

JAMESTOWN

Jamestown Wildlife Area is located 1.5 miles north of Jamestown in North central Kansas. The Area encompasses 4,796 acres around the shallow salt marshes of Marsh Creek. Approximately 2,000 acres are wetlands and the remaining 2,700 upland acres are grasslands, cropland, scattered woodlands and tree windbreaks. The five primary marshes located on the area are Gamekeeper (780 acres); Gun Club (543 ac.); Marsh Creek (300

ac); Buffalo Creek (197 ac.) and Pintail (120 ac.). Puddler Marsh and Ringneck Marsh are medium sized wetlands a few miles from the main area. Numerous smaller wetlands are scattered across the property. A water level management plan for individual wetlands is developed each year. Managers conduct spring draw downs on some of the marshes in order to maximize seed production from native moist soil plants while other marshes are left full to

provide deeper water for a host of wetland fish and wildlife species. These management practices produce a variety of wetland habitats and large amounts of highly nutritional seeds and invertebrates for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds. This "moist soil" management is more natural and keeps the costs and risks of cultivated crops in frequently flooded areas to a minimum.

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MIGRATORY BIRDS

Mourning doves are usually abundant in early September. Early teal seasons in mid-September are the most popular on the area. The Jamestown area lies in the Low Plains Early Zone to maximize hunting opportunities in the shallow marshes before freeze up. When area marshes freeze, most waterfowl leave. The early zone allows significant additional hunting opportunities early in the season.

Peak duck use occurs in late October through November. Several thousand geese, mostly Canada geese, spend a good portion of the ice-free winter on the area. Good numbers of light and white-fronted geese frequently stop over during migration. Light goose numbers are good during the early spring Light Goose Conservation Order season.

UPLAND GAME

Pheasant production fluctuates with habitat and weather patterns. The majority of the birds are harvested early in the season with heavy pressure; however, hunters concentrating on heavy cover areas away from roads and parking areas will find a few birds to provide opportunity throughout the season. Bobwhite quail are less abundant but scattered throughout the area.



General Area Map

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OTHER GAME

White-tailed deer and wild turkey populations provide limited archery and firearms hunting although the opportunity to have a quality experience exists. Cottontail rabbits are common on the entire area while fox squirrels frequent the wooded areas. Numerous furbearers, primarily raccoon, muskrats and beaver inhabit the area and fur harvesting and running is allowed in areas open to public hunting. **Trapping is by special permit only.**

WATCHABLE WILDLIFE

The area offers excellent opportunities to view and photograph wildlife. White-tailed deer, bald eagles, pheasants, quail, ducks, geese, shorebirds and other wetland wildlife are all visible during most of the year from all-weather roads. Florell Hill Wildlife Viewing Area, Marsh Creek Marsh, Muskrat Landing and Gun Club Marsh are among the best areas for viewing wildlife. During early spring through the summer months, shorebirds can be observed foraging on mudflats and Canada geese nesting on top of muskrat houses and constructed habitat islands.

CAMPING

Primitive camping is available at no charge only in the designated BS Campground area on Gamekeeper Marsh, directly west of the dam. Camping is only allowed from September 1 through May 1. A pit toilet is available at the Muskrat Landing Area south of the camping area. Drinking water and electricity are not available on the area. **NO TRASH RECEPTICALS ARE PROVIDED.**

FISHING

The area is managed primarily as a waterfowl area which means the annual draining and re-flooding does not create good fish populations, however bowfishing is good late May through September and fishing below the dams can be good for catfish and carp, particularly when water is being released.

BOAT ACCESS

Motorized boats are only allowed in the large marshes of Gun Club, Gamekeeper and Marsh Creek and must use the ramps provided for launching. **Operation of gasoline motors is prohibited in Marsh Creek Marsh.** Two ramps are located on the Gamekeeper Marsh, 3 on Gun Club Marsh, and one on Marsh Creek Marsh, as shown on the map. Crossings for small boats are present in the waterways through the levee that splits Gun Club Marsh and are marked with reflective posts. Non Motorized boats may be used in all wetlands and are increasing in popularity on the area. **Buffalo Creek, Pintail Marshes, plus the several smaller marshes are Non-Motorized Boat ONLY areas.** Be sure boats have the proper registration and required equipment. Use extra caution when boating in cold water.

WADE/WALK-IN ACCESS

Hunters will find the best access by walking in from numerous parking lots and access points into the small marshes and close to the shorelines. Many hunters do not have boats and access points away from boating disturbance are important for their success. The marsh bottom can become very difficult to walk far from the shoreline. **DEEP WATER is present in the creek channels,** (especially Marsh Creek Marsh) and drainage channels in Gun Club, Gamekeeper and Buffalo Creek Marshes are not wadable. The area map depicts approximately where these areas are but waders are to be cautioned at all times.

REFUGE

An 800-acre refuge is located at the north end of Gamekeeper Marsh and is closed to all activity from October 1 through January 31, except for the SPECIAL HUNTS. The refuge provides an area of minimal disturbance to hold waterfowl longer and create better hunting opportunities. The refuge also provides a feeding and resting place during migration for many species of birds.

SPECIAL HUNTS

Special hunts for waterfowl; upland and big game are available through an application and draw process. These hunts are conducted in portions of the refuge to provide a quality hunting experience with good chances for success. Special Hunt applications are due in July and available through the KDWPT website. www.ksoutdoors.com.

YOUTH/MENTOR OPPORTUNITIES

Hunting on Puddler and Ringneck Marshes are reserved for youth and their mentors. Each mentor hunter must be accompanied by at least one youth 18 years of age and younger. Statewide youth seasons have been established for waterfowl, upland, deer and turkey. Hunting on the area during the youth seasons is an excellent time to start young hunters while hunting pressure is low. **PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.**

THINGS TO REMEMBER

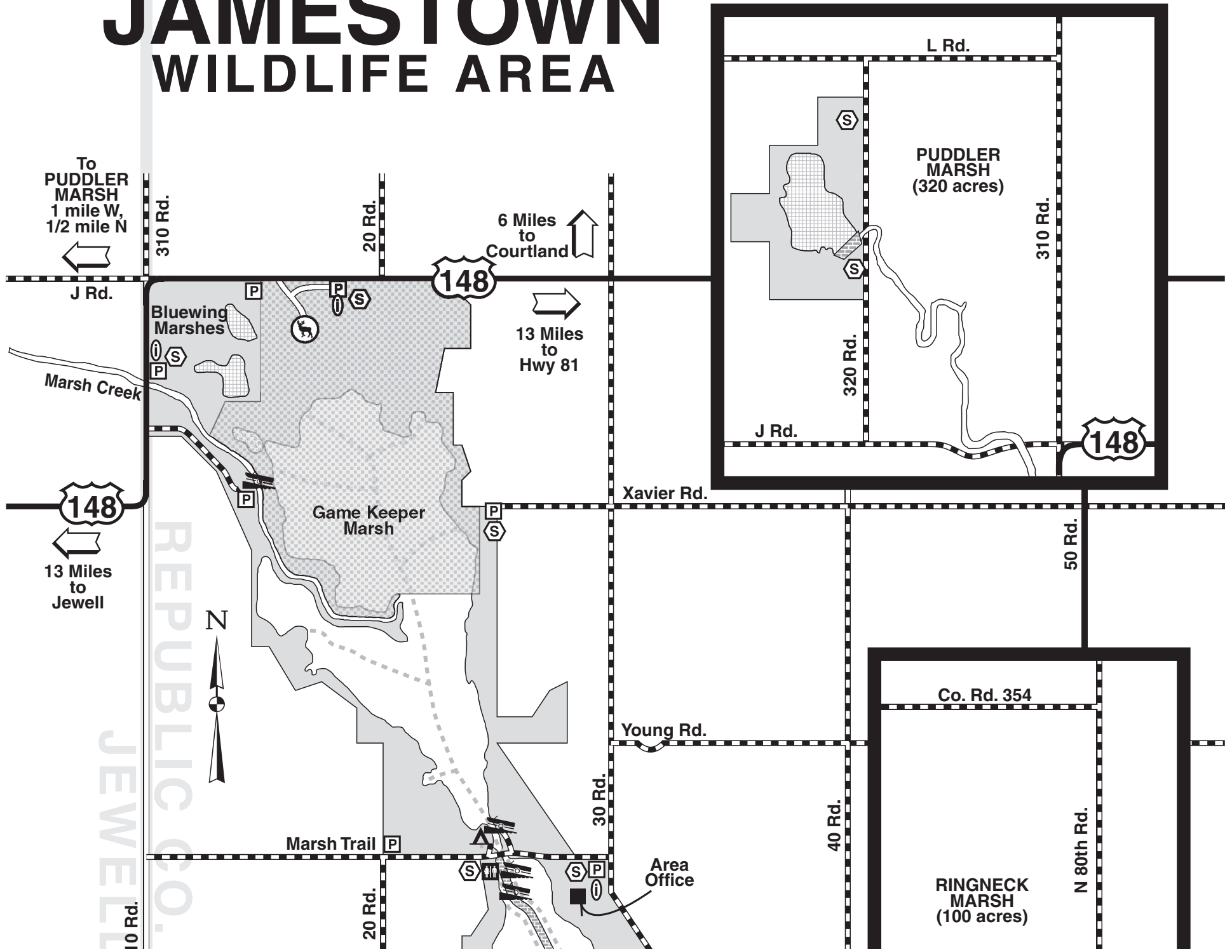
NON-TOXIC SHOT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL SHOT-GUN HUNTING.

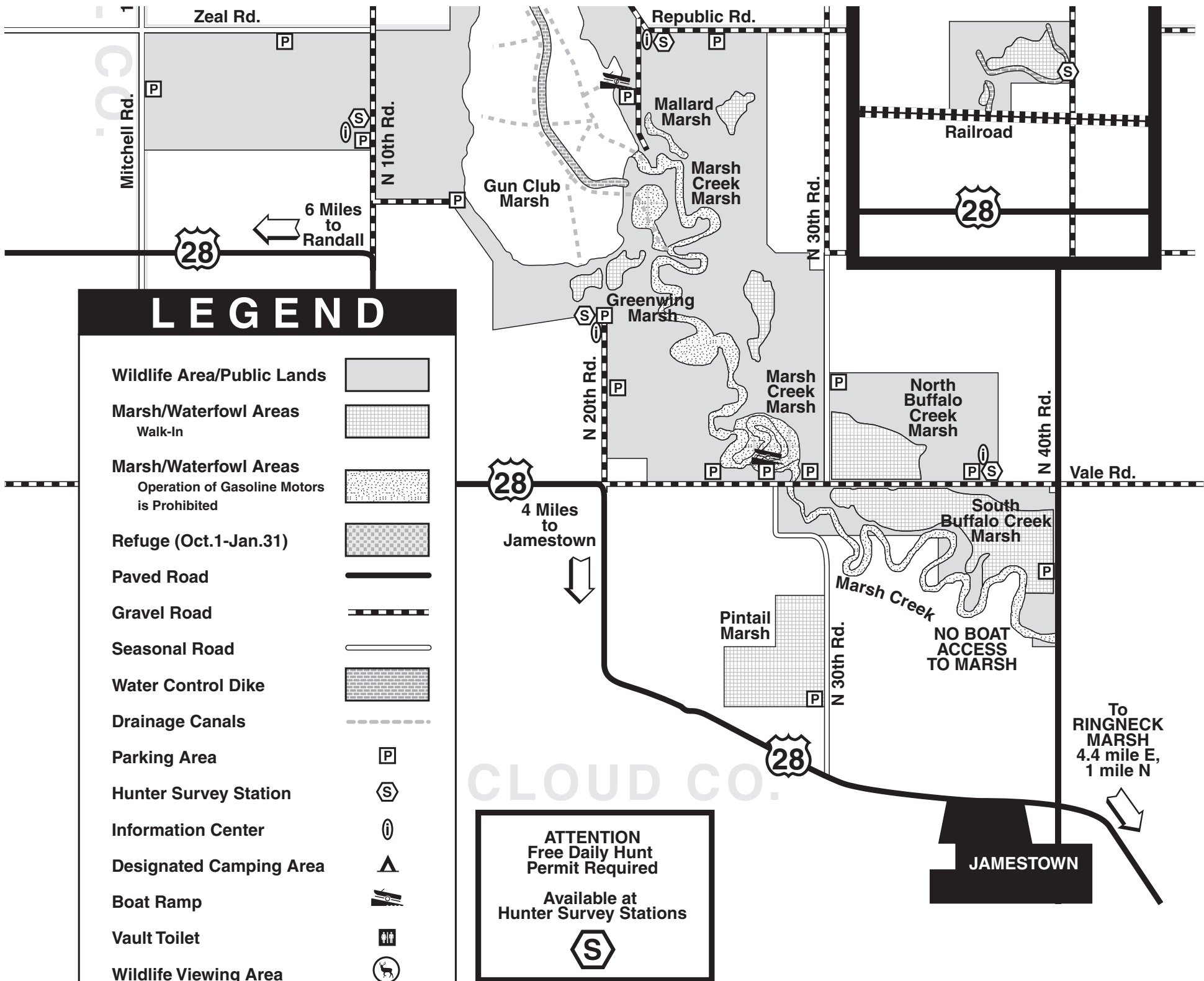
DAILY HUNT PERMITS ARE REQUIRED. They are free at selected parking areas and Information Centers. Each hunter must obtain the two part permit each day. The top portion must be completed and placed at the survey station prior to hunting. The bottom section must be in possession while hunting and placed in the survey station at the end of the hunt. The information from this survey is important to the future management of the area.

NO TRASH RECEPTACLES ARE PROVIDED ON THE AREA. TAKE YOUR TRASH WITH YOU.

ALL MOTORIZED VEHICLES MUST REMAIN ON MAINTAINED ROADWAYS OR PARKING AREAS.

JAMESTOWN WILDLIFE AREA





LEGEND

- Wildlife Area/Public Lands
- Marsh/Waterfowl Areas
Walk-In
- Marsh/Waterfowl Areas
Operation of Gasoline Motors
is Prohibited
- Refuge (Oct.1-Jan.31)
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Seasonal Road
- Water Control Dike
- Drainage Canals
- Parking Area
- Hunter Survey Station
- Information Center
- Designated Camping Area
- Boat Ramp
- Vault Toilet
- Wildlife Viewing Area

ATTENTION
Free Daily Hunt
Permit Required

Available at
Hunter Survey Stations

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**RINGNECK
MARSH**
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