

# Silvio O. Conte

## National Fish and Wildlife Refuge

### 2023-2024 Hunting and Fishing in New Hampshire

Division/Unit	Areas Open/Closed to Hunting	Areas Open/Closed to Fishing
Blueberry Swamp	1,236	1,236
Mascoma River	5,173	5,173
Pondicherry	6,471	6,471
Saddle Island	1.5	1.5
Fair Grounds	48	48

**We allow hunting and fishing at the above divisions and units within the refuge subject to certain conditions.**

Please refer to the New Hampshire Hunting and Fishing Digests for clothing requirements, definition of approved weapons, bag limits, license requirements, and other important information. Contact New Hampshire Fish and Game at (603) 271-3421 or check their web page at [www.wildlife.nh.gov](http://www.wildlife.nh.gov).

#### Allowed Species

**Migratory Game:** We allow hunting of coot, crow, duck, goose, Wilson’s snipe, and American woodcock designated areas of the refuge. Refuge lands open to migratory bird hunting will be in accordance with the State of New Hampshire’s applicable migratory bird regulations.

**Upland Game:** We allow hunting of eastern cottontail, coyote, fisher, fox (gray and red), mink, muskrat, opossum, porcupine, raccoon, skunk, snowshoe hare, squirrel (gray and red), weasel, woodchuck, ring-necked pheasant, and ruffed grouse on designated areas of the refuge. Refuge lands open to upland game hunting will be in accordance with the State of New Hampshire’s applicable upland game regulations.

**Big Game:** We allow the hunting of white-tailed deer, moose, black bear, and wild turkey on designated areas of the refuge. Refuge lands open to big game hunting will be in accordance with the State of New Hampshire’s applicable big game regulations.

**Fish:** Recreational fishing is conducted under the State of New Hampshire’s regulations for open water fishing, with some additional restrictions to protect fish, wildlife, and habitat, and to reduce potential public use conflicts. We allow fishing in the brooks and rivers within the refuge.

#### Access and Permits

Access to refuge lands for hunting is from public roads and adjoining public lands and water. No refuge specific permit is required.

#### Permits

Each person shall secure and possess the required State license, and comply with the laws and regulations of the State of New Hampshire.

#### Reminders

- You may use portable tree stands and blinds. Your name and state hunting license number must be clearly visible on the tree stands or blinds, and you must remove them no later than 72 hours after the close of the season.
- No recorded or electronic calls can be used.
- No baiting is allowed on refuge lands. We prohibit the use of reptiles and amphibians as bait for fishing.
- We allow the use of dogs consistent with State regulations. Dog training is allowed from August 1 through the last Saturday in September during daylight hours.
- Conte Refuge lands in NH are closed to night hunting.
- We allow disabled hunters to hunt from a vehicle that is at least 10 feet from the traveled portion of the refuge road if the hunter possesses a State-issued disabled hunting license and a Special Use Permit (FWS Form 3-1383-G) issued by the refuge manager.
- Big Cherry and Little Cherry Ponds are owned by the New Hampshire Audubon Society and are closed to hunting.

#### For more information, contact:

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