

**CHAPTER 6230**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

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**6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

*[For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]*

Subp. 3. **Areas closed to migratory waterfowl hunting.** The Gordon W. Yeager Wildlife Management Area and the Eastside Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted County and the Carl Schmidt Wildlife Management Area in Morrison County are closed to the taking of migratory waterfowl. On the Gordon W. Yeager Wildlife Management Area, small game taken by firearms may only be taken with shotguns using No. 4 or smaller diameter shot.

*[For text of subps 4 to 8, see M.R.]*

Subp. 9. **Areas closed to firearms deer hunting.** The Lake Blanche Wildlife Management Area in Otter Tail County, the Gordon W. Yeager Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted County, a portion of the Timber Lake Wildlife Management Area (as posted) in Jackson County, and a portion of the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area (as posted) in Dakota County are closed to firearms deer hunting. Small game taken by firearms on a portion of Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County that is posted with firearms restrictions may only be taken with shotguns using BBB or smaller diameter shot.

*[For text of subp 10, see M.R.]*

Subp. 11. **Areas with other restrictions.**

A. The Schrafel Wildlife Management Area in Mower County is closed to trapping and firearms hunting.

*[For text of items B to D, see M.R.]*

*[For text of subps 12 and 13, see M.R.]*

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.045; 97A.137*

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**6230.0250 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR USE OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

*[For text of subps 1 to 8, see M.R.]*

Subp. 9. **Use of motorboats.** Motorboat use is prohibited within a wildlife management area, except where posted or as provided in this subpart. For purposes of this chapter, "motorboat" includes motorboats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 86B.005, subdivision 9, and duckboats with motors attached.

*[For text of items A to K, see M.R.]*

L. Spring Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County: motorboats may be used with no limit on size.

Subp. 10. **General restrictions on vehicles.**

*[For text of items A and B, see M.R.]*

C. A person may use a motor vehicle, for ice fishing purposes only, on the following lakes, except where posted closed to motor vehicles:

*[For text of subitems (1) to (4), see M.R.]*

- (5) North Lake in the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area, Goodhue County;
- (6) Boot Lake in the Bootleg Lake Wildlife Management Area, Jackson County; and
- (7) Spring Lake in Spring Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area, Dakota County.

*[For text of item D, see M.R.]*

*[For text of subps 11 to 18, see M.R.]*

Subp. 19. **Abandonment of trash and property.** The disposal or abandonment of garbage, trash, spoil, sludge, rocks, vehicles, carcasses, or other debris and the abandonment or storage of property within a wildlife management area is prohibited. Boats, decoys, or other property may not be left unattended overnight, except as follows:

*[For text of item A, see M.R.]*

- B. fish houses or dark houses on the following lakes:

*[For text of subitems (1) to (4), see M.R.]*

- (5) North Lake in the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area, Goodhue County;
- (6) Boot Lake in the Bootleg Lake Wildlife Management Area, Jackson County; and
- (7) Spring Lake in Spring Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area, Dakota County.

Subp. 20. **Destruction or removal of property.** A person may not destroy, disturb, or remove any plants, trees, or other vegetative material, or signs, posts, fences, gates, buildings, or other property in a wildlife management area, except that wetland vegetation may be used to build blinds and edible fruits or seeds and decorative portions of plants may be removed for personal use. A person may not destroy or remove threatened or endangered plants or animals as defined in chapter 6134.

*[For text of subps 21 to 23, see M.R.]*

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**6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

Subpart 1. **Hunting.** The Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area located in Dakota County is closed to all hunting and trapping except:

- A. archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting by special permit only;
- B. pheasant and Canada goose hunting starting on the day following the close of the muzzleloader deer season through the end of the respective statewide seasons;
- C. trapping by special permit only; and
- D. spring turkey hunting.

*[For text of subp 2, see M.R.]*

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.137*

**History:** *36 SR 1155*

**6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

*[For text of subp 1, see M.R.]*

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

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season;
- 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
- D. deer hunting during the muzzleloader season and deer and bear hunting by archery.

*[For text of subps 3 to 8, see M.R.]*

Subp. 9. **Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges, Isanti County.** The Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges in Isanti County are open to all hunting and trapping, except waterfowl. The refuges are open for goose hunting during the early goose season. Youth who are accompanied by a nonhunting adult and participating in a mentoring program approved by the commissioner may hunt waterfowl on youth waterfowl day.

*[For text of items A to D, see M.R.]*

Subp. 10. **Erhard's Grove Game Refuge, Otter Tail County.** The Erhard's Grove Game Refuge in Otter Tail County is open to:

- A. deer and bear hunting by firearms;
- B. deer and bear hunting by archery; and
- C. small game hunting, except waterfowl.

*[For text of subps 11 to 20, see M.R.]*

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 Mission Site are closed to hunting. The remainder of the refuge is open to:

- (1) waterfowl hunting only from the third Thursday in October through the open Canada goose season, only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.0700;
- (2) deer hunting; and
- (3) small game hunting other than waterfowl, except from the second Saturday in October through November 30, when small game hunting is allowed only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.0700. Small game hunting is not allowed on closed Canada goose hunting days during a split goose season.

B. No unauthorized person may trespass during the dates posted on any part of the refuge posted with "State Wildlife Sanctuary - Do Not Trespass" signs, except for:

- (1) ice fishing; and
- (2) open water fishing in the posted closed area from the close of the Canada goose season until the second Saturday in October.

*[For text of items C and D, see M.R.]*

*[For text of subps 22 to 32, see M.R.]*

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

*[For text of items A to C, see M.R.]*

D. Canada goose hunting during the early season and from the first Saturday in December through the end of the statewide goose season, except that hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of surface water during the early goose season; and

*[For text of item E, see M.R.]*

*[For text of subp 34, see M.R.]*

Subp. 35. **Paul Bunyan Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Paul Bunyan Game Refuge in Hubbard County is open to:

A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season;

*[For text of items B to D, see M.R.]*

*[For text of subps 36 to 51, see M.R.]*

Subp. 52. **Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge, Anoka and Isanti Counties.** The Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge in Anoka and Isanti Counties is open to archery deer hunting and archery turkey hunting.

*[For text of subps 53 to 59, see M.R.]*

Subp. 60. **Cedar Lake Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The Cedar Lake Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.091*

**History:** *36 SR 1155*

#### **6230.0600 DESCRIPTIONS OF CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES.**

*[For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]*

Subp. 3. **Lac qui Parle zones, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties.**

A. On the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area in Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties, the controlled hunting zone includes the following:

The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 32, Township 119 North, Range 42 West, and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 NE 1/4) and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E 1/2 NW 1/4) of Section 5, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, all in Lac qui Parle County.

And also the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E 1/2 NW 1/4), the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E 1/2 SW 1/4) and the West Half of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section 12, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4), the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) except that part lying northeasterly of State Highway 7, the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 SE 1/4), and those parts of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) owned by the state and posted as "Wildlife Management Area, Controlled Hunting Zone," all in Section 1, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, all in Chippewa County.

And also all state owned land posted as "Wildlife Management Area, Controlled Hunting Zone" located between U.S. Highways 7 and 59 and County State-Aid Highways 32 and 33, Chippewa County, in Sections 6 and 7, Township 118 North, Range 41 West, and Section 36, Township 119 North, Range 42 West, all in Chippewa County.

*[For text of items B and C, see M.R.]*

*[For text of subps 4 to 8, see M.R.]*

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**History:** *35 SR 2014*

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## 6230.0700 LAC QUI PARLE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

Subpart 1. **Time periods for special provisions.** In addition to the regulations provided by part 6230.0500, the following subparts apply to all persons in the Lac qui Parle controlled hunting zones during the open season for taking Canada geese in those zones.

Subp. 2. **Hunting stations.**

A. Only one hunting group, consisting of no more than three hunters, may occupy a designated hunting station at one time.

B. From the third Thursday in October through November 30, waterfowl and small game hunters may reserve designated hunting stations according to regulations available at the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area headquarters. Reservation dates may not be changed.

C. From December 1 through the end of the Canada goose season, waterfowl hunters must use designated hunting stations and use of the stations is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Subp. 3. **Entry permit required.** From the third Thursday in October through November 30, on public lands, a person may not hunt migratory waterfowl or small game in the controlled hunting zone without first registering at the check station and obtaining an entry permit. Entry permits must be displayed as specified on the permit. Hunters age 18 or older will be charged a \$3 daily fee for the Lac qui Parle entry permit. Failure to comply with the provisions of the permit or special provisions relating to the controlled hunt will result in immediate revocation of the permit for that day.

Subp. 4. **Limitation on number of shells possessed.** Only persons hunting may bring shotgun shells into the controlled hunting zone. A waterfowl or small game hunter may not bring in more than 12 shells per trip or have in possession more than 12 shells at any one time, except that small game hunters may possess more than 12 shells beginning December 1.

Subp. 5. **Firearms must be cased.** Waterfowl and small game hunters must have firearms cased, except within ten feet of assigned hunting stations.

Subp. 6. **Actions after taking bag limit.** Within one hour of hunt completion each party member must personally return their entry permit to the check station and report the harvest of geese.

Subp. 7. **Limitation on number of trips.** Hunters are limited to one trip to the hunting stations before noon and one trip after noon each day.

Subp. 8. **Restrictions on occupancy of designated parking lots and hunting stations.** A person may not park in or otherwise occupy a designated controlled hunting zone parking lot or occupy a hunting station from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Subp. 9. **Closed hunting stations.** A person may not occupy or hunt from a hunting station that is posted closed.

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