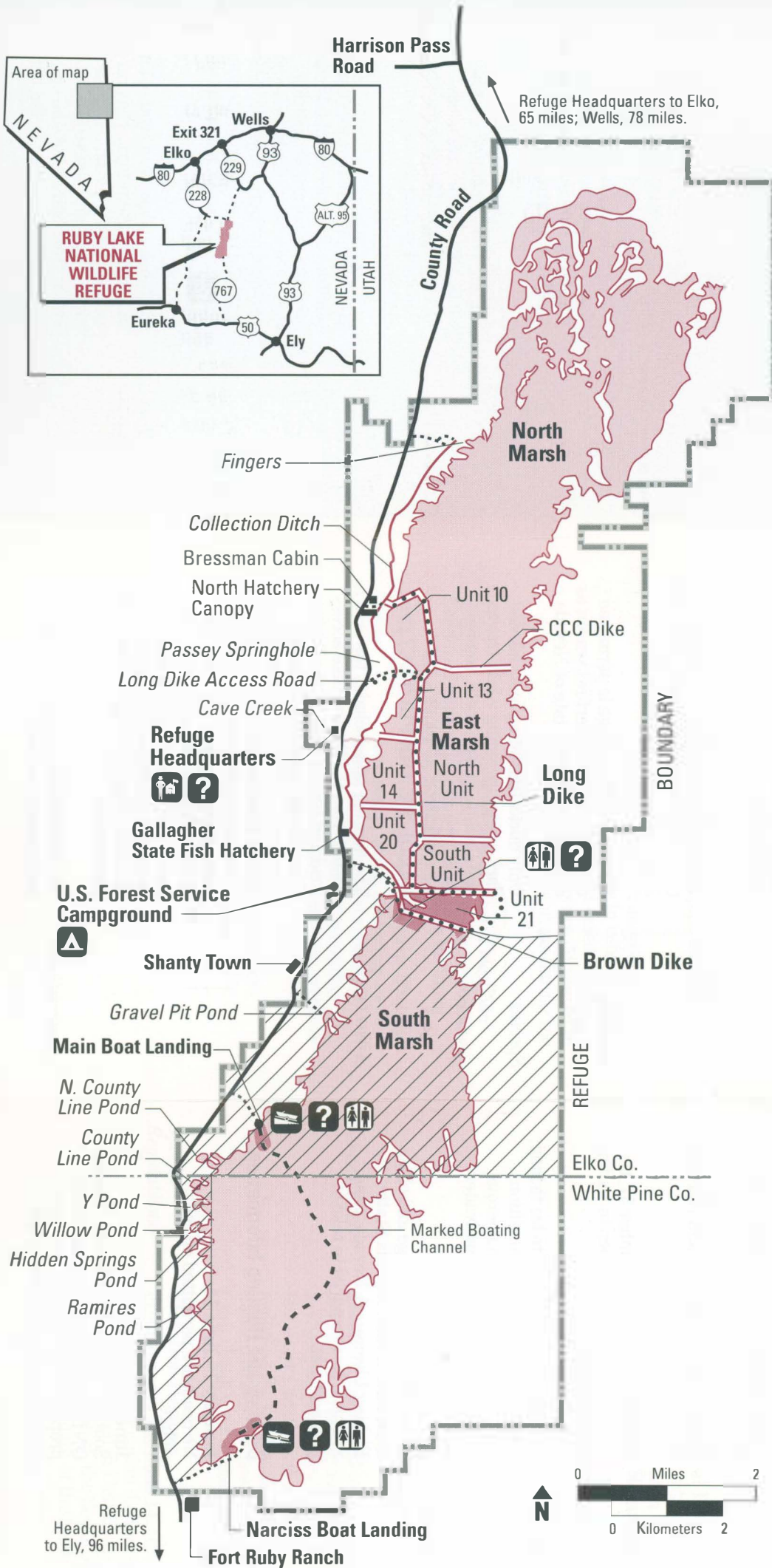
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Signs Protect Visitors, Wildlife and Habitats



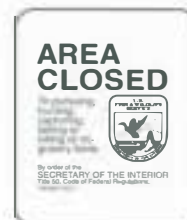
Refuge Boundary. Entry is permitted only on designated access roads.



This sign designates public access routes through the refuge. Roads are open to vehicles, bicycles and foot traffic only.



The area behind this sign is open to hunting waterfowl, coots and snipe as permitted by refuge regulations.



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



This area is closed to all motor vehicles and bicycles.



This sign delineates portions of the Collection Ditch open to fishing. Only artificial lures and flies may be fished here.

	Refuge Boundary		Refuge Office
	County Road		Information
	Access Road		Boat Ramp
	Auto Tour Road		Campground
	Dike Fishing Only		Restrooms
	Hunting Area		
	Wading and Float Tube Area		

Ruby Lake is one of over 500 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Compatible public use is encouraged on the refuge, including wildlife observation and photography, environmental education, sport fishing, boating, and hunting (in designated areas, in accordance with State, Federal, and refuge regulations).

General Regulations

The refuge is open to the public from 1 hour before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset. Camping or overnight parking is prohibited.

Vehicles are permitted only on designated access roads. No ATVs are permitted on the refuge.

Pets are allowed if on a leash or under close control.

Firearms may be transported through the refuge in vehicles ONLY when unloaded and cased, or dismantled. Shotguns are permitted in designated hunting areas during the waterfowl season.

The possession or use of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited on all National Wildlife Refuges.

Littering, fires, cleaning or filleting fish, water skiing, jet skiing, swimming, fireworks, and collecting plants and objects of antiquity, including Native American artifacts is prohibited.

Report accidents and injuries occurring on the refuge to the refuge headquarters.
Phone: (702) 779-2237.

Season

Size and Limits

Bait Fish

Areas Open

Areas Closed

Special Regulations

Fishing Information

The refuge is open year-round to fishing except in areas posted as closed.

Size and bag limits are listed in the State of Nevada fishing regulations.

The possession or use of live or dead bait fish is **PROHIBITED** anywhere on the refuge.

Collection Ditch: Except where posted as closed, fishing is permitted using ONLY artificial lures and flies. Use of bait, float tubes, and wading is prohibited.

Marsh Units North of Brown Dike: Fishing is ONLY permitted from the manmade dikes, except in Unit 21 as noted under **Special Regulations**.

Spring Ponds: The spring ponds on the west side of the South Marsh are open year-round. Bait fishing is allowed. The use of float tubes and wading is prohibited.

South Marsh: Fishing is permitted year-round. **See Special Regulations and Boating Regulations.**

Fishing is prohibited in the following areas: 1) the rearing and brood ponds at Gallagher Hatchery, 2) the North Hatchery Canopy and adjacent ponds including the west bank of the Collection Ditch as posted, and 3) Cave Creek west of the county road.

Flotation Devices: From January 1 to June 14, ONLY foot propelled flotation devices (float tubes) are allowed in Unit 21 and designated areas of the South Marsh, including the mouth of the Collection

Special Regulations (continued)

Ice Fishing

Licenses

Boating Season

Fishing Information

Ditch at the west end of Brown Dike, the Main Boat Landing, and Narciss Boat Landing.

From June 15 to December 31, ONLY foot propelled flotation devices (float tubes) are allowed in Unit 21. The entire South Marsh is open to all types of flotation devices (See **Boating Regulations**).

Wading and Bank Fishing: Unit 21: Wading and bank fishing is permitted year-round.

South Marsh: From January 1 to July 31, wading and bank fishing is permitted ONLY at Brown Dike, the Main Boat Landing, and Narciss Boat Landing.

From August 1 to December 31, the entire South Marsh is open to wading and bank fishing.

Refuge waters are open to ice fishing; however, hazardous ice conditions exist at all times due to numerous springs and areas of groundwater inflow.

All anglers 12 years of age and older must have a valid Nevada State Fishing License. A Nevada Trout Stamp is also required to take or possess trout.

Boating and Hunting Information

January 1 - June 14
No boats are permitted on the refuge.

June 15 - July 31
South of Brown Dike (South Marsh) ONLY, motorless boats and boats propelled with battery powered electric motors are permitted.

Boating and Hunting Information

Boating

*Season
(continued)*

August 1 - December 31

In the South Marsh, motorless boats and boats propelled by motors with a total of 10 hp or less are permitted.

Launching

Boats on trailers can be launched **ONLY** at the Main Boat Landing and Narciss Boat Landing. Canoes or cartop boats can be launched **ONLY** at the Main Boat Landing, Narciss Boat Landing, Gravel Pit Pond and Brown Dike.

Life Jackets

State law requires a wearable Personal Flotation Device on board for each person.

Boat Storage

Boats may be stored at the Main Boat Landing, Narciss Boat Landing, Gravel Pit Pond and Brown Dike from June 1 through December 31.

Hunting

Season

Hunting on the refuge is permitted daily during the waterfowl season as established by the State of Nevada.

Species

Only ducks (including mergansers), dark geese (including white-fronted and Canada geese), coots, common moorhens and snipe may be hunted. **ALL OTHER SPECIES OF WILDLIFE ARE PROTECTED.**

Areas Open

The hunting area includes the area as posted from the Brown Dike access road and Brown Dike to the White Pine County Line. No hunting is permitted on Brown Dike or from the Brown Dike access road. In White Pine County, the spring pond area between the County road and the marsh edge is open as posted. For public safety, a no hunting zone is posted in the immediate vicinity of the Main Boat Landing. **Please refer to the map.**

Reservations

No reservations or special refuge permits are needed.

Hunting

Access

Boating and Hunting Information

Boat access to the South Marsh hunting area is provided from the Brown Dike, Gravel Pit Pond and Main Boat Landings. The east side of the hunting area is accessible by boat from one of the three landings or by walking south from Brown Dike.

Walk-in access **ONLY** is permitted to the spring pond areas in White Pine County.

Licenses

All hunters 12 years of age or older must possess a valid Nevada hunting license. Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult licensed to hunt. Waterfowl hunters 12 to 65 years of age must possess a signed State Duck Stamp. Waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older must possess a signed Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp). **Licenses and state stamps are not available in Ruby Valley. Federal stamps are available at refuge headquarters.**

Nontoxic Shot

The use of approved nontoxic shot is required when hunting waterfowl, coots, common moorhens and snipe on the refuge. Hunters may not have lead shot in their possession while hunting.

Blinds and Personal Property

Hunters may use portable hunting blinds and temporary blinds constructed of natural vegetation. 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.

Swans Need Your Help

The once endangered trumpeter swan is found on the refuge. Several pairs nest each summer and 40 or more birds may winter here. To protect swans from being shot, the entire Ruby Valley is **closed** to the hunting of all white waterfowl.