

Piedmont Refuge is part of a system of more than 540 National Wildlife Refuges, which provide for the conservation and management of habitats to benefit fish and wildlife. The refuge uses a variety of management techniques, primarily timber harvest and prescribed burning to sustain a healthy pine / hardwood forest. The refuge strives to provide quality hunting and fishing opportunities when compatible with the refuge management objectives.

The refuge is open to the public year round for visitation and pre-hunt scouting during day light hours, except during firearm deer hunts.

A portion of Little Rock Wildlife Drive will be seasonally closed from November 15 to February 15.

### General Hunt Regulations

Public hunting is permitted on approximately 34,000 acres of Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge with a refuge hunting permit. Areas closed to hunting are marked with signs and orange paint. The refuge boundary is marked with signs and yellow paint.



In addition to Federal regulations, State Game and Fish laws and regulations are adopted and in effect unless they have been further restricted by Federal law or regulations. Licenses, permits, all hunting and fishing equipment and effects, and vehicles or other conveyances are subject to inspection by Federal and State officers.



Camping by permitted hunters in Pippins Lake Campground is authorized only during big game hunts. The campground will open 8 am the day before each hunt and close at 11 am the day after each hunt. Hunters participating in more than one quota hunt may leave campers in the campground between hunts at their own risk. Shower facilities may not be available this year.

Some access roads may be closed for small game and turkey seasons or in bad weather.

**Hunter access is permitted from 4 am to one hour after sunset during open seasons.**

### Hitchiti Experimental Forest

The Hitchiti Experimental Forest is open for hunting only during refuge hunting seasons with a valid Piedmont Refuge hunting permit and in accordance with refuge regulations.

<i>Type Hunt</i>	<b>Hunting Seasons 2009 - 2010</b>		<i>Bag Limits</i>
	<i>Required Permits</i>	<i>Season Dates</i>	
Deer - Either sex Archery	General Refuge Permit	Sept. 12-Oct. 4, 2009	state limit
Deer - Either sex Disabled Hunt	Special Refuge Permit for Wheelchair Bound Persons	October 16-17, 2009	2 deer
Deer - Either sex Primitive Weapons	Quota 1250	November 5-7, 2009	2 deer
Deer - Either sex Firearms	Quota 1250	October 29-31, 2009 November 12-14, 2009 December 3-5, 2009	2 deer
Quail, Squirrel, Rabbit	General Refuge Permit	State season except Refuge small game hunts will be closed during all refuge deer hunts.	state limit
Raccoon, Opossum	General Refuge Permit	January 8-9, 2010 January 15-16, 2010 January 22-23, 2010 January 29-30, 2010	state limit
Spring Turkey	Quota 300 Quota 300 Quota 300	March 23-27, 2010 April 6-10, 2010 April 20-24, 2010	state limit

### Hunter Education / Children

Hunters age 16-25 must possess the hunter education certificate while hunting. Children age 15 and under must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older possessing a valid hunting or fishing license to hunt or fish on the refuge.

One adult may supervise no more than one youth hunter during refuge quota hunts. Youth hunters, age 15 and under, may hunt on quota hunts with a permitted adult by obtaining a free refuge youth permit. Youth permits will be available the day after each quota drawing through the quota hunt season. Hunters age 16 and over are required to have a paid permit.

### Big Game Hunting

All big game must be checked on the day killed at the refuge check station as designated before leaving the refuge.

During deer archery, deer must be recorded on the hunter's state harvest record at the site of kill.

On deer firearm hunts, a special tag will be issued at the check station. Do not record kill on the state harvest record. These deer will not count towards a hunter's season limit.

Hunter orange is required to be worn during all deer firearm hunts. At least 500 square inches of hunter orange must be worn as an outer garment above the waist.

### Tree stands / hunting blinds

Tree stands and hunting blinds may be placed the day prior to each hunt and must be removed by 11 am the day after the hunt.

### Small game

During raccoon and opossum hunts permitted weapons are limited to .22 cal or smaller rim fire firearms. Hunting hours are from 6 pm to 6 am.

Squirrel, rabbit, and quail hunting are not permitted during refuge deer hunt dates.

### Sport Fishing Regulations

■ Fishing is open April 1 through September 30, from sunrise to sunset.

■ Fishing is permitted in ponds designated as open to fishing.

■ Refuge streams are open for bank fishing in all areas not designated as "Area Closed."

■ Species and limits: Bass – 5 (must be 12 inches in length); Catfish – 5; Bream – 15.

■ Fishermen may not use or possess fish (minnows) for bait.

■ Fishermen may use only rod and reel or pole and line to fish. Two poles per person allowed.

■ Fishermen may not possess, place or throw feeds to attract fish.

### Children's Pond (Pond 21A)

Fishing in this pond is restricted to children 15 years of age or younger, adults may fish with children.

### Boats

Boats with electric motors are permitted in all ponds open to fishing. Gasoline motors are prohibited. Boat ramp access is available only at Pond 2A.

### How to Get Refuge Permits

Refuge permits are required for all hunters and fishermen and anyone who accompanies them. Permits are NOT transferable. When signed, this brochure serves as your permit for fishing, small game, raccoon and deer archery hunts. Additional permits may be obtained at refuge headquarters or by mail.

Application forms for the deer gun hunts will be available in July and must be returned to the refuge office by **12 noon on August 26, 2009**. A public drawing will be held at **1 pm August 26, 2009**.

Applications for the Spring turkey hunts will be available in January and must be returned to the refuge office by **12 noon on February 24, 2010**. A public drawing will be held at **1 pm February 24, 2010**.

Deer and turkey hunters who return their permits after the hunts or those that return their rejection notices will automatically be mailed an application form the following year.

Persons interested in the special disabled hunt (only for wheel-chair bound persons) should contact the Refuge Office for information concerning this hunt by October 2.

Contact the refuge office for more information or to report any violations of refuge regulations 478/986 5441.

### General Prohibited Activities

■ Taking, collecting, or disturbing any artifact, property, plant, wildlife or part thereof, other than that specifically permitted by refuge regulation.

■ Possession or use of alcoholic beverages except in the designated camping area.

■ Driving metal objects into trees or hunting from a tree in which metal objects have been driven.

■ Marking trails with flagging, blazing, painting, paper, trash or other devices.

■ Entering refuge during deer firearms hunt without a refuge deer quota permit.

■ Possess or hunt with buckshot.

■ Hunting or shooting from or within 50 yards of a road open to vehicle travel or 200 yards of a building.

■ Transporting a loaded firearm and transporting a firearm that is not encased or dismantled in a vehicle.

■ Target shooting.

■ Discharge of weapons in the campground.

■ Possessing firearms except by permitted hunter during open seasons.

■ Off road vehicle travel. Vehicle travel is limited to open graveled roads.

■ Use of ATVs or other off road vehicles.

■ Leaving vehicles or trailers on refuge overnight.

■ Blocking refuge road, boat ramp or gate with vehicles or vehicle travel around a closed gate.

■ Disturbing, annoying or interfering with other persons.

■ Use audio equipment, noise making devices or generators after 10 pm or before 6 am in the campground.

■ Open fires except in the designated camping area.

■ Unleashed pets

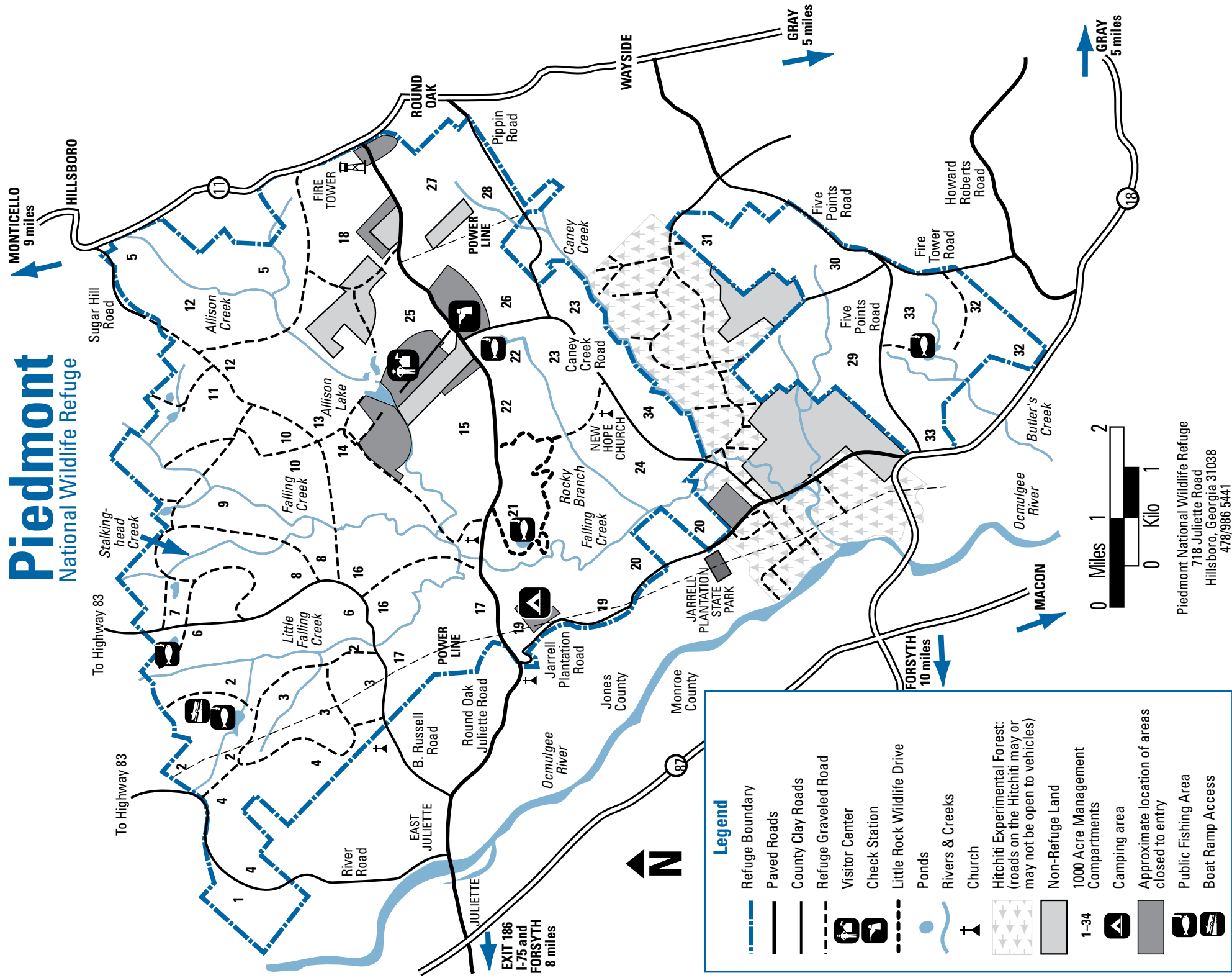
■ Littering

■ Horses or mules

■ Man-drives for deer or feral hogs

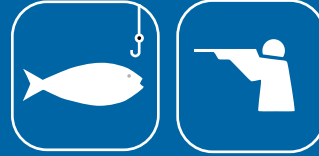
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