

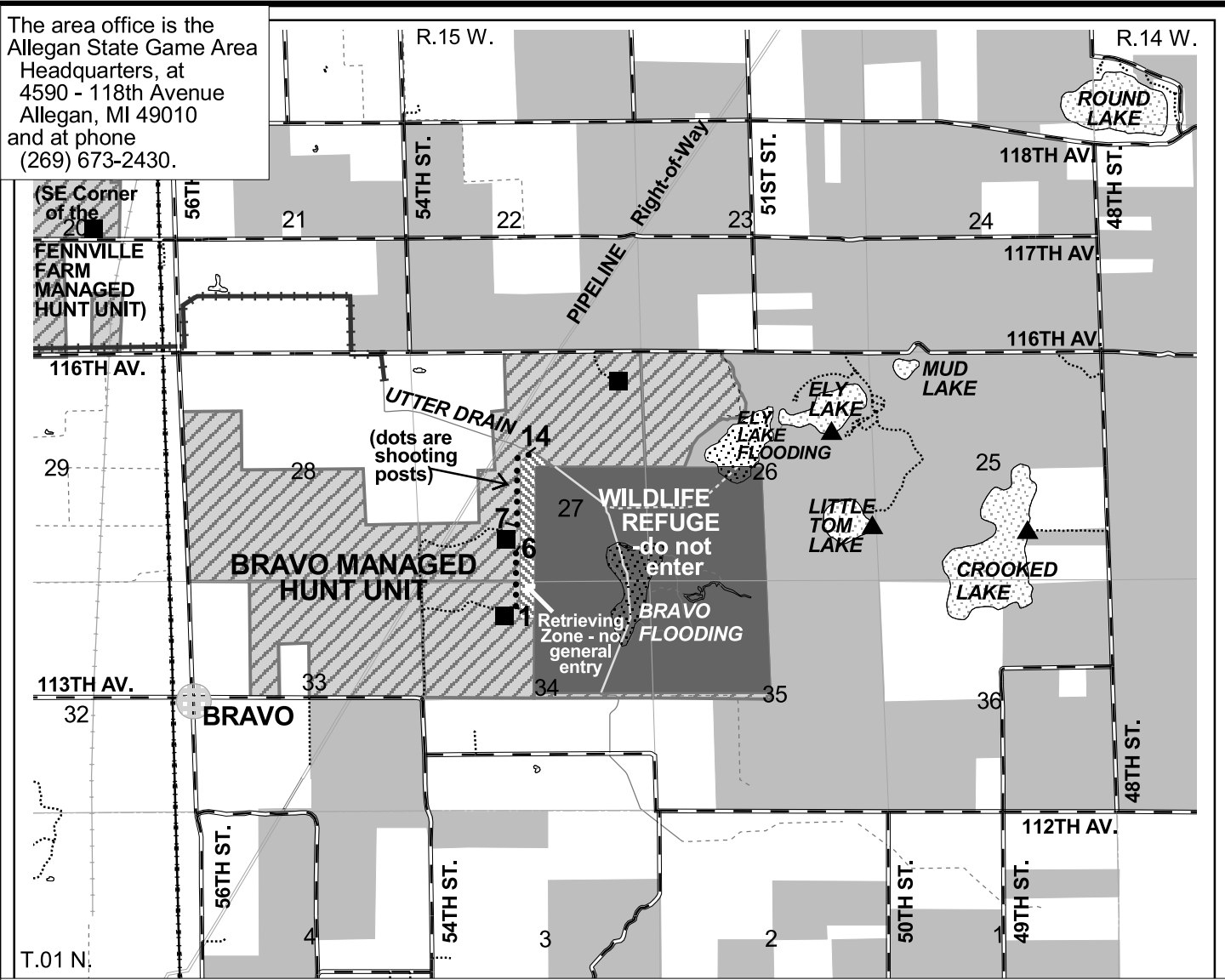


# BRAVO MANAGED HUNT UNIT OF ALLEGAN STATE GAME AREA

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Visit the DNRE Online at [www.michigan.gov/dnre](http://www.michigan.gov/dnre)

The area office is the Allegan State Game Area Headquarters, at 4590 - 118th Avenue Allegan, MI 49010 and at phone (269) 673-2430.



### Legend

- State Game Area
- Managed Hunting Zone - Special Rules Apply during the Allegan Goose Management Unit Season.
- Retrieving Zone - No General Entry
- Wildlife Refuge - DO NOT ENTER
- Area Headquarters is NOT shown or located within this mapped area
- Parking Area
- Public Boat Access / Launch
- Ditches
- CAUTION - Always use care when near all water areas - water levels can vary with season & rainfall.
- State/Federal Highway
- County Road
- Street / Local Road
- Two-Track / Trail
- Railroads
- Pipelines
- Power Line Utilities
- Note: Pipeline and Utilities right-of-ways are not open to the public.
- Township-Range-Section Lines - Sections numbered (1-36) near center
- Lakes / Ponds / Water
- Perennial Stream / Waterways
- Intermittent Stream / Drainage



Off Road Vehicle (ORV) use is unlawful at Allegan State Game Area. No ORVs!



Portions of this area designated Watchable Wildlife viewing areas.

For more information on this and other areas, contact DNRE offices or visit on the internet at: [www.michigan.gov/dnre](http://www.michigan.gov/dnre)

## Hunter Monies Made This Area Possible

DNR-Wildlife Map - area 030118 (Rev. 10/25/2010 -WLD/MLS)





## BRAVO MANAGED HUNT UNIT (Crooked Lake Flooding) in ALLEGAN STATE GAME AREA SPECIAL USE AND HUNTING RULES

(All other application State Land Use rules and regulations apply, unless modified by the text below. To review the standard "Wildlife and Game Area – State Land Rules" (IC 2598, rev. 2/07/2006) see the back of the 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 Department of Natural Resources & Environment (DNRE) Offices or on the internet at <http://www.michigan.gov/dnre>)

*NOTE:* It is your responsibility as a user of public lands, to ensure you are informed of all current rules and regulations relevant to your activities. The information presented here represents some details relevant to land use, but this is not a complete list of all rules and regulations, and may not be as immediately updated as current legislation and rules. This product is not a legal notice, nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed tool issued for convenience on this specific subject. Contact your local DNRE office if you have questions, or to verify regulations relating to possible activities before engaging in those activities. The DNRE is on the internet at <http://www.michigan.gov/dnre>

**If you have questions or comments about the area or its management, please contact the area office at:  
Allegan State Game Area Headquarters, 4590 - 118th Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010 ; phone (269) 673-243.**

**ALLEGAN STATE GAME AREA:** The Michigan Department of Natural Resources created the Allegan State Game Area in 1964 by combining the Allegan State Forest, the Swan Creek Wildlife Experiment Station and the Fennville State Game Area. The 50,000 acre combined unit provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities throughout the year for everyone with an outdoor interest. It's found off I-196 via Glenn and Fennville exits, and off US-131 via Hopkins, Allegan, and Otsego exits.

The hunting seasons offer a wide variety of hunting opportunities during the appropriate seasons. Bird watchers enjoy the spring and fall migrations of waterfowl, warblers and many other birds. Thousands of Canada geese, mallards and wood ducks may be seen in March and April on the Farm Unit, three miles south of Fennville and in the Swan Creek Marsh, west of the Kalamazoo River along highway M-89. Cameras are welcome, but photographers must respect the refuge borders.

**BRAVO UNIT:** The Bravo Unit is an important night roosting area for migrant Canada geese. The focus of this unit is the Bravo Refuge Flooding. This flooding on the Utter Drain impounds over 80 acres of water nestled within a mixed oak and lowland hardwood forest to provide a sheltered roosting area. Thousands of Canada geese fly into this refuge each night in the fall. The following morning, they leave to feed (many to the Fennville Farm Unit) before returning to this water roost again in the evening.

### **BRAVO UNIT RULES:**

1. It is unlawful to use or possess any shot, whether loose or loaded in shot shells, of a material other than federally approved non-toxic shot, except single projectile loads. BBB is the largest shot size permitted.  
(See the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order sections 3.411 and 3.414 for details).
2. Goose hunters must hunt within 25 feet of an established post. All posts are first-come first-serve, up to 3 hunters per post.
3. The Retrieving Zone is defined as the area between the posted Refuge Boundary and the 25 foot hunting limit from the established posts. You may enter Retrieving Zone only to retrieve "downed" game.
4. During the Allegan Local GMU season, no person shall have in their possession or fire from their shotgun more than 15 shot shells while waterfowl hunting in the Managed Unit.
5. If you have questions or need more information, call or contact the Allegan State Game Area Headquarters (listed above),

### **THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:**

1. Shooting from parking areas, except as prescribed under a Use (Handicap) Permit, or from a safety zone.
2. Off-road vehicle (ORV) use is unlawful in Allegan State Game Area.
3. Leaving cans, glass bottles, or other litter (including spent shot shells), or to possess or consume alcoholic beverages.
4. Parking outside of designated parking areas. See map for parking lot locations, or call the Game Area Office.
5. 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 water areas; some of areas may contain deep water, depending on season and 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.**

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For information or assistance on this publication, or for information about other State land areas, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944, -or- through the internet at " <http://www.michigan.gov/dnre> ".

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