



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Lake Zahl

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations

Welcome

Welcome to Lake Zahl National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). The Refuge was established in 1939 as a “refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds.” The Refuge encompasses 3,739 acres and is one of over 520 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Refuge System is a network of lands set aside specifically for wildlife.

Recreational hunting opportunities at Lake Zahl NWR include hunting deer and upland game birds. The Refuge is closed to hunting all other birds and animals. Please familiarize yourself with the following information to help ensure a safe and enjoyable visit.

General Regulations

- All Federal and State hunting regulations apply.
- Hunters must possess all applicable State and Federal licenses.
- All shotgun hunters **must** use non-toxic shot.
- Vehicles are prohibited inside the Refuge boundaries. Only foot travel is allowed on the Refuge.
- Hunting on the Refuge is open only for deer and upland game birds.
- Waterfowl hunting is **not** permitted on the Refuge.
- Permanent tree stands are **not** allowed on the Refuge. Temporary tree stands are permitted on the Refuge, but they **cannot** be left up over night.
- Tree stands **cannot** injure the trees. Screw-in steps, bolts, nails, wire, or other objects that penetrate the bark of the tree **cannot** be used.
- Fishing is **not** allowed on the Refuge.
- Horses are **not** allowed on the Refuge.
- Baiting of any kind is **not** allowed on the Refuge.
- See map for areas closed to all hunting.

Refuge Information

- The Refuge is open daily from 5 am to 10 pm.
- Hunting hours follow those set in the North Dakota State hunting regulations.

Deer Hunting on the Refuge

Archery

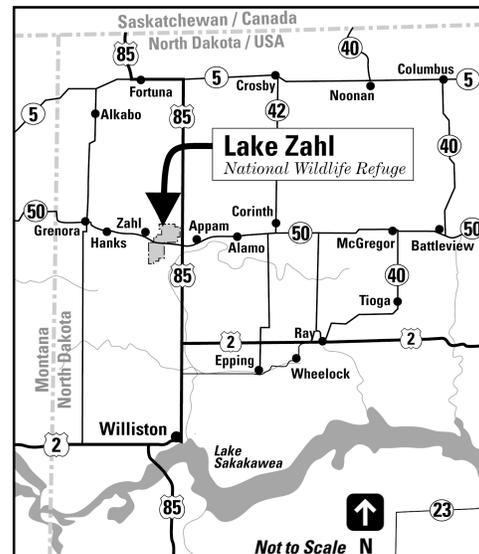
- Archery hunting is permitted on the Refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations. Archery deer season generally opens the first Friday in September. Check State hunting regulations for exact dates.
- Archery deer hunting on the Refuge is closed during the North Dakota State waterfowl hunting season.
- See map for areas closed to all hunting.

Rifle

- Rifle hunting is permitted on the Refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations. Rifle deer season generally opens the first Friday in November. Check State hunting regulations for exact dates.
- Rifle hunting on the Refuge is open in State Unit 3A1. Hunters must possess a valid State unit tag which may be obtained from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- See map for areas closed to all hunting.

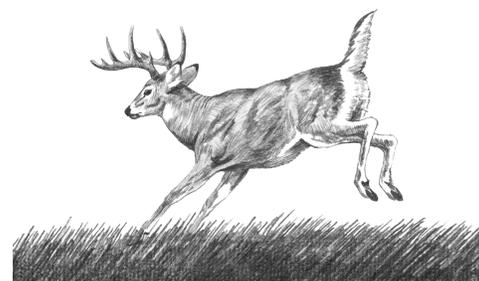
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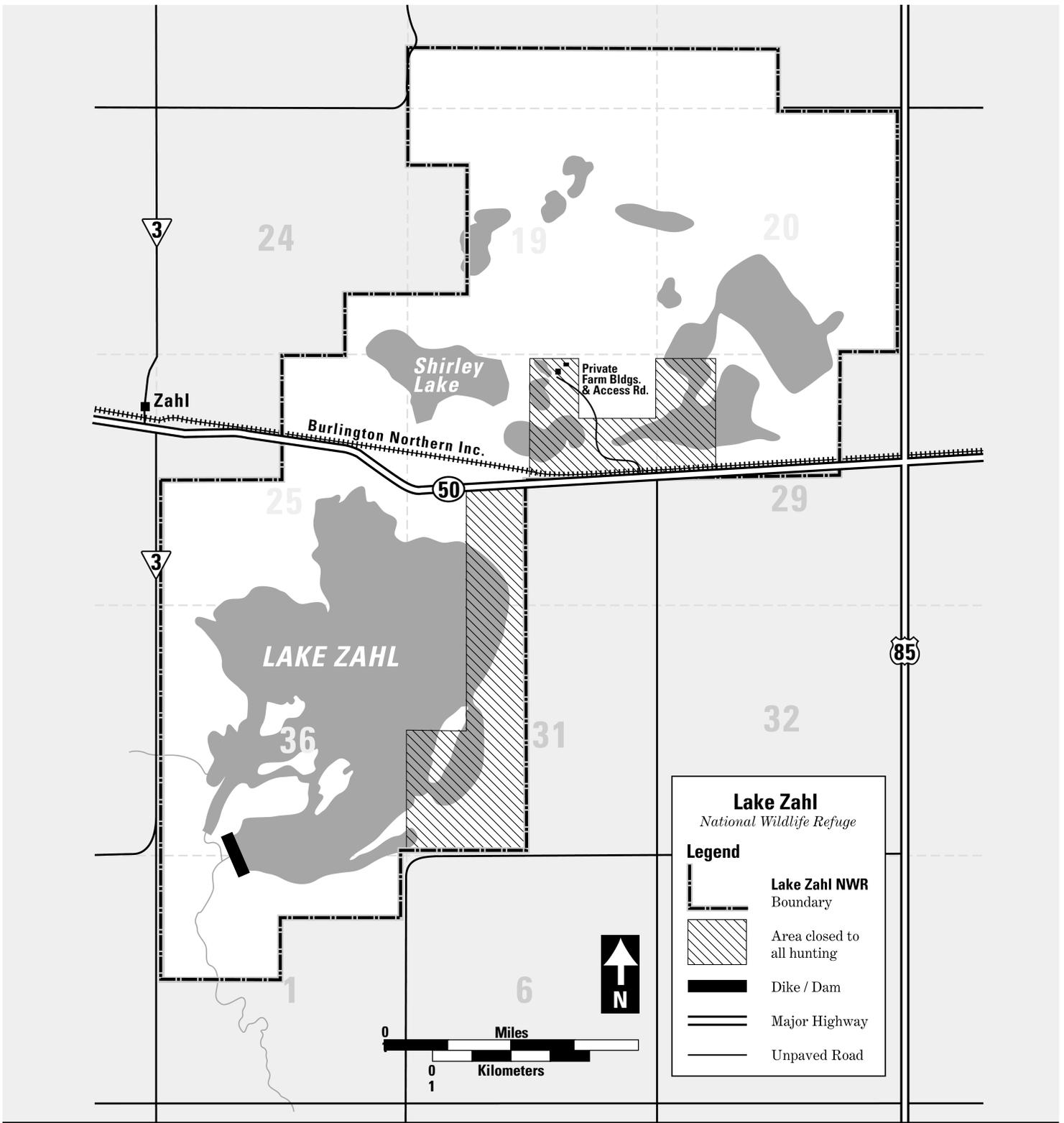
- Muzzleloader hunting is permitted on the Refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations. Muzzleloader season generally opens the first Friday after the close of the rifle deer season. Check State hunting regulations for exact dates.
- Muzzleloader hunters are required to have a special State permit which may be obtained from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- See map for areas closed to all hunting.



Upland Game Bird Hunting on the Refuge

- Special late season upland game bird hunting opens on the first Monday following the close of State rifle deer season. Upland game bird hunting is permitted on the Refuge in accordance with State hunting regulations. Check State hunting regulations for exact dates.
- Pheasant, gray partridge, and sharp-tailed grouse may be hunted on the Refuge until the end of the State season.
- Dogs are allowed for upland game bird hunting.
- Falconry is allowed on the Refuge only during the upland game bird season. State and Federal hunting regulations apply.
- See map for areas closed to all hunting.





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