# Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area

**HISTORY**
Farmington Bay WMA is located along the east shore of the Great Salt Lake. Construction began in 1935 and the original 3,800 acres has now increased to more than 18,000 acres. In the mid 1980s, the Great Salt Lake rose and flooded the entire management area. This unprecedented high water displaced wildlife and damaged dikes, water control structures and wetland vegetation. A massive reconstruction effort has been completed since the lake receded.

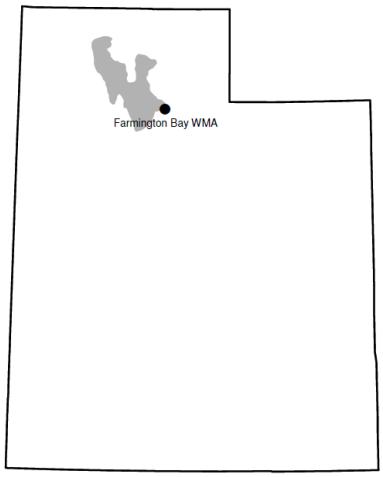
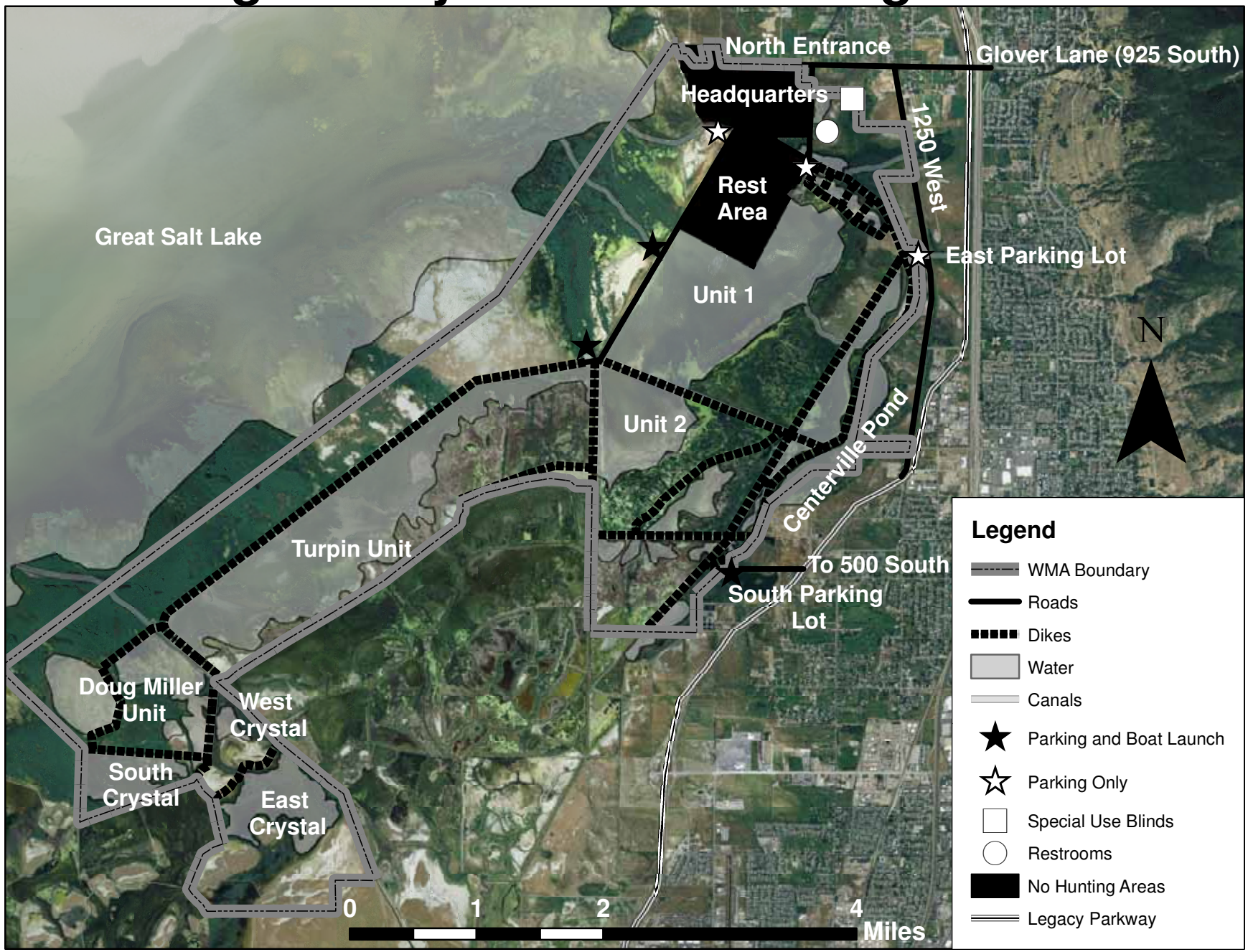
**HABITAT**
Farmington Bay hosts an array of wetland habitats including fresh water ponds, marshes, uplands, mud flats, and open salt water. Fresh-water and brackish marshes support vegetation such as cattail, hardstem and alkali bulrush, salt grass and sago pondweed, which are important because of the food and protective cover they provide for wildlife. Saline mud flats support a range of salt tolerant plants known as halophytes which produce seeds that are consumed by migrating waterfowl as well as other species. The open salt water habitat is too salty for fish but is teaming with two invertebrates; brine shrimp and brine flies. Some waterfowl species consume large quantities of these invertebrates during migration.

**SPECIES**
Species that are commonly harvested are mallard, northern pintail, gadwall, green-winged teal, cinnamon teal, and northern shoveler. In November, the large bodies of water can be an excellent place to harvest scaup, ruddy duck, redheads, and canvasback.

**ACCESS**
**Headquarters Office**: 1325 West 1342 South, Farmington, UT 84025. Phone number is 801-451-7386.
**North Entrance**: accessed at 1325 West Glover Lane.
**East Entrance**: accessed at 1250 West Glover Lane and then travel south 1.5 miles.
**South Entrance**: accessed by taking 500 South in Bountiful west over Legacy Parkway. This road will turn into a frontage road that goes north. Travel about 2 miles north and turn left (the road is between the Bountiful pond and landfill). Travel west on the dirt road about 0.5 miles to the south parking lot.

The road from the main gate to Goose Egg Island is open year round to vehicle access between 8:00AM-5:00PM from March 1 to around September 20. The road from the Goose Egg Island gate to the 4-way parking lot (area where the roads continue south, east, and west) is open year round to foot and bicycle traffic; vehicle access is only allowed on this road from the Thursday before the youth waterfowl hunt to February 28. There is no access beyond all other closed gates from March 1-August 1 to reduce disturbance to nesting waterfowl. Bicycle and foot traffic is allowed on all dikes from August 1 to February 28.

**OTHER RULES**
- No fishing is allowed (this includes bowfishing).
- Dogs are only allowed from September 15-February 28.
- Hunting and/or shooting is prohibited within the following areas:
  -600 feet of all dikes and roads open to motorized vehicles and the headquarters area.
  - The area west of headquarters and northeast of Goose Egg Island, including the area surrounding the Farmington Bay WMA Nature Center.
  -The waterfowl rest area.
- The use of conventional boats is allowed on all units except for the South Crystal Unit which is posted motorless. Airboats are only allowed outside of diked units.
- Hunting on the pond northeast of headquarters is reserved for hunters with disabilities.
- The waterfowl rest area in the northwest corner of Unit 1 and is closed to hunting and trespass.
- Firearms are allowed only during the waterfowl hunting season and restricted to shotguns and archery equipment only (deer hunting is prohibited). All other types of firearms are prohibited. Target and trap shooting are prohibited.
- Only approved non-toxic shot is allowed on the WMA. Lead shot is prohibited.
- Littering, including empty shotgun shells and boxes, is prohibited. Failure to remove litter will result in a citation.
- Only natural vegetation found on the management area may be used to construct blinds inside of diked impoundments. Consult the guidebook for additional details on regulations regarding blind construction. Remember blinds are considered common property after installation and you cannot exclude others from using them.
- Overnight camping is permitted only in established parking lots. Open fires are prohibited.
- Trapping is restricted to special permit holders.
- Please consult the waterfowl guidebook for additional rules and regulations.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