



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Ninigret

## National Wildlife Refuge

## Big and Upland Game Hunting Regulations 2020–2021

### Welcome

Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1970 in Charlestown, Rhode Island. Part of the Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex, this 858-acre refuge was established for the protection and management of migratory birds. A popular destination for many forms of wildlife dependent recreation, Ninigret is open to big game hunting at designated areas in alignment with State and refuge regulations.

#### Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge

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### Hunt Brochure and Permit Big Game Hunting 2020-2021

I have read and agree to comply with the refuge rules and regulations described in this hunt brochure. Permit valid for current season only.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

You must carry this signed and dated permit with you at all times while hunting on the refuge.

This is a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



### Hunt Information

Hunters are required to possess a valid Rhode Island hunting license, all required stamps, an original valid government-issued photo identification (no copies or photos), and a valid hunting permit (signed brochure) on their person at all times during refuge hunting days. Archery and firearms hunting for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, coyote, and fox is allowed in designated locations, during the State hunting seasons. Only permitted hunters may take coyote and fox during the deer hunting season. Salt Pond Unit will be closed to all users during the Special Veteran Deer Hunt in November (date pending), and the Youth Deer Hunt December 5 - 20, 2020.

### Firearms

No firearms hunting allowed on Kettle Pond and Salt Pond Units with this permit. Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42) and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32.

### Vehicles

Licensed motor vehicles are permitted only on designated roads and parking areas as indicated on the hunt map. All-terrain vehicles (ATVs and UTVs), dirt bikes, or other non-licensed vehicles are prohibited.

### Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eoo/public-civil-rights>.

### Hunting Regulations

Hunting is permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State of Rhode Island regulations subject to the conditions stated below.

### Access

White-tailed deer, wild turkey, coyote, and fox hunting dates and times are posted in the Rhode Island Hunting and Trapping Abstract. No night hunting. Hunting is permitted in designated areas of the refuge as depicted on the hunting map. Safety zone maps are posted to the refuge website. No hunting allowed within safety zones, no weapon discharge into, from, or within safety zones. Hunters may pass through a safety zone to access a hunt unit without arrows knocked and no loaded firearms. Some, but not all safety zones are marked in the field. Only participants who possess an authorized hunt permit (signed brochure) will be allowed to enter the hunt areas. Hunters may scout the hunt units one week prior to the season with a valid permit (signed brochure). No access permitted to Salt Pond Unit during Special Hunts listed in the first paragraph. IMPORTANT - Public use trails are open to hikers at Kettle Pond and Salt Pond Units during the archery deer and turkey seasons. No hunting allowed within 100 feet of a public trail.

### Tree Stands and Hunting Blinds

We only allow portable tree stands and blinds. You must clearly label any tree stand or blind left on the refuge overnight with your Rhode Island hunting license number. You must remove your tree stand and/or blind from the refuge on the last day of the deer hunting season.

### Harvest Reporting

In addition to following State harvest reporting requirements, hunters must complete a Big Game Harvest Report (FWS form 3-2359) and return it to the refuge by March 15, 2021.

