

## Refuge Units

Units of the Iowa Wetland Management District may currently be found in the following counties:

Boone;  
Buena Vista;  
Cerro Gordo;  
Clay;  
Dickinson;  
Emmet;  
Greene;  
Guthrie  
Hancock;  
Kossuth;  
Palo Alto;  
Pocahontas;  
Polk;  
Sac;  
Winnebago  
Worth;  
Wright.

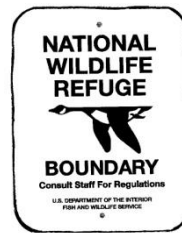
Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge  
1710 360<sup>th</sup> Street  
Titonka, IA 50480  
(515) 928-2523

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-4:00pm

## Refuge Signs



The area behind this sign is open to all hunting, fishing, and trapping as prescribed by State Law.



Refuge Boundary: Consult staff for current regulations before entering.



All public entry is prohibited beyond this sign.



The area behind this sign is closed to all hunting.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

America's National  
Wildlife Refuge System

## Iowa Wetland Management District Public Use Regulations



**Effective October 4, 2016.  
Supersedes all  
previously dated leaflets.**

This leaflet is a summary of those authorized and prohibited activities on units of the Iowa Wetland Management District. A complete list of regulations pertaining to the use of National Wildlife Refuges can be found in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 25-32.

## General Regulations

Generally, all Iowa Wetland Management District lands are open during daylight hours for public use activities relating to wildlife. Restrictions include:

**Artifacts:** It is unlawful to search for or remove any artifact or object of antiquity.

**Artificial Lights:** The use of artificial lights, including auto head lights, for the purpose of locating wildlife is prohibited.

**Boats:** We allow boats and other floating devices. We restrict all watercraft motors to 15 horsepower (11.2 kW) or less.

**Camping:** Camping or other overnight use is prohibited.

**Disturbance:** Disturbing, injuring, destroying, collecting, or attempting to disturb, injure, destroy, or collect any plant or animal is prohibited. However, hunting, fishing, and trapping are allowed as outlined below.

**Dogs/Horses:** All dogs not used for hunting must be confined to a vehicle at all times. Training of dogs and horseback riding is not allowed.

**Firearms and Other Weapons:** Discharging firearms is prohibited except during an authorized hunting activity. Target shooting is prohibited.

**Fires:** All fires are prohibited.

**Introduction of Plants and Animals:** Plants and animals or their parts taken elsewhere shall not be introduced, liberated, or placed on any part of the refuge.

**Trash:** Trash cans are not provided. Please remove your own trash.

**Vehicles:** Motorized vehicles are permitted in parking areas and in field entrances only. Vehicles and operators must be properly licensed. No off road vehicle use is allowed. Use of All Terrain Vehicles, snowmobiles, etc. is prohibited at all times.

## Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Regulations

**General:** We allow hunting, fishing, and trapping subject to the following conditions:

1. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey.
2. We allow the use of hunting dogs provided that the dogs remain under the immediate control of the hunter.
3. We prohibit entry into any closed area to retrieve downed game, unless the hunter or trapper has received written permission from the refuge manager.
4. You may construct and use temporary blinds, stands, platforms, scaffolds, ladders, etc. using manmade materials or natural vegetation found on the property. We prohibit bringing plants or their parts onto the refuge.
5. We prohibit leaving boats, decoys, or other personal property unattended at any time. You must remove all personal property, which includes boats, decoys, blinds and ice shelters brought onto the district at the end of each day – **EXCEPT STANDS USED FOR DEER HUNTING – SEE BIG GAME HUNTING SECTION.**

**Migratory Game Bird and Upland Game Hunting:** We allow hunting of migratory game birds and upland game throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to conditions 1-5 listed above.

**Big Game Hunting:** We allow big game hunting throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to conditions 1-5 listed above with the following exception:

1. You may leave tree stands in an area for a continuous period of time beginning 7 days prior to the open season for hunting deer and ending 7 days after the final day of that season. You must clearly mark the stand with your name or Iowa hunting license number.
2. You do not have exclusive use of the tree stand when unattended or exclusive use of the tree stand site.
3. We prohibit driving nails, screws, spikes, or other metal objects into a tree.

**Sport Fishing:** We allow sport fishing throughout the district in accordance with State regulations and subject to conditions 1-5 listed above.

## LOCAL FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES MAY BE IN PLACE

### For more information:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Fishing/About-Fishing-In-Iowa>

**Trapping:** We allow public trapping throughout the district in accordance with State regulations subject to conditions 1-5 listed above.