
2023 Youth Deer Draw Information Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge

This page includes information and instructions for those interested or selected to participate in a 2023 Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge Youth Deer Hunt Draw. It is important to note that areas participating in reserved hunts are managed by various agencies and may have unique restrictions that each hunter must follow. Please read each area's information packet carefully before pursuing a hunt.

Applying:

The application period for the 2023 Muscatatuck Youth Deer Hunt Draw is July 2 – Aug. 6, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid youth comprehensive or youth deer hunting license prior to applying. Properly licensed youth hunters may apply for the youth deer weekend hunt at Muscatatuck Sept. 23 –24, 2023. Hunters must be 17 years of age or younger to participate. An adult, age 18 or older, must accompany all youth hunters.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment:

- Hunters may use shotguns, handguns, and rifles with legal cartridges, muzzleloading long guns, muzzleloading handguns, and air guns during firearms season.
- Shotguns must have a 10, 12, 16, 20, 28, or .410" bore and shoot a single slug or sabot bullet.
- Handguns must have a barrel length of 4" minimum, bullet diameter of .243" minimum and a cartridge length of 1.16" minimum, except for 10mm.
- Rifles must have a bullet diameter of .375" and case length between 1.16"-1.8".
- Muzzleloading long guns must have a barrel caliber of .44" and bullet diameter of .357".
- Muzzleloading handguns must have a barrel length of 12", measured from the base of the breech plug (excluding tangs and other projections to the end of the barrel, including the muzzle crown), barrel caliber of .50", and bullet diameter of .44".
- Air guns must shoot .40 caliber or larger single bullet generating 400 ft. lbs. of muzzle energy; or an arrow or bolt with a sharpened metal or metal-edged broadhead at minimum of 300 fps at release. Air guns are only allowed during the state's firearm season (the refuge has some firearm hunt dates outside of the state's firearm season).
- For a complete list of equipment regulations please refer to the [Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide](#).

Bag Limit:

- The bag limit is two deer. Only one deer can be a buck.

Hunting Hours:

- The hunting hours are a half-hour before sunrise to half-hour after sunset.
- The refuge entrance gate opens one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

Hunt Information:

Drawn hunters may hunt anywhere in the open hunting area (includes units A and B) at Muscatatuck NWR. Youth may hunt both days of the season. No check-in is required at Muscatatuck NWR. If using a military/refuge license and harvesting a buck it does not count towards your one buck state harvest limit. The refuge bag limit for the youth season is one buck and one doe or two does. See the Refuge hunting leaflet for more Refuge specific regulations and the Indiana Hunting and Trapping guide for State regulations regarding deer hunting.

All hunters must obtain and carry with them a Muscatatuck hunting leaflet while on the refuge. Hunting leaflets are available at the Refuge office and the Refuge visitor center, or you can download one from the Refuge website at fws.gov/refuge/muscatatuck. The front of the leaflet must be signed, indicating that you have read and understand refuge hunting regulations. Refuge hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Hunters must exit the refuge by one hour after sunset.

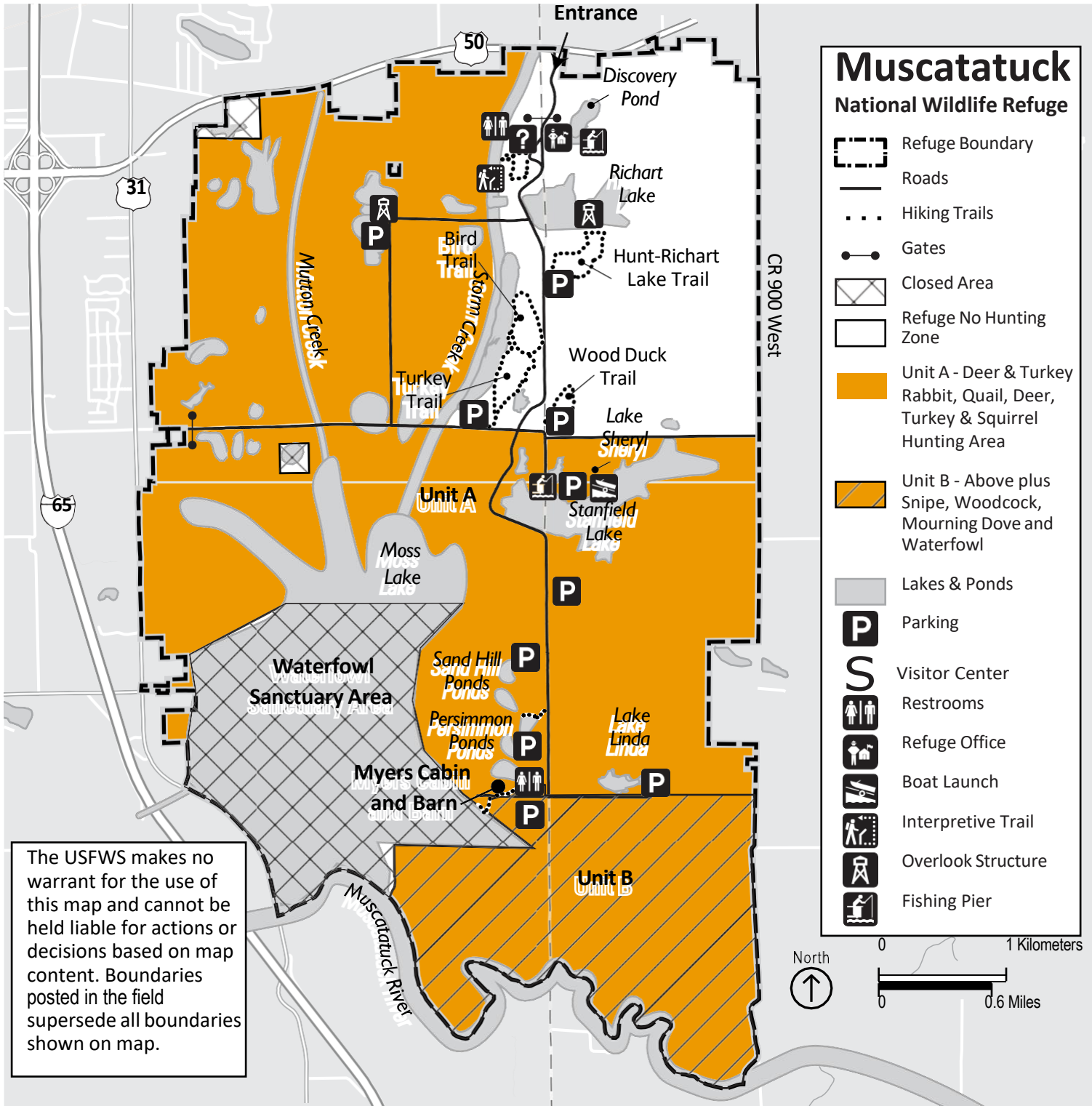
Area Information:

Muscatatuck NWR is located three miles east of Seymour, Indiana. The entrance road is located off U.S. Highway 50. The Refuge provides quality outdoor recreation opportunities for both hunters, anglers, wildlife viewers and other outdoor enthusiasts. The 7,802-acre property consists of wetland, grassland, and forest habitats. Each year, hunters successfully harvest several species including deer, turkey, waterfowl, and squirrels. Fifteen hunters will be drawn to participate in the youth deer hunt. A hunting map is available in our hunting brochure and on our website.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge office at (812) 522-4352 and/or Muscatatuck@fws.gov.

Address: 12985 E. US Hwy 50, Seymour, IN 47274



Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge

- Refuge Boundary
- Roads
- Hiking Trails
- Gates
- Closed Area
- Refuge No Hunting Zone
- Unit A - Deer & Turkey Rabbit, Quail, Deer, Turkey & Squirrel Hunting Area
- Unit B - Above plus Snipe, Woodcock, Mourning Dove and Waterfowl
- Lakes & Ponds
- Parking
- Visitor Center
- Restrooms
- Refuge Office
- Boat Launch
- Interpretive Trail
- Overlook Structure
- Fishing Pier

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