

## Signs and Boundaries

These signs will help you find hunting area boundaries. The wording applies to the area behind the sign. Some posts have signs on two sides—**READ BOTH SIDES**. Watch for boundary corners and check your location with the map.



When this boundary sign is used alone on a post, it means **NO HUNTING**. You may enter the area only on designated access routes.



Motor vehicles are not allowed beyond this sign. Do not block access.



This area is closed to **ALL** entry. No hunting or sightseeing is permitted. No roads or trails are open to the public.



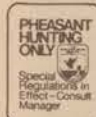
This area open for waterfowl hunting only. Daily permit required. Permits available by drawing prior to hunt time.



Motor vehicles are allowed on this route. Speed limit is 35 mph except where otherwise posted. No shooting from or across the road. Some of these roads are closed during part of the season.



Used alone or beneath a refuge boundary sign, the area behind this sign may be hunted as permitted by refuge regulations.



This area is open during regular State pheasant season. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited.



You may pass through this area to get to hunting units. You may retrieve downed birds. Loaded firearms are prohibited.



This area is open only during regular State waterfowl season. Entry permits are required during the first 2 days. Pheasant hunting is prohibited.

## Notice

Hunters must use and be in possession only of shells containing nontoxic shot when hunting ducks, geese, coots, moorhens, snipe, or pheasants on Tule Lake and the California portion of the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuges; and when hunting ducks, geese, coots, snipe, or pheasant on the Oregon portion of Lower Klamath Refuge.

### For more information, contact:

#### Refuge Manager

Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges  
Route 1, Box 74  
Tulelake, California 96134  
Phone 916-667-2231

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## Licenses

All hunters must carry valid State hunting licenses and all required State and Federal stamps and permits

## Permits

Waterfowl. During the first 2 days of waterfowl season, all hunters 16 years of age or older must carry a valid entry permit for the controlled unit in which they are hunting. Hunters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a permitted adult. Permits are issued in advance of waterfowl season to applicants selected by a lottery.

## Huntible Species

Only geese, ducks (including mergansers), coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants may be hunted on the refuges. All other wildlife species are protected.

## Refuge Hours

The public is allowed on the refuges only during the times posted at refuge entrances.

Camping and overnight parking are not permitted on the refuges. However, five campground/trailer parks are located nearby (see map).

## Shooting Hours

Hunting is permitted 7 days a week. Legal waterfowl shooting hours end at 1:00 p.m. on the Tule Lake Refuge and on the California portions of the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Waterfowl shooting hours for the Oregon portion of the Lower Klamath NWR correspond to State regulations.

Pheasant hunting hours on all refuge hunting areas correspond to State regulations.

## Boats

Boats may be used on all areas open to waterfowl hunting. Air-thrust and inboard water-thrust (jet) boats are prohibited. Units 4b and 4c on the Lower Klamath NWR are motorless, or electric motors only, areas. Boat launching is not permitted after 1:00 p.m. State lightning requirements are enforced by refuge officers.

## Retrieving Zones

Possession of firearms in retrieving zones is prohibited, except unloaded firearms may be taken through the zones when necessary to reach hunting areas. Decoys may not be set in retrieving zones. Restrictions apply to both waterfowl and pheasant hunting.

## Access Routes

It is illegal to shoot from or across any access route or parking area. Motor vehicles are allowed only on designated access routes. It is illegal for hunters to carry loaded firearms on hunter access routes open to motor vehicles. These roads may be closed during parts of the season.

**EXCEPTION:** Waterfowl hunters may drive off access routes only to set out or pick up decoys in field units of The League of Nations, The Panhandle, Sheepy East, Miller Lake, and the Oregon Straits.

## Unit Intersections

Lower Klamath NWR intersections are marked A through E (see map). Locate these intersections to find hunt units as follows: A = units 3, 4, and 6; B = units 4, 6, and 7; C = units 6, 7, and 11; D = units 7, 8, 11, and 12; E = units 4, 9, and Sheepy East

## Removal of Personal Property

All decoys, boats, and other personal property must be removed from waterfowl hunt areas by 2:30 p.m. and from the refuges at the close of each day. Hunters are responsible for removing all trash including shot shell hulls when they leave hunting areas

## Weapons and Ammunition

No person may possess any weapon or ammunition that may not be legally used for taking waterfowl or pheasants on these refuges. *Non-toxic shot must be used to hunt ALL huntible species including ducks, geese, coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasant on the Tule Lake and Lower Klamath NWRs.*

## Alcohol

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

## Accidents

All accidents and injuries occurring on the refuges must be immediately reported to the refuge manager. Klamath Basin NWRs, Route 1, Box 74, Tulelake, California 96134. Phone 916-667-2231.

## Hunter-Made Blinds

Only portable blinds and temporary blinds built of natural vegetation are permitted. The use of pit blinds, or digging in fields is not permitted.

## Spaced-Blind Areas

Blind sites in the spaced-blind areas on Tule Lake NWR are selected by lottery at the beginning of each day's hunt. The daily lottery begins approximately 2 hours before shoot time. Call the refuge office (916-667-2231) for current times. The lottery is held at the check station located on County Line Road. No blinds may be checked out after 7:00 a.m.

Only those receiving blind assignments from this check station may hunt in the spaced-blind areas. Hunters may draw only one blind site and may not hunt from any other site. Hunters may not possess loaded firearms further than 200 feet from their assigned blind. Each blind must have a spread of at least 1 dozen goose decoys.

## High Shooting

Hunters may not shoot at birds that are beyond normal effective range. Those who persist in shooting at out-of-range birds are subject to removal from the area.

## Disabled Hunters

The refuges cover a variety of habitats which including rough uneven terrain, deep waters, dense stands of bulrushes (tules), stubble fields, ditches, and others. Rainfall can make roads and fields muddy and slippery, making them more difficult to negotiate. Hunting difficulty varies by area and hunters should examine their own abilities and limitations before using the refuges. Disabled persons should hunt with a partner. Consult the refuge manager for suggestions for hunting the area safely.

