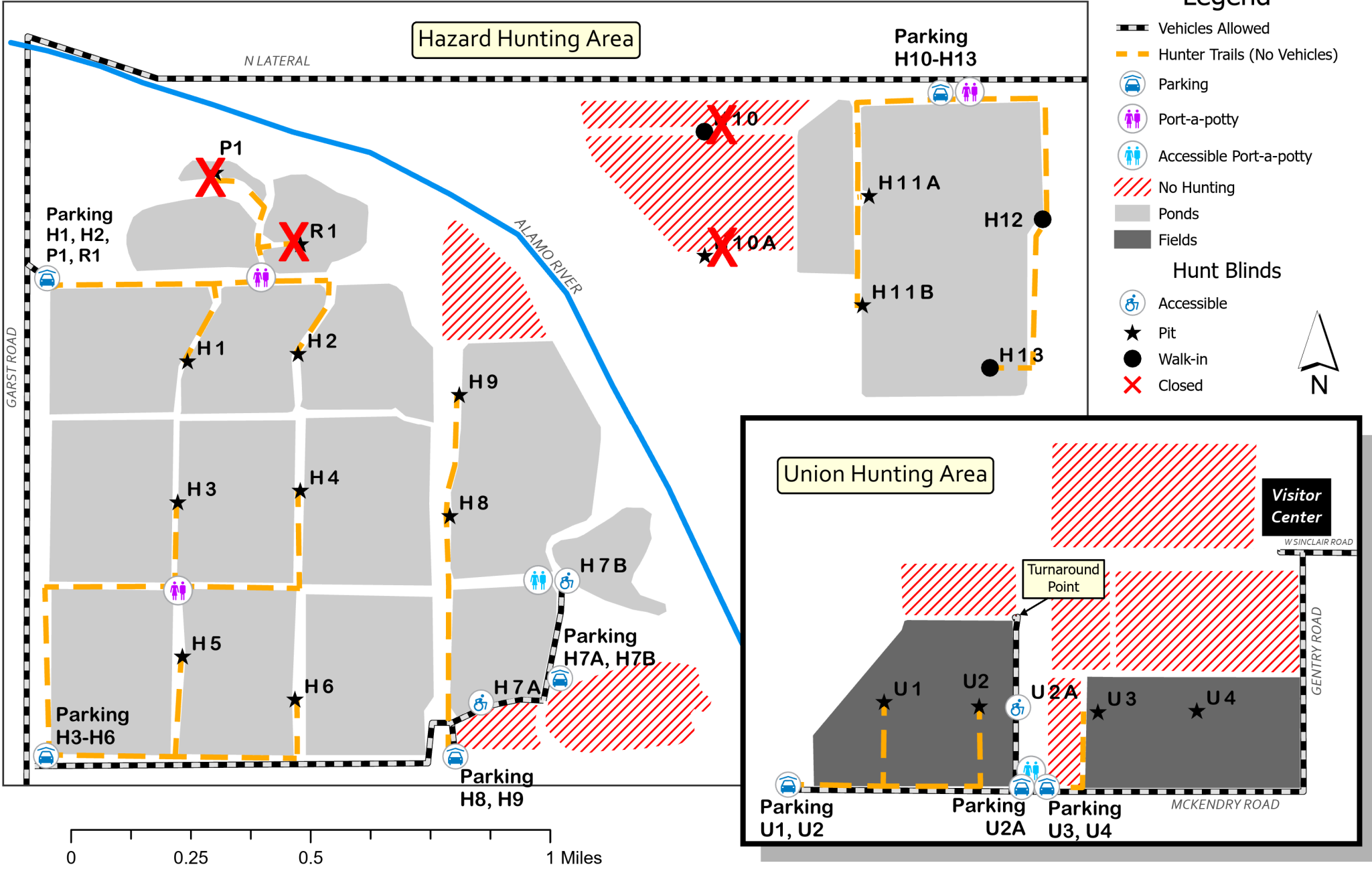




Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge Hazard and Union Hunting Areas



**U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
SONNY BONO SALTON SEA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

HUNTING - SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Hazard Tract - Hunters are permitted to actively hunt within 100 feet of their assigned blinds. Hunters must remain within 100 feet of their assigned blind at all times, except while placing decoys, retrieving a downed bird, or traveling to or from parking areas. Firearms must remain unloaded in parking areas and while traveling to and from assigned hunting blinds. NOTE: this area provides duck and goose hunting opportunities over flooded impoundments. Waders are advised. Hunt Blind 7B is an accessible blind where a dog or non-motorized water craft are mandatory to retrieve birds. Wading is hazardous due to the depth of the pond and underwater mud pots. Hunting is not allowed from the water craft.

--Hazard Blinds 7A, 7B, and 2A are specifically constructed and available to accommodate hunters who require accessibility for persons with disabilities.

--Hazard Blind 7B requires a dog or small boat for duck retrieval.

Union Tract - Hunters are required to actively hunt from their assigned blind. Hunters must remain at their assigned blind-site at all times, except while placing decoys, retrieving downed birds or traveling to or from the parking area. Firearms must remain unloaded in parking area and while traveling to and from assigned hunting blinds. The use of goose decoys is mandatory. NOTE: This area offers goose hunting from pit blinds in an open field.

HUNTING - GENERAL REGULATIONS

Species - Only ducks, geese, coots, and moorhens (gallinules) may be hunted.

Season - The refuge is only open to hunting during waterfowl season in accordance with State of California regulations.

Hunting Days - Hunting is permitted on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays only.

Reservations - The daily quota of hunters shall be filled by those holding advance reservations which are issued by the CA Department of Fish and Game. Hunters with reservations must present them at the Wister Check Station no later than one and one-half hours before shooting time.

Non-reservation Hunters - Vacancies occurring from no show reservation holders and from hunters leaving the area shall be filled according to the order established in the previous night's drawing at the Wister Check Station.

Permit Required - A permit must be obtained at the Wister Check Station and must be in the hunter's possession for hunting on the refuge. Hunters are permitted to enter only the assigned blind site for which the permit is issued. A fee is required for all persons 16 years and older.

Licenses - All hunters must possess a valid California State hunting license. All hunters 16 years and older must also possess a validated California State Duck Stamp and a signed Federal Duck Stamp

Check-out - All hunters are required to check out at the Wister Check Station, report hunting results, and return their permits before leaving the area.

Firearms & Ammunition - STEEL SHOT IS REQUIRED. Shotguns larger than 12 gauge, rifles, and hand guns are prohibited. No shot larger than size T may be used or possessed and buckshot is prohibited. Loaded firearms are prohibited in the parking lots. All shotguns must be unloaded while traveling to and from assigned blinds. **SAFETY FIRST!** Help us maintain a SAFE hunt.

Shell Limit - No more than 25 shells may be possessed while in the field outside of the assigned parking lot.

Dogs - The use of dogs is encouraged, but not required except for Blind 7B. All dogs must be under control at all times.

Parking - Vehicle parking is allowed only in designated parking areas, coinciding with assigned blinds. These will be assigned at the Wister Check Station. Please be aware and avoid flaring another hunter's birds while walking to and from the parking areas.

Littering - Littering is prohibited. Please carry out trash and spent cartridges. Trash cans are provided at the parking areas for your use.

Alcoholic Beverages - The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while actively hunting,

Injury & Accidents - Injuries and accidents occurring on the refuge must be reported immediately to the Wister Check Station and/ or to the refuge headquarters. Telephone: (760) 359-0577 or 348-5278,

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