



Public Hunting Land in Anoka County

Anoka County Conservation Area

Standard MN hunting and Anoka County Parks & Recreation regulations apply.

For further Conservation Area information and maps visit:
http://www.anokacountyparks.com/parks/cedar_creek_conservation_area/about.html

MN DNR - Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

Standard MN hunting and WMA regulations apply.

For further WMA information and maps visit:
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wmas>

 **Parking**

****Please contact your local community or Anoka County Parks to inquire about controlled permit hunting areas.**



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PUBLIC LANDS & WILDLIFE REFUGES

STATE LANDS

AQUATIC MANAGEMENT AREAS

The DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife acquires land along lakes and streams to provide fishing opportunities and to protect critical fish habitat. These areas, known as Aquatic Management Areas (AMAs), are posted with signs to indicate allowable uses. Each sign is marked with a letter to easily identify permitted activities. It is always unlawful to leave personal equipment, such as tree stands, unattended on AMAs.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

All public land in state-owned Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) is open to the hunting of all species of protected wild animals and trapping of mammals during the established seasons found in this booklet, except as follows:

General Restrictions

- **Trespass:** Portions of WMAs posted closed to trespassing may not be entered without DNR authorization.
- **Closed Hours:** WMAs may not be entered or used during closed hours if posted with these restrictions at major access points, except by permit.
- **Camping:** Camping is prohibited except in designated overnight-use areas or with a permit from the wildlife manager. A vehicle, trailer or tent lawfully left overnight must be occupied or attended.
- **Alcohol:** Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed, except by persons lawfully occupying an overnight-use area.
- **Firearms and Target Shooting:** Target, skeet, trap, or indiscriminate shooting is prohibited. A person may not possess an uncased or loaded firearm or an uncased or strung bow, except when lawfully taking a wild animal or by permit.
- **Destruction or Removal of Property:** Signs, posts, fences, gates, buildings, trees, shrubs, vines, plants, or other property may not be destroyed or removed (including use of metal detectors to remove property), except as follows: Wetland vegetation may be used to build blinds on the area, and edible fruits and seeds, or decorative portions of plants may be removed for personal use.
- **Garbage Disposal and Animal Abandonment:** Disposing of or abandoning live animals, carcasses, garbage, trash, spoil, sludge, rocks, vehicles, or other debris or personal property on any WMA is prohibited.

- **Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Equipment:** Boats, decoys, and other equipment must not be left unattended overnight, with the exception of traps in areas open to trapping and fish houses or dark houses in certain designated WMAs.
- **Blinds and Structures:** A person may not construct or maintain any building, dock, fence, billboard, sign, or other structure on any WMA, except that temporary waterfowl blinds may be erected, but may not become private property or be used to preempt hunting rights. Any materials brought into a WMA for the construction of a blind must be removed each day at the close of hunting hours.
- **Elevated Stands:** A person may not construct, occupy, or use any elevated scaffold or other elevated device for the purpose of hunting, watching, or killing wild animals, except that portable stands may be used if they are removed each day at the close of hunting hours and do no permanent damage. Prior to the opening day of archery deer season, portable stands may be left overnight in a wildlife management area by a person with a valid bear license who is hunting within 100 yards of a bear bait site that is legally tagged and registered. The licensee's name and address, or drivers license number, or MNDNR number must be affixed to the stand in such a manner that it can be read from the ground.
- **Dogs:** Dogs are permitted on WMAs only when accompanied by or under the control of the owner. From April 16 through July 14, dogs must be on a leash. A person training a dog on a WMA may not use live ammunition or blank cartridges, including the use of blanks in dummy launchers or similar devices.
- **Other Domestic Animals:** Livestock, horses, and other domestic animals, are not permitted on WMAs except under cooperative agreement or permit approved by the wildlife manager.
- **Unprotected Animals:** Unprotected wild animals may be taken from September 1 through the last day of February, or by any person legally hunting a protected species, unless the area is specifically closed.
- **Beaver and Otter:** Beavers and otters may only be taken by permit issued by the wildlife manager.
- **Crows:** Crows may be taken during established seasons, unless the area is specifically closed.

WMAs with Special Restrictions

Becklin Homestead Park WMA (Isanti County)—Is only open to special disabled hunts.

Bass Brook WMA (Itasca County) **St. Michael Meadow WMA** (Wright County)—These areas are closed to firearms hunting and trapping but open to archery deer hunting.

Bayport WMA (Washington County), **Hastings WMA** (Dakota County), and **Raguet WMA** (Scott and Carver counties)—These areas are closed to the trapping of unprotected mammals except when there is an open trapping season for any protected species. Firearms may not be possessed unless they are unloaded and contained in a case, except in designated hunting areas during the season for the taking of small game when shotgun with No.4 or smaller shot only is permitted. The possession and use of bows and arrows are limited to the designated hunting areas during established hunting seasons.

Boerner WMA (Sibley County), **Buelow WMA** (Steele County), **Bryson WMA** (Freeborn County), **Chapa Kak-Say-Za WMA** (Steele County), and **Hutchinson WMA** (McCleod County)—These areas are closed to the hunting and trapping of all species. **Sand Prairie WMA** is closed to the hunting and trapping of all species except for special hunts by people with disabilities. 

Carl and Verna Schmidt WMA (LeSueur County) **Bur Oak WMA** (LeSueur County) and **Pine City WMA** (Pine County)—Closed to hunting of all species.

Carlos Avery WMA Controlled Hunt Zone—Two blinds will be available by drawing on Saturday and Tuesday mornings through the waterfowl season. Minnesota Waterfowl Association will conduct drawings for blinds 2 weeks prior to each week of hunting. For rules, application form and dates go to: www.mndnr.gov/averyhunt, www.mnwaterfowl.com, or call Carlos Avery WMA Headquarters at 651-296-5200.

Gold Portage WMA (Koochiching and St. Louis counties)—This area is open only to waterfowl hunting.

Gun Lake WMA (Aitkin County)—A 20-acre posted wildlife sanctuary in the northwest corner of the unit is closed to trespass from September–March 31.

Hearding Island WMA and **Interstate Island WMA** (St. Louis County) are closed to the hunting of all species.

Uppgaard WMA (Crow Wing County)—This area is open to hunting beginning on the opening day of waterfowl hunting.

Gordon W. Yeager WMA (in the Rochester Refuge, Olmsted County) **Eastside WMA** (Olmsted County), and **Clare Johnson–Carl Schmidt WMA** (Morrison County)—These areas are closed to waterfowl hunting. Firearms are restricted to shotgun with fine shot only for small game hunting. **Gordon W. Yeager WMA**—Open to archery deer hunting only.

Lac qui Parle, Thief Lake, Talcot Lake, and Orwell WMAs—Small game hunting is restricted in the Controlled Goose Hunting Zones.

Lake Blanche WMA (Ottertail County)—This area is closed to firearms deer hunting.

Mentel WMA (Mower County) is closed to all firearms hunting, but it is open for trapping and archery hunting.

Moose Willow WMA (Aitkin County)—The south portion of the Moose Pool has been posted as a wildlife sanctuary, closed to access, hunting or trapping from September 1–March 31.

Talcot Lake WMA—Small and big game hunting is restricted in the controlled hunting zone.

Ricehaven WMA (St. Louis County)—The posted area is closed to all trespass from September 15 through July 31. Canoeing, birdwatching, and wild rice harvest (during the wild rice season) is allowed from August 1–September 14. Hunting and trapping is prohibited in the posted area.

Sand Prairie WMA (Stearns County)—is open during the regular archery season for youth ages 10 through 17 except from November 9–17, when a special deer hunt for disabled individuals will be held.

Timber Lake WMA (Jackson County)—A portion of this area is closed to firearms deer hunting (as posted).

Pike Bay WMA (St. Louis County)—This area is closed to trapping of all species.

Schrafel WMA (Mower County)—This area is closed to trapping and firearms hunting. Open to falconry and archery hunting for deer and small game.

Dr. Johan C. Hvoslef WMA (Fillmore County)—This area is open to archery hunting only from September 1 through October 31 and during the spring turkey season. Firearms hunting (no centerfire rifles) is allowed from November 1 through December 15.

Wesley E. Olson WMA (Big Stone County), **Tom Cliff WMA** (Waseca County), **Somsen WMA** (Brown County)—Are closed to hunting.

Lac Qui Parle WMA (Lac Qui Parle County), **Moonan WMA** (Waseca County), **Two Rivers WMA** (Redwood County), and the **Perched Valley WMA** (Goodhue County), and **Walnut Lake WMA** (Faribault county)—Have buffer areas posted closed to hunting.

Roseau River WMA (Roseau County), The Pool 1 Sanctuary is open for deer hunting during the muzzleloader season (including archery hunting).

Vermillion Highlands—A Research, Recreation and Wildlife Management Area (Dakota County) is open to archery, firearms and muzzleloader deer hunting by special lottery only and is open to late season goose hunting and spring turkey hunting. Note: There are no longer designated parking stalls for pheasant hunters. Predator hunting will be allowed from the end of the muzzleloader season to March 31 by special permit only. Contact the Vermillion Complex Wildlife Office for questions at 651-322-4643.

Trapping Permits Required

All trappers must, regardless of furbearers taken, obtain a permit from the area manager on the following WMAs: **Carlos Avery** (Anoka and Chisago counties), **Hubbel Pond** (Becker County), **Red Lake** (Beltrami and Lake of the Woods counties), **Lac qui Parle** (Big Stone, Lac qui Parle, Swift, and Chippewa counties), **Mille Lacs** (Mille Lacs and Kanabec counties), **Roseau River** (Roseau County), **Talcot Lake** (Cottonwood and Murray counties), **Thief Lake** (Marshall County), **Vermillion Highlands** (Dakota County) and **Whitewater** (Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona counties).

Wild Rice

A person may harvest wild rice in a WMA, except where specifically closed. (See page 97 for more information.)

Ginseng

A person may not harvest wild ginseng in a WMA, except by permit. The season opens September 1.

Motor Vehicles

The following regulations apply to motor vehicle use on WMAs other than on federal, state, county, or township roads:

- Motor vehicles licensed for use on a public highway may be operated on established roads on the following WMAs, but not at speeds over 20 m.p.h. unless posted otherwise. No vehicles may be driven beyond a sign prohibiting vehicular use, beyond any constructed vehicle barrier, or in a reckless or careless manner. The areas are: **Carlos Avery** (Anoka and Chisago counties), **Hubbel Pond** (Becker County), **Mille Lacs** (Kanabec and Mille Lacs counties), **Red Lake** (Beltrami and Lake of the Woods counties), **Roseau River** (Roseau County), **Spring Lake Islands** (Dakota County) for the purpose of ice fishing, and **Thief Lake** (Marshall County).
- Vehicles are prohibited on all other WMAs. The exception is that vehicles may be operated at speeds of 20 mph or less, on travel routes designated with signs for travel purposes.
- No vehicle may be parked in front of any gate or where it obstructs travel.
- No person may operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), all-terrain cycle (ATC), hang glider, air boat, personal watercraft (jet-ski), or hovercraft in a WMA unless specifically authorized.
- On Wildlife Management Areas north and west of the line described below an ATV may be used by a licensed firearms deer hunter who does not possess a firearm (cased or uncased) to retrieve and transport a deer that is known to be dead from the close of shooting hours to 2 hours after the close of shooting hours during the regular firearms deer season and for 1 day after the season: beginning at State Highway 1 from the

west boundary of the state to State Highway 89, then north along State Highway 89 to Fourtown, then north on County State Aid Highway 44 to County Road 704, Beltrami County, then north on County Road 704 to Dick's Parkway State Forest Road, then north on Dick's Parkway to County State Aid Highway 5, then north on County State Aid Highway 5 to Warroad, then north on State Highway 11 to State Highway 313, then north on State Highway 313 to the north boundary of the state.

- On wildlife management areas within the area described as follows, a licensed deer hunter may operate an all-terrain vehicle during the firearms deer season before and after shooting hours and from 11am to 2pm: from State Highway 1 and the west boundary of the Red Lake Indian Reservation; then west to State Highway 219; then north on State Highway 219 to State Highway 89; then north to State Highway 89 to County Highway 6; then east on County Highway 6 to County Highway 54 and County Highway 1 (Beltrami/Marshall county line); then north along the Beltrami/Marshall county line to the Roseau county line; east on the Beltrami/Roseau county line to Dick's Parkway, then south on Dick's Parkway to County Road 704, Beltrami county; then south to County State-aid Highway 44 to Fourtown; then south on State Highway 89 to the north boundary of the Red Lake Indian Reservation, then west and south following the boundary of the Red Lake Indian Reservation to the beginning.
- Without written permission from the DNR, no person may operate a snowmobile in a WMA south of a line described as follows: U.S. Highway 2 from Grand Forks east to Bemidji, then south along U.S. Highway 71 to Wadena, then east along U.S. Highway 10 to Staples and U.S. Highway 210 to the eastern boundary of the state.
- No person may use aircraft over a WMA in a manner that chases, herds, scares, or otherwise disturbs wildlife, except in emergencies or by authorization of the wildlife manager.

Blinds for Hunters With Disabilities



The Lac qui Parle, Roseau River, Talcot Lake, and Whitewater Wildlife Management Areas have a limited number of goose hunting blinds for hunters with disabilities. Talcot Lake WMA and Roseau River WMA each have a wheelchair accessible deer blind for firearms hunting. Reservations are required for the Roseau River WMA blind. For more information, write to: Lac qui Parle WMA, 14047 20th St. NW, Watson, MN 56295; Talcot Lake WMA, 40249 Co. Rd. 7, Dundee, MN 56131; Roseau River WMA, 27952 400th St., Roseau, MN 56751; or Whitewater WMA, 15035 Highway 75, Altura, MN 55910.

Motorized Watercraft

The use of outboard motors (including electric trolling motors) or motorized water vehicles (including amphibious vehicles) is prohibited on waters within the boundaries of most state WMAs, except as follows:

Motorized Watercraft Permitted	
Area	County
Gold Portage WMA	Koochiching and St. Louis
Gores (Mississippi River Pool 3) WMA	Goodhue and Dakota
Hubbel Pond (Hanson Lake) WMA	Becker
Lac qui Parle WMA (except where posted)	Big Stone, Lac qui Parle, Chippewa, and Swift
Mud-Goose WMA* (except during the waterfowl season)	Cass
Orwell Reservoir*	Otter Tail
Roseau River WMA**	Roseau
South Walnut Lake WMA*	Faribault
Swamp River WMA	Cook
Spring Lake Islands WMA	Dakota
Talcot Lake WMA***	Cottonwood and Murray
Thief Lake WMA*	Marshall

* Motor size is restricted to 10 horsepower or less on these units.

** There are no motor limits on the main channel and oxbows of the Roseau River. Elsewhere on the Roseau River WMA, only motors of 10 horsepower or less may be used and only on days that the waterfowl season is open.

*** On the Talcot Lake WMA, motors are permitted on the lake (except on any day that the waterfowl season is open) but are prohibited on the river and marshes at any time of year.

STATE REFUGES

Game Refuges

A state game refuge is closed to the hunting and trapping of wild animals unless listed below or in the table (pages 105-107). **Even though a refuge may be open, it could contain privately owned land on which the land-owner may prohibit hunting.**

General Restrictions

- A person may not trap beaver or otter within any state-owned game refuge without first obtaining a permit from the appropriate wildlife manager.
- Unprotected wild animals may be taken when there is an open season for any protected species, but only during the hours and by methods allowed for the protected species.

CEDAR CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

HUNTING REGULATIONS

This Conservation Area was acquired with funding provided by the Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Legacy Fund and is open to the public for hunting and fishing during the regular open seasons, as designated by the State of Minnesota and in accordance with current state Hunting and Trapping Regulations and Anoka County Ordinances.

Principle regulations for your use of this area are listed below. Further information is available by calling the Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department at (763) 757-3920.

- This Conservation Area is surrounded by private residential property, therefore, exercise extreme caution when discharging all firearms and bows. Under no circumstances shall projectiles fall outside of the designated conservation area boundary.
- Discharging of all firearms and bows is prohibited within 500 feet of a building.
- Conservation Area is open from 6:00 am until 30 minutes after sunset.
- When designated parking lot is full (approximately 15 vehicles), the hunting capacity of the Conservation Area is full and no further access is allowed. The parking lot capacity determines the number of hunters that are allowed to hunt.
- Camping is not permitted.
- Horses, ATV's, and other motorized vehicles are not allowed, except snowmobiles during designated times.
- Target or promiscuous shooting is not permitted.
- Tree stands, boats, decoys, and other equipment, except traps, must be removed daily.



For more information:

Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department (763) 757-3920

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