

Department of Natural Resources

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS; GAME REFUGES; 6240
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6230.0290 BECKLIN HOMESTEAD PARK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

The Becklin Homestead Park Wildlife Management Area is open to hunting and trapping during the established seasons only to disabled hunters and trappers who meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.055, subdivision 3, paragraphs (a) and (b).

6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.

[For text of subpart 1, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 2. Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County. The Bemidji Game Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through ~~October 31~~ the Thursday nearest November 4;

B. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season, except on Lake Bemidji, the Mississippi River, and Stump Lake;

C. trapping for beaver, mink, otter, and muskrat only; and

~~E. D. deer and bear hunting by archery through the first Sunday in December; and~~

E. deer and bear hunting by firearms.

[For text of subp 3, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 4. Claremont Game Refuge, Dodge County. The Claremont Game Refuge in Dodge County is open to:

A. small game hunting, except ducks and mergansers;

B. trapping; and

C. deer hunting by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season; and

D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 5. Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County. The Clay County Game Refuge in Clay County is open to:

A. prairie chicken hunting;

B. deer and bear hunting by firearms; ~~and~~

~~B.~~ C. deer and bear hunting by archery; and

D. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season.

[For text of subps 6 and 7, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 8. East Minnesota River Game Refuge, Blue Earth and Le Sueur Counties. The East Minnesota River Game Refuge in Blue Earth and Le Sueur Counties is open to deer, wild turkey, and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 9. Elizabeth Lake Game Refuge, Isanti County. The Elizabeth Lake Game Refuge in Isanti County is open to:

A. small game hunting, except waterfowl;

B. trapping;

C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; ~~and~~

D. deer and bear hunting by archery; and

E. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season and waterfowl hunting on youth waterfowl day, for youth who are accompanied by a nonhunting adult and are participating in the Isanti County Sportsmen's Club mentoring program.

[For text of subp 10, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 11. Evansville Game Refuge, Douglas County. The Evansville Game Refuge in Douglas County is open to:

A. trapping; ~~and~~

B. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season; and

C. deer and bear hunting by firearms.

Subp. 12. Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge, Kanabec County. The Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge in Kanabec County is open to

trapping, small game hunting except waterfowl, and deer and bear hunting by firearms and archery.

[For text of subp 13, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 14. German Lake Game Refuge, Isanti County. The German Lake Game Refuge in Isanti County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; ~~and~~
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery; and
- E. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season and waterfowl hunting on youth waterfowl day, for youth who are accompanied by a nonhunting adult and are participating in the Isanti County Sportsmen's Club mentoring program.

[For text of subps 15 to 20, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 21. Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties. The following special provisions apply to the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties:

A. Those portions within the Lac qui Parle State Recreational Area, Mission Site, or that are posted to prohibit trespass are closed to hunting. The remainder of the refuge is open to:

- (1) waterfowl hunting only during the open Canada goose season in the ~~Lac qui Parle West Central Goose Zone~~, only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.1100;
- (2) deer hunting; and
- (3) small game hunting other than waterfowl, ~~except from the first day of the open goose season Saturday, October 15 through the last day of the open Canada goose season in the ~~Lac qui Parle West Central Goose Zone~~, when small game hunting is allowed only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.1100. Small game hunting is not allowed on closed Canada goose hunting days during a split goose season.~~

B. A person may not trespass on any part of the refuge which is posted with signs prohibiting trespass during the dates posted, except that fishing is permitted in the posted closed area ~~within the ~~Lac qui Parle~~, except from Saturday, October 15 through the last day of the open Canada goose season in the West Central Goose Zone on any day when goose hunting in the zone is closed.~~

C. A person may not enter onto Rosemoen Island at any time during the year, except as specifically authorized.

D. Designated hunting stations within the refuge must be spaced no less than 200 yards apart and must be no more than 125 yards inside the refuge, as measured from the posted boundary.

Subp. 22. Lake Ripley Game Refuge, Meeker County. The Lake Ripley Game Refuge in Meeker County is open to:

A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, after the ~~waterfowl~~ duck season; and

B. trapping after the ~~waterfowl~~ duck season.

[For text of subps 23 to 28, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 29. Minnetonka Game Refuge, Carver and Hennepin Counties. [See repealer.]

[For text of subp 30, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 31. Nerstrand Woods Game Refuge, Rice County. That portion of the Nerstrand Woods Game Refuge in Rice County that is within the Nerstrand Big Woods State Park and the Prairie Creek Woods Scientific and Natural Area is open to deer hunting by muzzleloader special permit only. The remainder of the refuge is open to:

A. small game hunting, except waterfowl;

B. trapping;

~~B. C.~~ deer and bear hunting by firearms; and

~~C. D.~~ deer and bear hunting by archery.

[For text of subp 32, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 33. Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County. The Ocheda Lake Game Refuge in Nobles County is open to:

A. small game hunting, except from the first day of the regular duck season through December 1;

B. trapping;

C. waterfowl hunting on youth waterfowl day;

D. Canada goose hunting during the early and late seasons, except that hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of surface water during the early goose season; and

E. deer hunting by firearms and archery, except from the first day of the regular duck season through December 1.

[For text of subps 34 to 53, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 54. Mud-Bardwell Game Refuge, Martin County. The Mud-Bardwell Game Refuge in Martin County is open to special goose hunts.

Subp. 55. Collegeville (St. John's) Game Refuge, Stearns County. The Collegeville (St. John's) Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to firearms deer and bear hunting during the established seasons, by written permission of the landowner.

Subp. 56. Carleton Game Refuge, Dakota and Rice Counties. The Carleton Game Refuge in Dakota and Rice Counties is open for deer hunting by archery from the fourth Thursday in November to December 31, by written permission of the landowner.

Subp. 57. Talcot Lake Game Refuge, Cottonwood County. The following special provisions apply to the Talcot Lake Game Refuge, Cottonwood County.

A. Those portions within the Talcot Lake Game Refuge that are posted to prohibit trespassing are closed to hunting. The remainder of the refuge is open to waterfowl hunting during the open Canada goose seasons only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.1100.

B. Designated hunting stations within the refuge must be spaced no less than 200 yards apart and must be no more than 100 yards inside the refuge, as measured from the posted boundary.

Subp. 58. Clear Lake Game Refuge, Sherburne County. The Clear Lake Game Refuge in Sherburne County is open to:

- A. deer hunting by firearms; and
- B. deer hunting by archery.

6234.0200 TAKING RUFFED GROUSE AND SPRUCE GROUSE.

Subpart 1. Open season. Ruffed grouse and spruce grouse may be taken by firearm or bow and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest September 16 to ~~December 31~~ January 1.

[For text of subp 2, see permanent rules.]

6234.0400 TAKING PHEASANTS.

Subpart 1. Open season. Only cock (male) pheasants may be taken by firearm or bow and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest October 13 to ~~the Sunday on or nearest December 16~~ January 1 from

9:00 a.m. to sunset each day.

[For text of subps 2 and 3, see permanent rules.]

6234.0500 TAKING GRAY PARTRIDGE.

Subpart 1. Open season. Gray (Hungarian) partridge may be taken by firearm or bow and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest September 16 to ~~December 31~~ January 1.

[For text of subp 2, see permanent rules.]

6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.

Subpart 1. Open season. Fisher and pine marten may be taken by trapping from the first Saturday ~~nearest December 1~~ following Thanksgiving to the Sunday nearest December ~~16~~ 12.

Subp. 2. Bag limits. The combined limit for fisher and pine marten is ~~four~~ five per season, in aggregate. A person may not take more than ~~two~~ five fisher and pine marten, combined, per season or possess more than ~~two~~ five fisher and pine marten, combined, at a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took, tagged, and registered during previous seasons.

Subp. 3. Tagging. ~~Each fisher pelt must be tagged by the person taking it at the time and place where taken with a locking possession tag issued by the state. These tags must be obtained prior to the season according to the procedure provided by part 6234.2600. Tags will not be issued to persons under five years of age. Tags must be fastened to fisher pelts in the manner provided by part 6234.2600. Pelts and skinned carcasses of fisher and pine marten are subject to the provisions of part 6234.2600.~~

Subp. 4. Open area. Fisher and pine marten may be taken only in that area of the state lying north of Interstate Highway 94 (I-94) beginning at the west boundary of the state; thence along I-94 to U.S. Highway 10; and thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the east boundary of the state.

6234.1800 TAKING PINE MARTEN. [See repealer.]

6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.

[For text of subps 1 to 3, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 4. Tagging otter. ~~Each otter or pelt must be tagged by the person taking it at the time and place where taken with a~~

~~locking possession tag issued by the state. These tags must be obtained according to the procedure provided by part 6234.2600. Tags will not be issued to a person under five years of age. Tags must be fastened to otter or their pelts in the manner provided by part 6234.2600. Pelts are subject to the provisions of part 6234.2600.~~

6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAY.

Subpart 1. Dates, eligibility, and license requirements.

Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and Canada geese may be taken statewide on September 17, by hunters 15 years of age or younger.

An adult mentor 18 years of age or older, who is authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, must accompany the youth hunter at all times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. No hunting license or waterfowl stamps are required.

Subp. 2. Shooting hours. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.

Subp. 3. Bag limits. The daily bag limit for ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens is as allowed by federal rule. The daily bag limit for geese is five Canada geese, except in those areas where taking Canada geese near water is restricted under part 6240.1200, subpart 1, item A, where the daily bag limit is one Canada goose.

6240.1000 TAKING GEESE IN SOUTHEAST GOOSE ZONE.

Subpart 1. Zone. The Southeast Goose Zone is comprised of Isanti, Chisago, Washington, Anoka, Hennepin, Carver, Scott, Ramsey, Dakota, Rice, Goodhue, Wabasha, Winona, Olmsted, Dodge, Steele, Freeborn, Mower, Fillmore, and Houston Counties. that part of the state within the following described boundaries:

Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 52 and the south boundary of the Twin Cities Metro Canada Goose Zone; thence southerly along U.S. Highway 52 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 57; thence southerly along STH 57 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 14 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 13, Dodge County; thence southerly along CSAH 13 to STH 30; thence easterly along STH 30 to U.S. Highway 63; thence southerly along U.S. Highway 63 to the south boundary of the state; thence along the south and east boundaries of the state to the south boundary of the Twin Cities Metro Canada Goose Zone; thence along said boundary to the point of beginning.

Subp. 2. Seasons. [See repealer.]

6240.1200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY SEASONS.

Subpart 1. Taking near water.

A. Taking Canada geese during the early seasons is prohibited on or within 100 yards of all surface waters, ~~except on those described or shown on a map provided by the commissioner.~~ in the following areas:

(1) the Northwest, Southeast, and Twin Cities Metro Goose Zones, except for Spurzem Lake in Baker Park Reserve, Mud Lake in Elm Creek Park Reserve, and Cleary Lake in Cleary Lake Regional Park;

(2) all of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area, including that portion outside the Twin Cities Metro Goose Zone; and

(3) the Swan Lake area in Nicollet County, within the boundary described as follows:

Beginning at the junction of State Trunk Highway (STH) 14 and County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 12 north along CSAH 12 to CSAH 5; thence east along CSAH 5 to CSAH 13; thence south along CSAH 13 to STH 99; thence west along STH 99 to CSAH 17; thence south along CSAH 17 to STH 14; thence northwest and west along STH 14 to CSAH 12.

B. Taking Canada geese on or within 100 yards of surface waters during the early Canada goose seasons is allowed for youth hunters participating in the youth waterfowl hunting day and on specific bodies of water in closed zones as described or shown on maps provided by the commissioner.

[For text of subp 2, see permanent rules.]

6240.1500 TAKING GEESE IN TWIN CITIES METRO CANADA GOOSE ZONE.

Subpart 1. Open season. The open season for taking Canada geese ~~may be taken~~ in the Twin Cities Metro Canada Goose Zone ~~beginning~~ begins the first Saturday in September to ~~September 15,~~ except the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on September 7. The season closes on September 22, except the season closes on the first Friday before the duck season opens in years when the duck season opens on or before September 22.

[For text of subps 2 and 3, see permanent rules.]

6240.1600 TAKING GEESE IN FIVE GOOSE ZONE.

Subpart 1. Open season. The open season for taking Canada geese ~~may be taken~~ in the ~~Four~~ Five Goose Zone ~~beginning~~ begins the first Saturday in September to ~~September 15,~~ except the season

begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on September 7. The season closes on September 22, except the season closes on the first Friday before the duck season opens in years when the duck season opens on or before September 22.

Subp. 2. Daily limits. A person may not take more than four five Canada geese per day during the early season.

[For text of subps 3 and 4, see permanent rules.]

6240.1700 TAKING GEESE IN ~~TWO-GOOSE~~ SOUTHEAST ZONE EARLY SEASON.

Subpart 1. Open season. The open season for taking Canada geese may be taken in the Two-Goose Southeast Zone beginning begins the first Saturday in September to September 15, except the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on September 7. The season closes on September 22, except the season closes on the first Friday before the duck season opens in years when the duck season opens on or before September 22.

[For text of subp 2, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 3. Zone description. The Two-Goose Zone is described as follows:

That part of the state lying east of Interstate Highway 35 and south of the Twin Cities Metro Canada Goose Zone as described in part 6240.1500, subpart 3 Southeast Zone is that portion of the state described in part 6240.1000.

6240.1750 TAKING GEESE IN NORTHWEST GOOSE ZONE.

Subpart 1. Open season. The open season for taking Canada geese in the Northwest Goose Zone, described in part 6240.0860, begins the first Saturday in September, except the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on September 7. The season closes on September 15.

Subp. 2. Daily limits. A person may not take more than two Canada geese per day during the early season.

6240.1800 EARLY GOOSE HUNT APPLICATION AND PERMIT LICENSE.

Subpart 1. Permit License required. A permit is required to take Canada geese during The early seasons described in parts 6240.1500, 6240.1600, and 6240.1700 are special seasons for purposes of the special season Canada goose license required under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.802. A person may obtain a permit as prescribed by the commissioner.

Subp. 2. Permit fee. [See repealer.]

Subp. 3. Possession of permit required. [See repealer.]

6240.1850 GAME REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.

~~The following refuges are open to the taking of geese, as specified:~~

~~A. **Subpart 1. Goose refuges.** Those portions of the Douglas County Goose Refuge in Douglas County, the Otter Tail County Goose Refuge in Otter Tail County, and the Sauk Rapids-Rice Goose Refuge in Benton County, in the respective zone or zones in which they are located, are open to goose hunting during the early, regular, and late goose seasons for those zones. All other goose hunting regulations apply in these refuges. Taking waterfowl from public roads and their rights-of-way is prohibited. The Ashby Goose Refuge in Grant County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season.~~

~~B. **Subp. 2. Game refuges.** The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the Saint James Game Refuge in Watonwan County are open to goose hunting during the first three days of the regular goose season in the respective zones in which they are located. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is ~~also~~ open to goose hunting from the Saturday on or nearest November ~~20~~ 26 to the end of the goose season in the zone in which it is located, except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox and Temperence Lakes.~~

~~C. **Subp. 3. Waterfowl refuges.** The Harstad Slough Waterfowl Refuge in Stevens County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season. The Mud-Bardwell Waterfowl Refuge in Martin County is open to Canada goose hunting from ~~November 1~~ the Saturday on or nearest October 30 to the end of the ~~regular~~ goose season in the zone in which it is located, except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Mud and Bardwell Lakes. The Rickert Lake Waterfowl Refuge in Steele County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season. The waterfowl sanctuary within this refuge is closed to hunting and trespass, as posted.~~

6240.2100 DESIGNATED MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREAS.

Subpart 1. Designation of entire lakes. The following lakes are designated as migratory waterfowl feeding and resting areas:

Name	Location	County
A. Bakers Lake	T.114N; R.29W	McLeod

B.	Bear Lake	T.101N; R.22W	Freeborn
C.	Big Rice Lake	T.140, 141N; R.26W	Cass
D.	Cottonwood Lake	T.106N; R.25W	Blue Earth
E.	Diamond Lake	T.110N; R.23W	Le Sueur
F.	Dora Lake	T.110N; R.23W	Le Sueur
G.	Lake Johanna	T.123N; R.36W	Pope
H.	Lake Lillian	T.117N; R.33, 34W	Kandiyohi
I.	Little Puposky Lake	T.149N; R.33, 34W	Beltrami
J.	Mud Lake	T.131N; R.43W	Otter Tail
K.	Mud Lake	T.114N; R.26W	Sibley
L.	Nelson Lake	T.124N; R.38W	Pope
M.	Oakleaf Lake	T.110N; R.26W	Nicollet
N.	Pleasant Lake	T.113N; R.23W	Scott
O.	Puposky Lake	T.149N; R.33, 34W	Beltrami
P.	Rice Lake	T.148, 149N; R.27W	Itasca
<u>Q.</u>	<u>Rice Lake</u>	<u>T.111N; R.23W</u>	<u>Le Sueur</u>
Q. <u>R.</u>	Sanborn Lake	T.112N; R.23W	Le Sueur
R. <u>S.</u>	Scotch Lake	T.110N; R.25W	Le Sueur
S. <u>T.</u>	Squaw Lake	T.148, 149N; R.27W	Itasca
T. <u>U.</u>	Tiger Lake	T.115N; R.26W	Carver
U. <u>V.</u>	Turtle Lake	T.148N; R.39W	Polk
V. <u>W.</u>	Unnamed Lake	T.114N; R.29W; S.28	McLeod
W. <u>X.</u>	Upper Rice Lake	T.145N; R.36, 37W	Clearwater
X. <u>Y.</u>	Wagonga Lake	T.118, 119N; R.34, 35W	Kandiyohi
Y. <u>Z.</u>	Washington Lake	T.114N; R.26W	Sibley
<u>AA.</u>	<u>Thielke Lake</u>	<u>T.122N; R.46W</u>	<u>Big Stone</u>
<u>BB.</u>	<u>Lake Henry</u>	<u>T.110N; R.25W</u>	<u>Le Sueur</u>

[For text of subps 2 to 8, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 9. Minnesota Lake, Faribault and Blue Earth Counties.

All that portion of Minnesota Lake in Faribault and Blue Earth Counties within the area posted by signs or buoys and identified as a migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area is designated as a migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area.

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0400, subpart 29; 6234.1800; 6240.1000, subpart 2; and 6240.1800, subparts 2 and 3, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0400, 6234.0200, 6234.0400, 6234.0500, 6234.1700, 6234.2000, 6240.0610, 6240.1000, 6240.1200, 6240.1500, 6240.1600, 6240.1700, 6240.1750, 6240.1800, 6240.1850, and 6240.2100, and the repealer expire January 2, 2006. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to those amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.