

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Fall 2008/Spring 2009 Hunting Map & Regulations

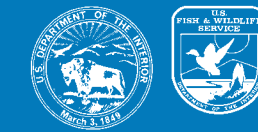


Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
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Bloomington, MN 55425-1600
952/854-5900

People with hearing impairments may reach Minnesota Valley NWR through the Federal Information Relay System at 1 800/877 8339

Minnesota Valley's website address:
<http://midwest.fws.gov/minnesotavalley>

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1 800/344 WILD
<http://www.fws.gov>



Contacts:
Emergencies..... 911

To report violations
Refuge Law Enforcement Officer 952-361-4508
TIP Line..... 1-800-652-9093
Carver Rapids Unit - DNR..... 952-492-6400

West Metro State Concervation
Office Dispatch..... 651-582-1511

General Hunting Regulations
Minnesota state regulations and refuge-specific regulations will be enforced. Hunting is allowed only on refuge units described in this brochure. Each unit offers specific hunting opportunities during Minnesota state seasons. You may only hunt species listed in this brochure.

For authorized hunting, refuge is open two hours before legal shooting time to one hour after legal shooting time.

Non-toxic shot must be used for all species. Possession of toxic shot is illegal.

Some areas have been posted as *No Hunting Zones* to protect buildings, private property or critical habitat areas. Please respect any signed area you encounter in the field.

The possession of alcohol while hunting is prohibited.

Gas or electric boat motors are prohibited on the refuge.

It is unlawful to drive a metal object into a tree or to hunt from a tree in which a metal object has been driven. Screw-in steps are prohibited.

All items, including boats and stands, must be removed at the end of the day. It is unlawful to hunt from a permanent stand.

Furbearers and crows may not be harvested on the refuge at any time.

Single projectiles for small game are prohibited.

The distribution of bait and hunting over bait, including salt licks, mineral blocks or any chemical substance applied to the ground or vegetation is prohibited on National Wildlife Refuge Units.

No motorized vehicles are allowed within the hunting units except at designated parking areas.

No hunting on, across or within 50 feet of any road, parking lot or marked trail.

Target shooting is prohibited.

The use or possession of rifles, pistols or air guns is prohibited on the refuge.

Waterfowl Hunting will be held in accordance with all state and federal hunting regulations and seasons.

Allowed hunting activities by unit and unit specific regulations

- Rapids Lake Unit*
The unit is open to the following:
- Deer Hunting
 - Archery, shotgun and muzzleloading
 - Waterfowl Hunting
 - Ducks, geese and coots
 - Small Game Hunting
 - Cottontail rabbit, pheasant, gray and fox squirrel, ruffed grouse and hungarian partridge
 - Turkey Hunting
 - Fall and spring state seasons.

- Louisville Swamp Unit*
(North of Middle Road)
- Archery deer hunting only

- (South of Middle Road)
- Archery deer hunting
 - Waterfowl Hunting
 - Small Game Hunting
 - Cottontail rabbit, pheasant, gray and fox squirrel, ruffed grouse and hungarian partridge
 - Turkey Hunting
 - Fall and spring state seasons.

- Wilkie Unit*
- Archery deer hunting allowed west of Eagle Creek ONLY.
 - Waterfowl Hunting
 - Ducks, geese and coots
 - (Restricted to the Rice Lake area:

East of old Hwy 18 and Hwy 169 and west of Eagle Creek and south of the Minnesota River and north of Hwy 13. See brochure map for details)

Trapping
Various refuge units are open to qualified trappers with a refuge permit.

Contact the refuge at 952-854-5900 for more information.

Special Note
Other areas of the refuge may be hunted with a special refuge permit by people with disabilities or participants of the Young Waterfowlers Program.

For other hunting opportunities on Waterfowl Production Areas visit our website at: <http://midwest.fws.gov/minnesotavalley/>

Hunting at Minnesota Valley NWR	Deer (Bow/arrow)	Deer (shotgun)	Deer (muzzle-loader)	Waterfowl	Small Game	Turkey
Rapids Lake	●	●	●	●	●	●
Louisville Swamp (North of Middle Rd)	●					
Louisville Swamp - (South of Middle Rd)	●			●	●	●
Wilkie	●					
Wilkie-Rice Lake	●			●		

Getting There

Rapids Lake Unit
DNR and Refuge land south of the Carver Bluffs development, mostly east of Co. Rd. 45, west of the Minnesota River, and downstream from the Co. Rd. 9 bridge near Jordan.

P1

From the Twin Cities, exit HWY 212 on Co. Rd. 40 to Carver. From the Carver Village Hall near the center of town, continue driving on Co. Rd. 40 south from town 2.2 miles to Co. Rd. 45. Turn left. Drive .8 miles to P1 on your left.

P2

As for P1 above, but continue driving another 1.1 miles south on Co. Rd. 45 to Carver Highlands Drive. Turn left. Drive straight about a half-mile to P2.

P7

Same as P1 and P2, but continue driving south on CR 45 to the south end of the Rapids Lake Unit. The lot is just before the bridge on the left.

P11

Same as P1, but from the city of Carver continue on CR 40, then turn left into Carver Bluffs Parkway. parking is on left near city soccer fields.

Louisville Swamp/Carver Rapids State Park and Refuge land between the railroad and the Minnesota River, south of the Bryan Rock Quarry, and north of Duck Lane and the Valley View Nursing Home.

P3

Exit HWY 169 at 145th St. W. approximately 4.75 miles south of Shakopee. Parking is 1/2 mile in. Drive past the main entrance to the Renaissance Festival, over the next set of railroad tracks, and bear left.

P4

Exit HWY 169 6-1/2 miles south of Shakopee on Bluff Drive. Drive 1/4-mile in to Jordan Ave., and turn right. Park on the right edge of the road, at least 100 yards from the house. You'll need to walk through private property to get to the gate. Please do so quietly.




Rapids Lake and Louisville Swamp Units

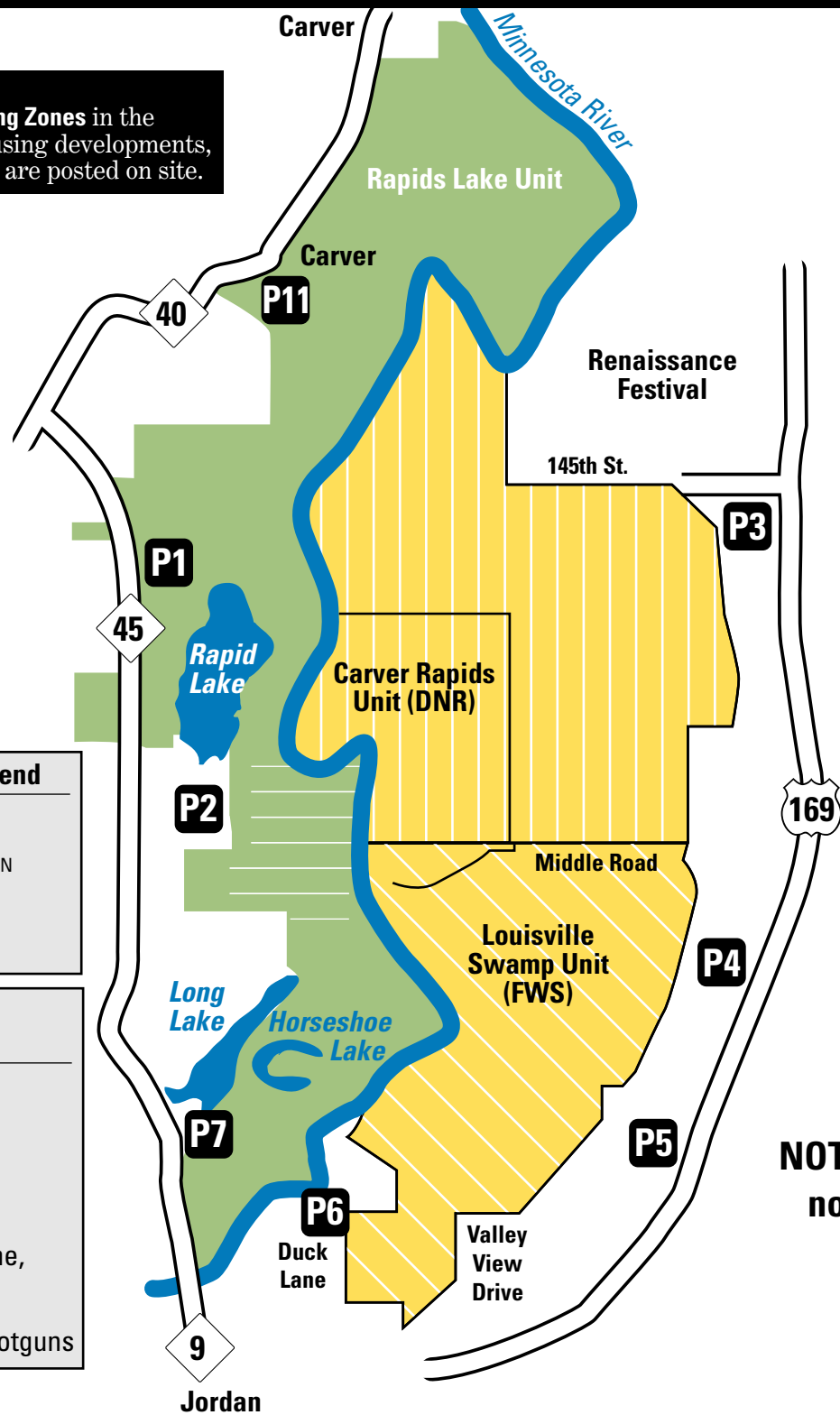
Please Note:
There are several **No Hunting Zones** in the Rapids Lake Unit near housing developments, trails, and buildings. Areas are posted on site.

Rapids Lake Map Legend

-  Rapids Lake Unit
Hunting according to MN State and Refuge regs.
-  No Hunting

Louisville Swamp Map Legend

-  Louisville Swamp Unit
-  Archery Deer Hunt Only
-  Archery Deer, Small Game, Waterfowl and Spring Turkey Hunting with Shotguns



NOTE: Maps are not to scale!

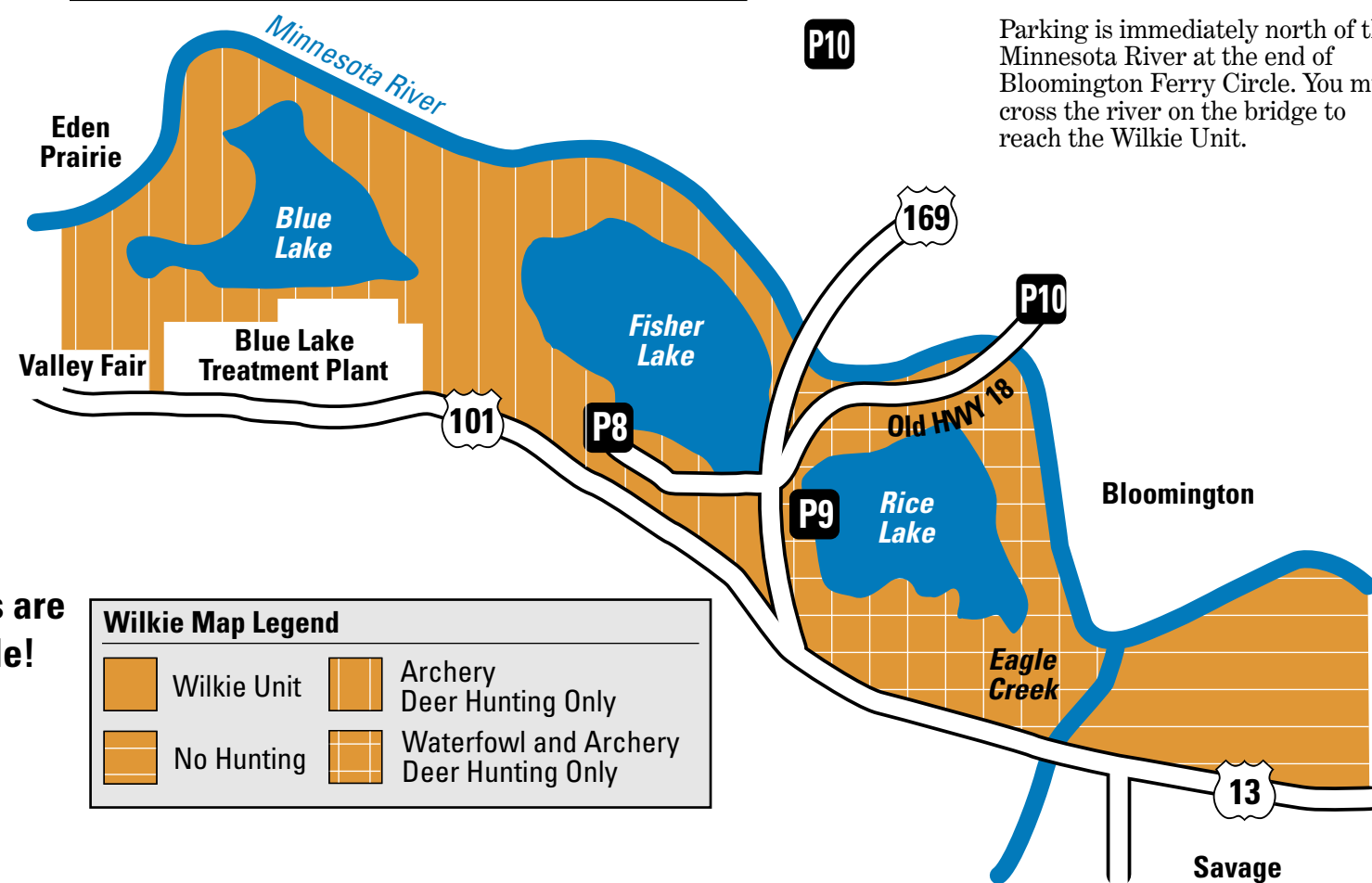
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Exit HWY 169 7.5 miles south of Shakopee. Turn right on 173rd St. Drive 1/4 mile on 173rd St. W. to a "T" intersection at Valley View Drive. Turn right. Drive over the railroad tracks carefully. Parking is 1/8 mile beyond the tracks.





P6

Exit HWY 169 as described for P5 above. Turn left at the "T" intersection. Drive 1.5 miles south on Valley View Drive, past the Scott County Jail Annex, over the railroad tracks, and then turn right on Circle Drive. Drive 1 block uphill to Highview Drive. Turn left and drive 1 block to Mendoza Ave. Turn right on Mendoza and drive 1 block to

Wilkie Unit



Wilkie Map Legend

-  Wilkie Unit
-  Archery Deer Hunting Only
-  No Hunting
-  Waterfowl and Archery Deer Hunting Only

Duck Lane. Turn right on Duck Lane. Hunter Parking Area is at the gate 1 mile N. 4-wheel drive is recommended until freeze-up.

Wilkie Unit

Refuge land east of Valleyfair and west of Eagle Creek.

P8

Parking lot is 1/4 mile west of the HWY 169/101 interchange. Proceed west on HWY 101 to the first stoplight and turn right.

P9

Waterfowl hunter access only. Drive through the gate at P8 .8 miles to the second gate. The boat launch to Rice Lake is 50 yards east of the road. Parking for your vehicle and trailer is under the HWY 169 bridge to the west.

P10

Parking is immediately north of the Minnesota River at the end of Bloomington Ferry Circle. You must cross the river on the bridge to reach the Wilkie Unit.