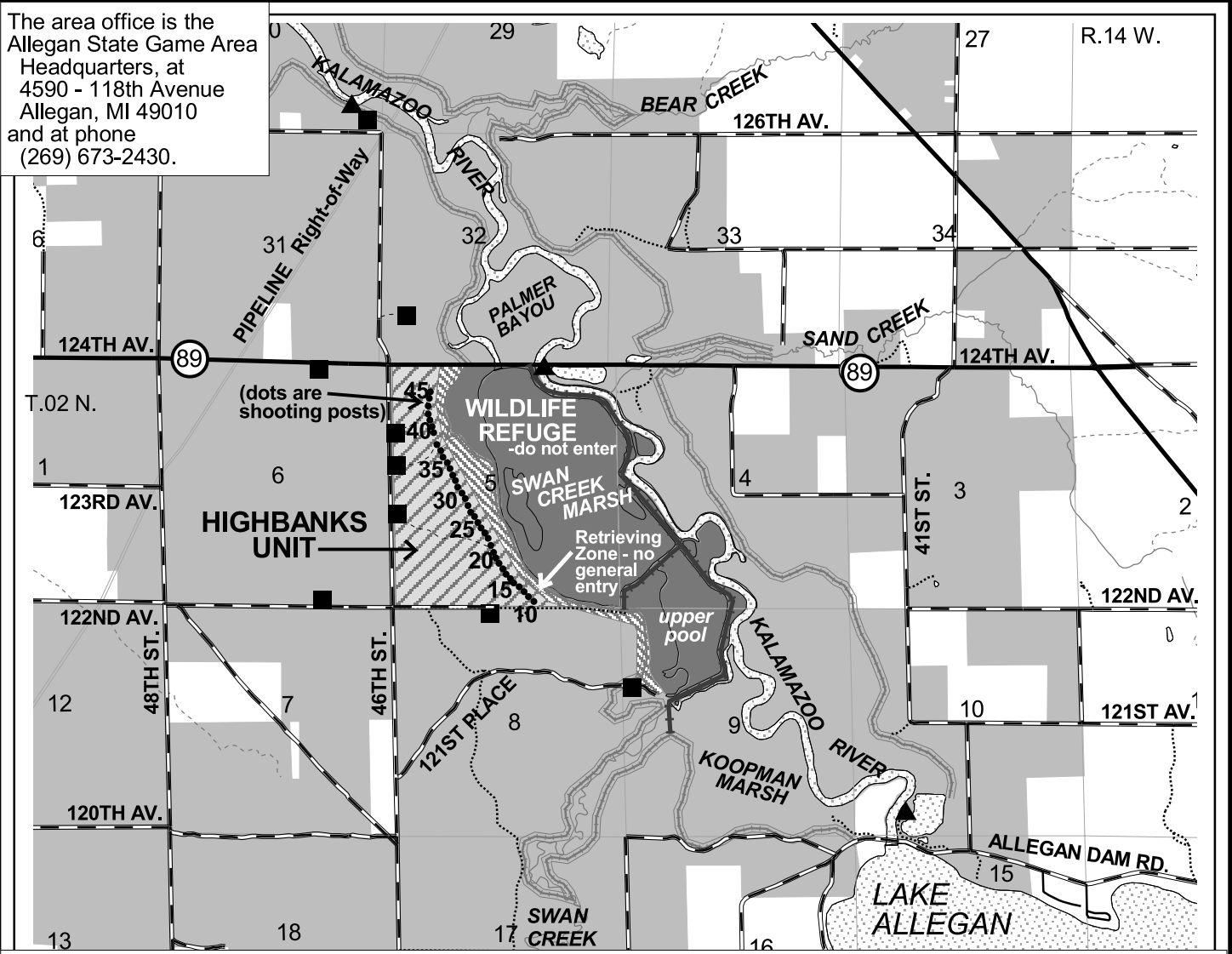




MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT
**HIGHBANKS MANAGED HUNT UNIT
AND SWAN CREEK AREA OF
ALLEGAN STATE GAME AREA**
ALLEGAN COUNTY

Visit the
DNRE Online at
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
- Dike
- Escarpment (bluff)
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: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnre>

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DNRE-Wildlife Map - area 030105 (Rev. 10/25/2010 -WLD/MLS)





HIGHBANKS MANAGED HUNT UNIT and SWAN CREEK AREA of 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.**

SPECIFIC RULES AND PROCEDURES:

1. No Permit is required to hunt the Highbanks Unit of the Allegan State Game Area.
2. BBB is the largest shot size permitted within the Highbanks Unit and the Swan Creek Area.
3. Follow all general area rules and procedures, both in this list and in the standard guidelines plus any posted signs or notices in the area. If you have any questions, contact the area office (listed above).

During the Allegan Goose Management Unit (GMU) Season:

1. Hunting is first-come first-serve with no permit required.
2. Goose hunting is open only on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
3. No person shall have in their possession or fire from their shotgun more than 15 shot shells while hunting waterfowl. Reminder: must use Federally-approved non-toxic shot, and BBB is the largest shot size permitted.
4. Goose hunting ends at 2 p.m. daily.
5. Goose hunters must stay within 25 feet of established shooting posts or shooting stations (see area map).

GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES:

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. You may enter posted retrieving zones only to retrieve "downed" game.
3. A current hunting license is your permit for any open season. Contact office if questions on required permit(s).

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

1. Entering for any purpose the area posted, "WILDLIFE REFUGE - DO NOT ENTER."
2. Shooting from parking areas, except as prescribed under a Use (Handicap) Permit, or from a safety zone.
There is no hunting or shooting from any dike, road, trail, safety zone, or retrieving zone (such as near Refuge) which is posted against such use.
3. Off-road vehicle (ORV) use is unlawful in Allegan State Game Area.
4. Leaving cans, glass bottles, or other litter (including spent shot shells), or to possess or consume alcoholic beverages.
5. Parking outside of designated parking areas. See map for parking lot locations, or call the Game Area Office.
6. Constructing a shooting pit or permanent blind. Portable blinds are permitted, but must be removed at the end of each hunt.
7. Camping in parking areas; campsites are available at Ely Lake and Pine Point campgrounds.
8. Trapping, except under written permit.
9. 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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