



## ST. JOHN'S MARSH WILDLIFE AREA in ST. CLAIR FLATS STATE WILDLIFE AREA

### SPECIAL USE AND HUNTING RULES

(All other applicable State Land Use rules and regulations apply, unless modified by the text below. To review the standard "State Land Rules for State Lands Other than State Parks and Recreation Areas" (1C 2598, rev. 6/29/2000), see the back of most State Game/Wildlife Area maps (except those with Special Use and Hunting Rules); the maps, rules and regulations plus additional details, and more information on this and other areas are available at DNR Offices or on the internet at: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>)

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Because the St. John's Marsh Wildlife Area is part of the Great Lakes Coastal Marsh ecosystem, water levels fluctuate within the Great Lakes. During low water periods the marsh may become pools of very shallow water and mudflats. These periodic fluctuations create water and vegetation conditions that are healthy for the ecosystem, but may be a temporary inconvenience for recreational users.

Because of the difficulty for most people to get around under these conditions, the area will be posted "STATE GAME AREA - OPEN TO HUNTING." No special permit is necessary to hunt. State Land Rules and General Waterfowl Season Regulations will be in effect.

If you have questions or need more information, call or contact the St. Clair Flats State Wildlife Office at address: 1803 Krispin Road, Harsens Island, MI, 48028, and phone: (810) 748-9504.

#### THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- a) Hunting or shooting from any dike, road, trail, safety zone, or retrieving zone (such as near Refuge).
- b) Entry into area posted "Wildlife Refuge" (from Sept. 1 to the end of waterfowl season) for any reason.
- c) Use or possession of shot shells other than non-toxic steel shot or other state and Federally-approved non-toxic shot.
- d) Using an amphibious vehicle, all-terrain, or any other motor driven vehicle while in the managed hunting area. Outboard motors are permitted but must be operated at a safe, no-wake speed. Launching personal watercraft from any access sites within the St. John's Marsh State Wildlife Area is prohibited.
- e) Trapping in the area, except under a written permit. Contact the area office for detailed information.
- f) Taking cans or glass bottles into the permit zones, or to possess or consume alcoholic beverages.
- g) Other Rules and Regulations for the State Game Area may be posted in the area; look for additional signs or notices to insure you have a safe hunt.

**CAUTION:** Use care near all open water areas; some of areas may contain deep water, depending on season and recent rainfall.

**BE A SAFE HUNTER - A safe hunter obeys laws governing hunting and boating, is alert to any conditions hazardous to personal safety of the hunter and others.**

**PARKING is a problem in the St. John's Marsh Wildlife Area. Please park in designated areas only.**

If you have questions on parking, please visit or call the St. Clair State Wildlife Area Office (address above, ph: (810) 748-9504).

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS EXTRACTION

Under authority of Act 17, Public Act of 1921, the Commission of Natural Resources has made and adopted the following rules and regulations governing the use and occupancy of State lands, other than state parks and recreation areas, administered by or under the control of the Department of Natural Resources. **GENERAL RULES - It is prohibited:**

- (1) To enter, use or occupy the lands for any purpose when they are posted against such entry, use or occupancy, as ordered by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.
- (5) To move, remove, destroy, mutilate, or deface posters, notices, signs, or markers of the Department of Natural Resources or of any other agency of government.
- (8) To destroy, damage, or remove any state property, any living tree or shrub, planted grasses, or other vegetation without proper written permission. This provision does not apply to the picking and removal of mushrooms, berries, and other edible fruits and nuts and those wildflowers the removal of which is not made unlawful by statute.

#### **IN STATE GAME AREAS IN ZONE 3, IN ADDITION TO ABOVE RULES - It is prohibited:**

1. To camp between April 1 and October 1, except in areas specifically designed for such use.
2. To operate a self-propelled motor or mechanically driven vehicle on other than a designated established road open to the public, or a parking lot, or to park such vehicles more than 50 feet from an established road open to the public, or a parking lot designed for such use, without proper written permission.
3. To ride or lead a horse, other riding animal, or pack animal on, or to allow such animal or any animal-drawn vehicle to use or travel on any areas other than established public roads or trails designed for such use, without proper written permission. Proper Written Permission means a written permit issued by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources or a representative authorized by him to do so.

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#### **Equal Rights for Natural Resources Users**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) provides equal opportunities for employment and access to Michigan's natural resources. Both State and Federal laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, sex, height, weight or marital status under the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 as amended (MI PA 453 and MI PA 220, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act). If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility, or if you desire additional information, please write the MDNR, Human Resources, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909-7528, or the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, State of Michigan Plaza Building, 1200 6th Street, Detroit, MI 48226, or the Office for Diversity and Civil Rights, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

For information or assistance on this publication, or for information about other State land areas, contact: MDNR, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944, --or-- through the internet at " <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>". TTY (teletype): Michigan Relay Center 1-800-649-3777. This publication is available in alternative formats upon request.



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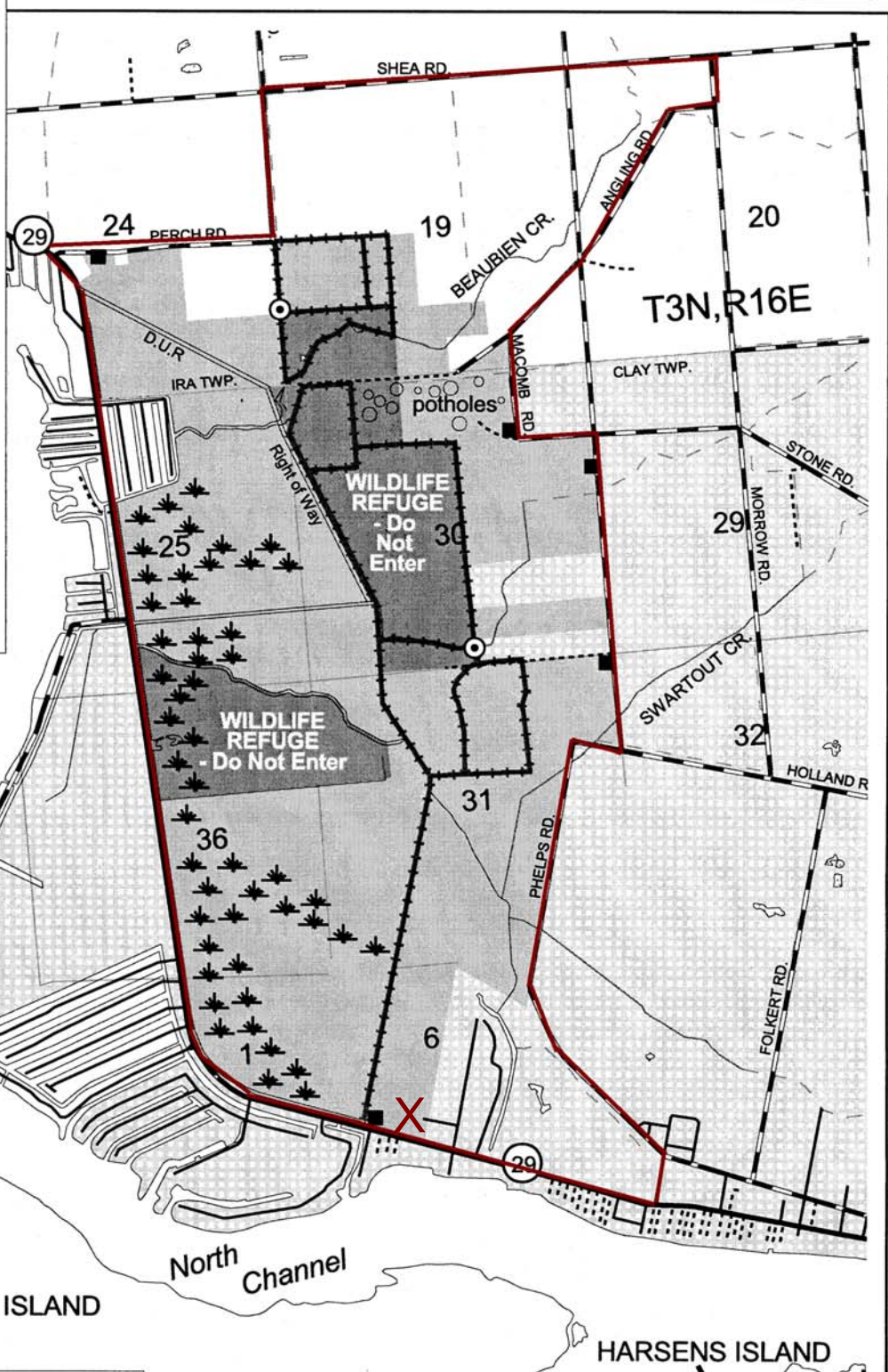
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# ST. JOHN'S MARSH MANAGED HUNTING UNIT ST. CLAIR FLATS STATE WILDLIFE AREA ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN



## Legend

- General Area - Open to Hunting, No permit required
- Wildlife Refuge - DO NOT ENTER
- Area Headquarters - not shown on this map (on Harsens Island)
- Parking Area
- Boat Access/Launch
- Open Water / Wet Marsh
- Pumping Station
- Dike & Ditch Areas  
CAUTION - Deep Water! Always use care when near all water areas.
- State/Federal Highway
- County Road
- Street /Local Road
- Railroads
- Two-Track / Trail
- City Limits
- Township-Range-Section Lines - Sections numbered (1-36) near center
- Lakes / Ponds / Water
- Perennial Stream / Waterways
- Intermittent Stream / Drainage



Lake St. Clair

Bouvier Bay

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T.02 N.

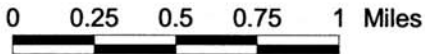
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North Channel

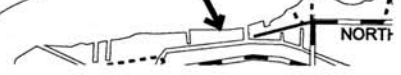
HARSENS ISLAND



Scale 1:40000



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Portions of this area designated Watchable Wildlife viewing areas.

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