



# SHIAWASSEE RIVER STATE GAME AREA and SHIAWASSEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AREA

- Special Regional Map Showing Public Lands Comprising DMU273 - Saginaw County



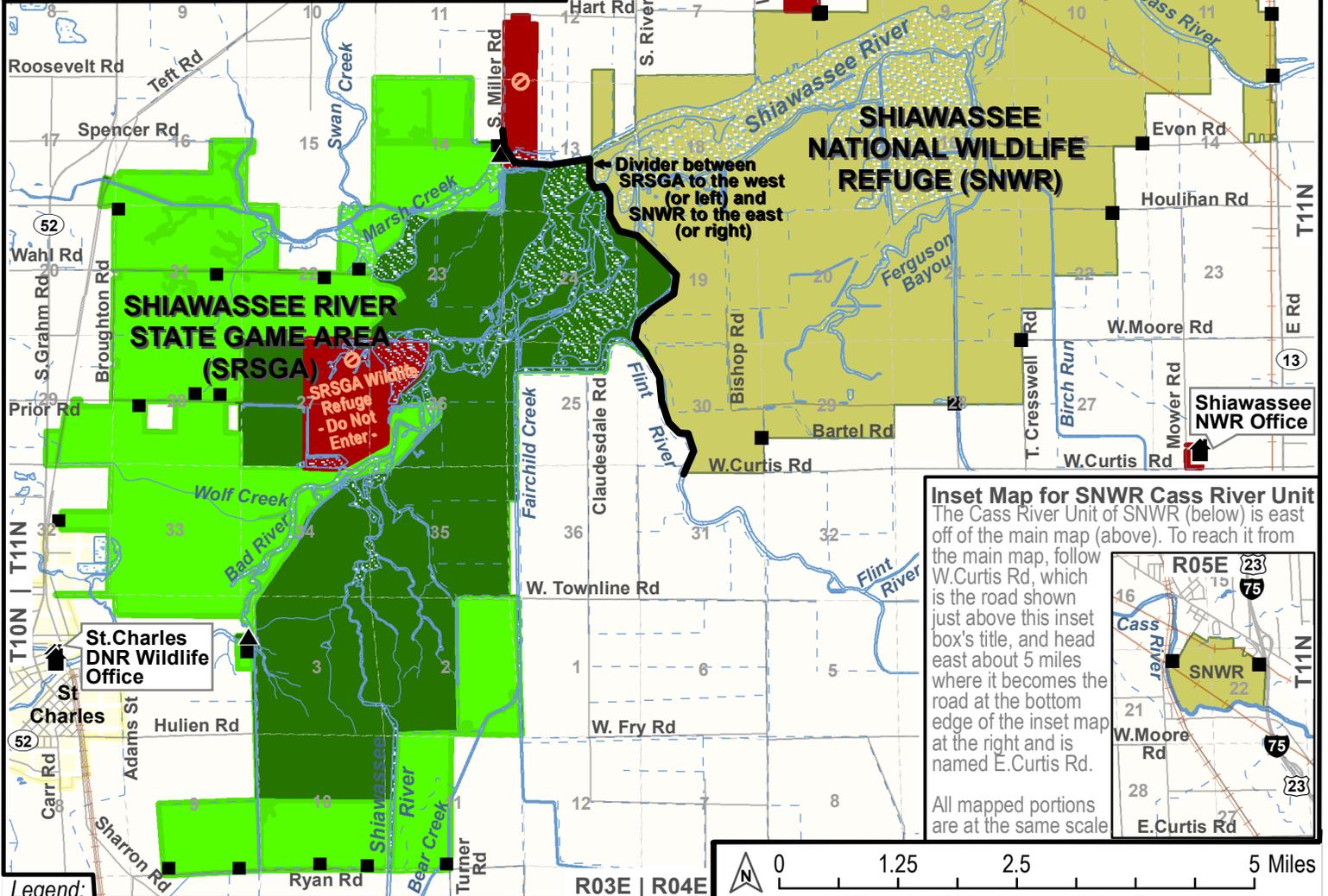
Area headquarters for the Shiawassee River SGA:  
 St. Charles DNR Wildlife Office  
 225 East Spruce Street, St. Charles, MI 48655;  
 phone 989-865-6211;  
 Office is at GPS coordinate: Lat.43°18'10.8"N, Long.84°06'40.0"W.



Area headquarters for the Shiawassee NWR:  
 Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge Office  
 6975 Mower Road, Saginaw, MI 48601;  
 phone: 989-777-5930; see: [www.fws.gov/refuge/michigan](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/michigan) or  
[www.fws.gov/refuge/Shiawassee/visit/visitor\\_activities/hunting.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Shiawassee/visit/visitor_activities/hunting.html)  
 Office is at GPS coordinate: Lat.43°19'23.4"N, Long.83°58'01.9"W.  
 Any portions of Shiawassee NWR not shown, are closed (not huntable).

**Note:**

- Shiawassee River SGA and Shiawassee NWR comprise Deer Management Unit 273, a special public land only deer hunt area during specific dates; huntable land excludes closed portions like year-round wildlife refuge, retrieving-only areas, safety zones, ditch/dikes, or any area designated closed.
- There are special applications instructions for DMU273.
- See the annual DNR Hunting and Trapping Digest, go online to [www.michigan.gov/hunting](http://www.michigan.gov/hunting) for more information or call the appropriate area office listed above.



**Inset Map for SNWR Cass River Unit**  
 The Cass River Unit of SNWR (below) is east off of the main map (above). To reach it from the main map, follow W.Curtis Rd, which is the road shown just above this inset box's title, and head east about 5 miles where it becomes the road at the bottom edge of the inset map at the right and is named E.Curtis Rd.

All mapped portions are at the same scale

- Legend:**
- Land:
    - ⊘ No Hunt or Restricted Areas; applies to both SRSGA & SNWR, and all hunt/units
    - State wildlife/game area land = Shiawassee River SGA (SRSGA)
      - Light Green: General hunt area portions\*, "General Area 'A'" \* (DMU 273 Hunt Unit 2)
      - Dark Green: Managed waterfowl hunt area portions\* (DMU 273 Hunt Unit 1)
      - \* See the SRSGA Managed Area Map for more details on the above types.
    - Federal land = Shiawassee NWR (SNWR)
      - Yellow: all SNWR, except No-Hunt portions (DMU Hunt Unit 3)
  - Park/Boat:
    - Black Square: Prepared Parking Lots
    - Black Triangle: Prepared Boating Ramp
  - Roads:
    - Blue Line: Highways or Paved
    - Grey Line: Gravel or Dirt Roads, Two-Tracks, Trails
  - Water:
    - Blue Area: Lakes, Ponds
    - Blue Line: Rivers, Streams
    - Blue Line: Seas, Streams, Drains
  - Political:
    - Dashed Line: Town-Range-Section Lines (labelled 1-36, near center of block)
    - Yellow Box: Cities or Villages
  - Other:
    - Red Line: Railroads
    - Red Line: Power Lines, Pipes

0 1.25 2.5 5 Miles

**Important!:** 150 yards (450 feet) Hunter Safety Zones are enforced around all buildings and structures at all times. Be Safe! Always be careful around water and ditch/dikes for deep water!

For more information on this or other areas, contact DNR offices, visit the DNR online [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) or scan this QR-block.

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# SHIAWASSEE STATE GAME AREA and SHIAWASSEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SPECIAL USE AND HUNTING RULES – related to Public Lands Comprising DMU 273

➡ **For Both Areas = deer hunting and DMU 273:** Shiawassee River SGA and Shiawassee NWR comprise Deer Management Unit (DMU) 273, a special public-land-only deer hunt area during specific dates; huntable lands exclude closed portions like year-round wildlife refuge, seasonal wildlife refuge areas, retrieving-only areas, safety zones, ditch/dikes, or any area designated closed. For more information, see the annual DNR Hunting and Trapping Digest, go online to [www.michigan.gov/deer](http://www.michigan.gov/deer), or call the appropriate area office (below) for any area-specific questions. There are [special applications instructions](#) for DMU 273. Deer hunt applications will now be done through the DNR's Retail Sales System; an [information sheet, application instructions](#) and links are provided online off the deer hunting portion of the DNR website. Beware of possible differences in rules or requirements between hunting on State versus Federal land, and that there can be local rules or requirements (like township or city rules) affecting hunting. For DMU 273 hunts, be aware that there are a few small private-owned properties inside of the State land ownership; avoid these. **When Deer Hunting:** Hunters are encouraged to carefully look at any antlerless deer before shooting, to minimize the chance of harvesting a button buck or young male; allowing button bucks to survive will increase the buck-to-doe sex ratio in the area. Hunters are strongly encouraged to bring their harvested deer to a DNR check station; hunters get a patch in exchange for biological data collected off the deer, and assist in improving deer management and disease surveillance. Call the St. Charles office (below) for station hours.

➡ **For Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge (SNWR), Federal Land** \_\_\_\_\_  
The office is **Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge Office, 6975 Mower Road, Saginaw, MI 48601; phone 989-777-5930.** Note that the SNWR has its own website with instructions, some which may differ from State requirements and instructions, at [www.fws.gov/refuge/Shiawassee/visit/visitor\\_activities/hunting.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Shiawassee/visit/visitor_activities/hunting.html); other information is online at [www.fws.gov/refuge/michigan](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/michigan).

➡ **For Shiawassee River State Game Area (SRSGA), State land** \_\_\_\_\_  
All other applicable [State Land Use rules and regulations](#) apply, unless modified by the text below. To review the standard "[Wildlife and Game Area - State Land Rules](#)" (doc# IC 2598), see the back of most [State Wildlife/Game Area maps](#) (except those with Special Use and Hunting Rules, like this page); maps, rules and regulations, and more information on this and other areas are available at DNR Offices or on the internet at <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>. **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 relevant details, 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 DNR office if you have questions, or to verify regulations relating to possible activities before engaging in those activities. The DNR is on the internet at <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>.

**If you have questions or comments about the SRSGA or its management, please contact the local staff at the St. Charles DNR Wildlife Office, 225 E. Spruce Street, St. Charles, MI 48655 ; phone 989- 865-6211.**

### GENERAL RULES:

- You may not enter the area posted "WILDLIFE REFUGE - DO NOT ENTER" or enter "WILDLIFE REFUGE – CLOSED TO ALL USE AND OCCUPANCY" from September 1 until December 15.
- For boating access: no boat access is allowed in areas B, C and D (see map on other side).
- During the waterfowl hunting season, you may not enter any part of the game area posted "STATE GAME AREA - HUNTING BY PERMIT ONLY" without written permission.
- For additional information or assistance regarding the Area, please contact the office (details above).

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### REGARDING DEER HUNTING – in addition to the information at the top:

1. Deer hunting is by permit only. For permit information, contact the St. Charles DNR Office.
2. A daily or annual permit may be required to hunt deer on the area – permit methods are being changed; ask the office (above). If you are issued a local permit, then permits must be returned to the office within 48 hours after the last day of the hunt period.
3. You must carry any relevant permits with you during your hunt period. Turn-in your permit with a post-hunt survey.
4. Buckshot is prohibited. Also see #b, below, and make sure you are using legal ammo in correct amounts.
5. Can erect tree stands and blinds on the first day of hunt and can leave up until end of hunt. Stands or blinds are required to be labelled clearly and correctly, with labels affixed where they can be clearly seen and read from the ground or outside of a blind.

**REGARDING WATERFOWL HUNTING:** See the back of the Shiawassee SGA Managed Area map which shows managed hunt units, and provides more details and instructions, information on youth hunts and more.

**REGARDING TRAPPING:** Trapping of furbearers is by local permit only. Contact the St. Charles office for details (contact details are above).

### THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED – reminders of some relevant Laws, Rules and Regulations:

- a.) Hunting or shooting from any dike, road, trail, safety zone, or retrieving zone.
- b.) Use or possess any shot, whether loose or loaded in shot shells, of a material other than Federally approved non-toxic shot, except single projective loads as approved.
- c.) Parking outside of designated parking areas. See map for parking lot locations, or contact the office for more information.
- d.) Using an amphibious vehicle, all-terrain, air-boat, hovercraft, or any other motor driven vehicle while in the managed hunting area. Outboard motors are permitted but must be operated at a no-wake speed (such as 10 mph).
- e.) Constructing a shooting pit or blind on the game area. Portable blinds are permitted, but have requirements - see #5, above.
- f.) No screw-in steps or other damage to trees or the landscape, if setting up a stand or blind.
- g.) Trapping in the area, except under a written permit. Contact the area office for detailed information.
- h.) Taking cans or glass bottles into permit zones, or to possess or consume alcoholic beverages.
- i.) To enter, use or occupy the state-owned lands of the Area between the hours of 11:00pm and 4:00am unless specially permitted.
- j.) Camping during May 15 to January 1, No camping is permitted. It is prohibited to build or use a ground fire.
- k.) 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. Check current DNR digests for necessary licenses, stamps, season dates and other details.

**CAUTION:** Use care near all open water areas; some of these 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.**

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