

Little River

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations *2008-2009*



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Little River National Wildlife Refuge General Hunt Permit 2008-2009

Note: No permit required for sport fishing.
General hunt permit required for *all* hunting.
Quota permit required for gun deer and gun
turkey hunts.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Signature of Hunter

This permit is valid only when signed above by the
hunter and must be carried on hunter's person.

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General Information

Little River National Wildlife Refuge plays an important role in our National Wildlife Refuge System. The refuge was established on February 10, 1987 as the nation's 438th refuge. The 13,660 acre refuge preserves one of the last remaining remnants of the once extensive bottomland hardwood forest ecosystem of the Little River floodplain. The bottomland hardwood forest ecosystem provides essential habitat for a diversity of migratory birds and resident wildlife species in Oklahoma. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the refuge system and is responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing the nation's fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for the continuing benefit of people.

General Refuge Regulations

By law, national wildlife refuges are closed to all public use activities unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other public uses are permitted on most areas of the refuge. The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations that govern public use on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. When permitted, hunting, fishing, and other public uses will be in accordance with applicable State laws unless otherwise listed.

To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting Little River NWR, please take the time to become familiar with the following regulations. Contact the refuge manager for current regulations and authorized activities before entering the refuge.

Hours

General refuge hours are sunrise to sunset. Night-time use of the refuge is limited to raccoon hunting during the refuge season and fishing while in possession of appropriate tackle.

Weapons

Carrying, possessing, or discharging firearms, fireworks, or explosives on national wildlife refuges is prohibited unless specifically authorized.

Firearms must be unloaded and either dismantled or encased when transported in vehicles and boats while on the refuge. The use or possession of crossbows, bows and arrows, air guns, spears, gigs, and other weapons on national wildlife refuges is prohibited except as may be authorized by the refuge manager. Possession of centerfire rifles and handguns on the refuge is prohibited except during the refuge quota controlled deer hunts. This prohibition applies to persons in possession of concealed weapons permits.

Nontoxic Shot

All hunters using shotguns for hunting small game, raccoons, and migratory game birds on the refuge must use and possess ammunition containing non-toxic shot only.

Motorized Vehicles

Only legally licensed vehicles are allowed on the refuge and are restricted to roads that are open to travel. Off-highway vehicles (ATV's and ATC's) are prohibited on the refuge.

Boats

Boats used for any recreational activity; i.e., hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing, must be removed from the refuge daily. Boats must comply with all state regulations.

Roads

Roads may be closed at any time due to adverse weather conditions or management needs. Vehicles must remain on established roads as delineated on the refuge map. Vehicles may be parked alongside open roads in a manner that will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Please avoid driving on refuge roads during wet conditions as damage to the roads will result.

<i>Accessibility</i>	Disabled persons are encouraged to participate in Refuge hunts and other activities. Contact the Refuge Manager for guidelines to obtain special use access.
<i>Animals/Pets</i>	Dogs are permitted for hunting squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, and migratory birds during designated seasons. All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number. Horses are permitted only on roads open to motorized traffic. Riding off roads into fields, woods, or on foot trails is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the refuge manager.
<i>Closed Areas</i>	Designated areas will be closed to certain types of hunting (see map for specific locations and closures). Other areas may be closed for special management or safety reasons.
<i>Camping and Fires</i>	Camping and fires are prohibited on the refuge.
<i>Refuge/Cultural Resources</i>	All government property including natural, historic, and archaeological features are protected by federal law. Searching for or removal of objects of antiquity or other value is strictly prohibited.
<i>Fishing</i>	Sport fishing is permitted year-round in accordance with state regulations. Visitors must comply with all state fishing and boating regulations.
<i>Tree Stands</i>	All tree stands must be removed from the refuge daily. The use of nails, wires, screws, or bolts to attach a tree stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited.
<i>Tree Marking</i>	It is unlawful to mark any tree or other refuge feature with paint, flagging tape, ribbon or similar substance.
<i>Hunter Education</i>	Hunter's must comply with the state hunter education requirements when hunting on the refuge.

Youth Supervision

Youths 14-years-old or younger must be directly supervised by an adult at least 18 years of age while hunting.

Prohibited Activities

- Shooting from or across any refuge road or right-of-way
- Littering
- Spot lighting—artificial light may not be used to locate wildlife
- Baiting or hunting over bait, salt, or any attractant
- Target practice
- Use or possession of alcohol beverages while hunting
- Taking of wildlife or plants (including cutting trees or brush) other than specified in this brochure
- Drive or screwing a nail, spike, or other metal object into a tree or hunting from any tree in which a nail, spike, or other metal object has been driven or screwed
- Searching for or removing any object of antiquity
- Blocking cattle guards, gates, or roadways with vehicles
- Marking trails with paint, flagging tape, ribbons, or trail tacks

Refuge Specific Hunting Regulations (see map)

Only the species listed in this brochure as open to hunting may be taken on the refuge.

Big game killed on the refuge must be tagged before transport and checked immediately at the nearest State Check Station. Please specify that the game was harvested on Little River NWR. Deer and turkey harvested during controlled hunts on the refuge will be counted as a bonus toward the statewide bag limit.

Permits

The signing of this leaflet on the designated line validates it as your general hunting permit for Little River NWR and is required for all refuge hunting. Visitors engaged in permitted activities on the refuge must show the permit, valid state license, and identification upon request of any refuge or state wildlife officer.

Controlled Hunt

The refuge offers controlled hunts for white-tailed deer and turkey. For information concerning these hunts, contact the refuge headquarters or the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation at 405/521-3719 or 405/521-2739

2008-2009 Hunting Season

*Waterfowl
(ducks only)*

Season: Same as statewide (½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon)

Bag limit: Same as statewide

Closed areas: Units 1, 2, and 3

Specific regulations: Closed on the days of the refuge controlled deer quota hunts. Only portable blinds may be used and must be removed from the refuge daily. All decoys and personal equipment must be removed daily.

*Squirrel
(Gray and Fox)*

Season: May 15–October 24 and December 01–January 31

Bag limit: Same as statewide

Closed Areas: No Hunting Zone in Unit 2 (see attached map).

*Rabbit (Swamp
and Cottontail)*

Season: October 1–October 24 and December 01–January 31

Bag limit: Same as statewide

Closed Areas: No Hunting Zone in Unit 2 (see attached map).

Rabbits may be hunted outside the statewide season by Special Use Permit only. Contact the Manager for information on Special Use Permits.

Raccoon

Season: December 01–January 31

Bag limit: Same as statewide

Closed areas: Closed portion of Unit 2 and Unit 3 (see attached map)

Specific regulations: Raccoons may be hunted outside the statewide season by Special Use Permit only. Contact the Refuge Manager for information on Special Use Permits.

Deer Archery

Season: October 1–October 24 and December 01–January 15

Bag limit: Same as statewide

Closed areas: Closed portion of Unit 2 and Unit 3 (see attached map)

*Deer Gun
(Controlled
Hunt)*

Season: November 07–November 09

Bag limit: one deer, either sex

Closed areas: Closed portion of Unit 2 and Unit 3 (see attached map)

Specific regulations: Controlled quota hunt, 30 permits issued

*Deer Gun
(Controlled
Hunt)*

Season: November 14–November 16

Bag limit: one deer, either sex

Closed areas: Closed portion of Unit 2 and Unit 3 (see attached map)

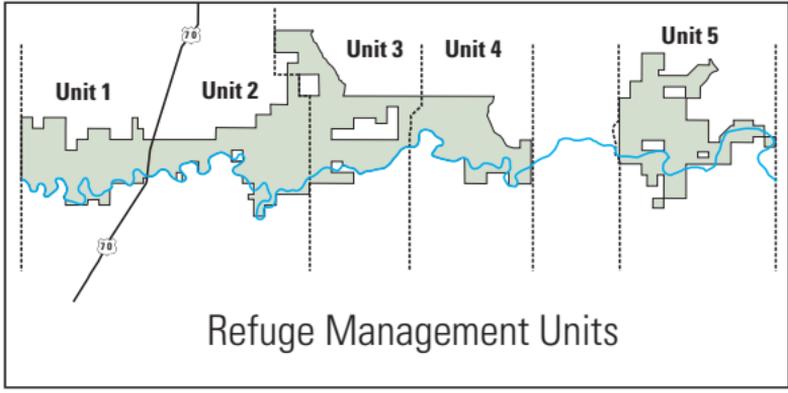
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Turkey Archery

Season: October 1 - October 24 and December 01–January 15

Bag limit: Same as statewide

Closed areas: Closed portion of Unit 2 and Unit 3 (see attached map)



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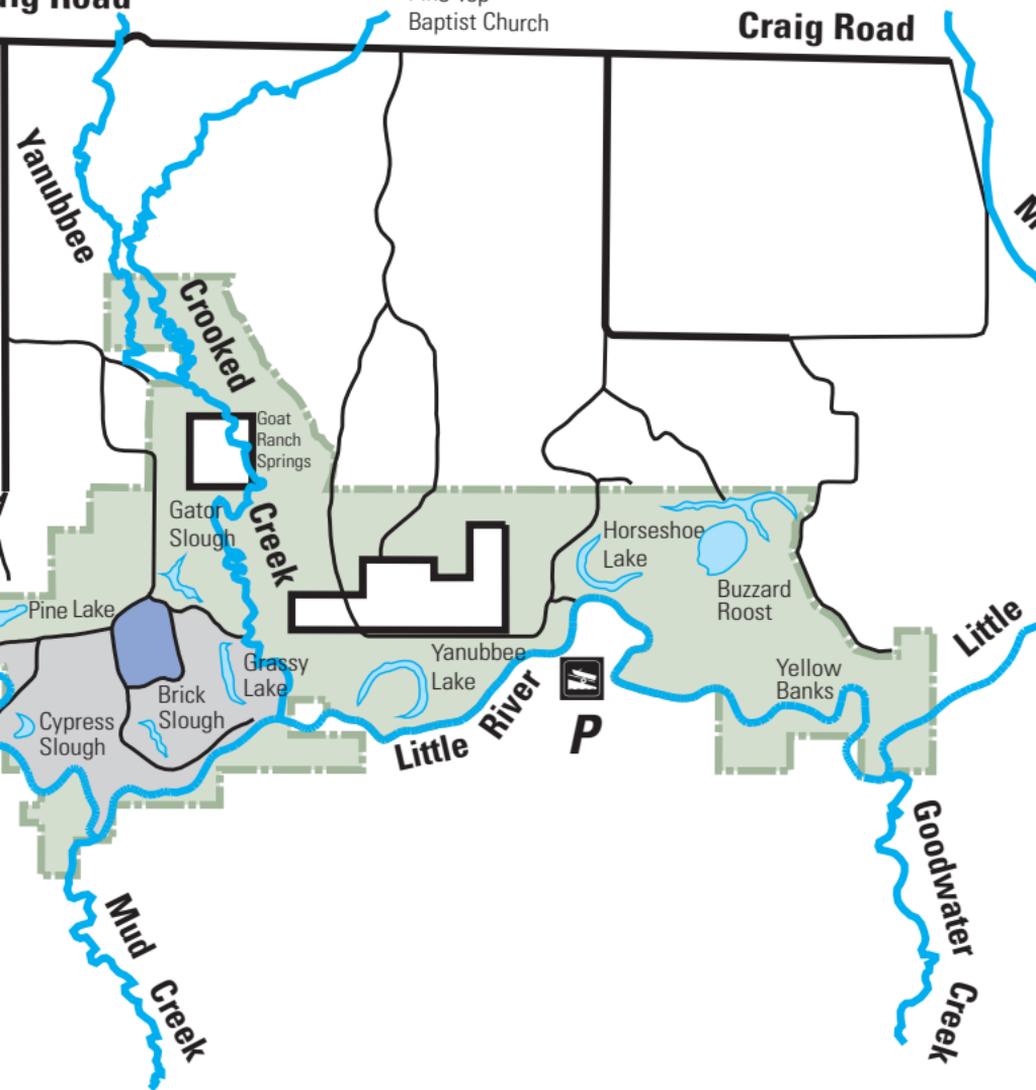
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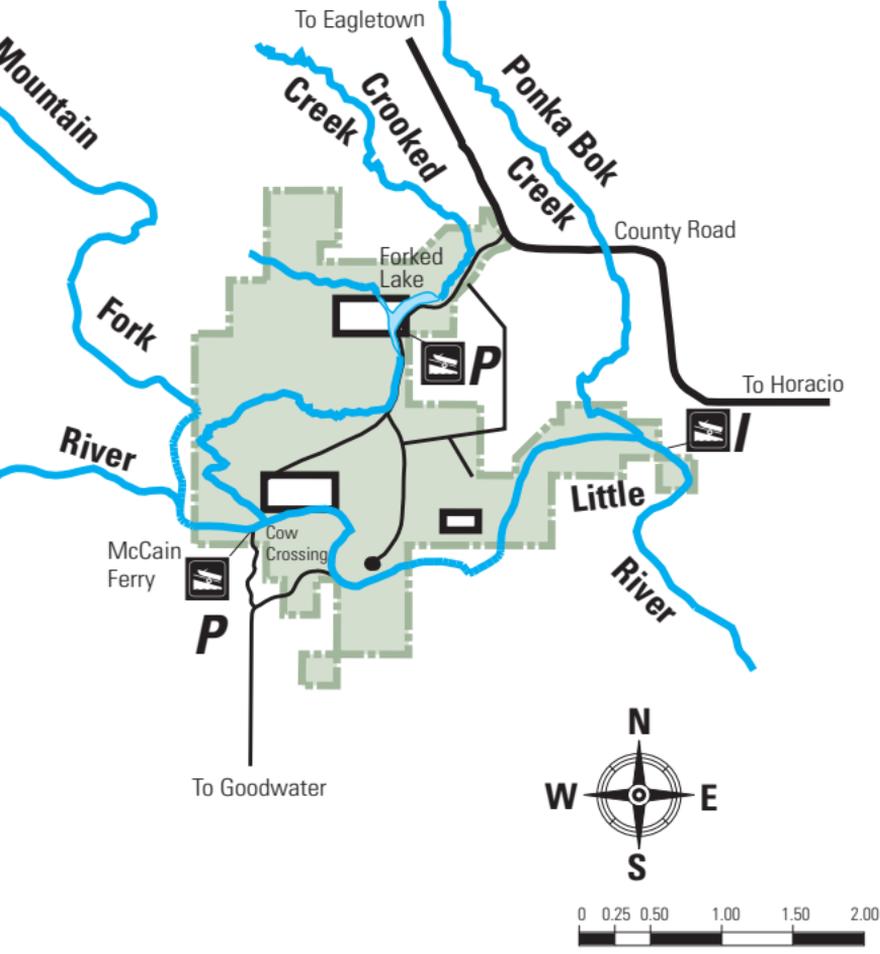
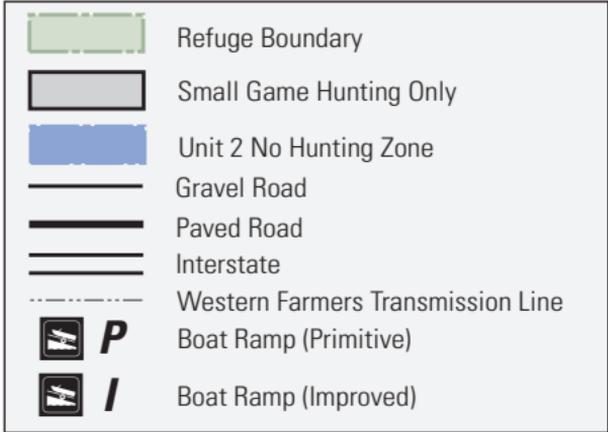
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Big Road

Pine Top Baptist Church

East Craig Road





*Turkey Gun
(Controlled Hunt)*

Season: April 11–19

Bag limit: One tom turkey

Closed areas: Closed portion of Unit 2 and Unit 3 (see attached map)

Specific regulations: Controlled quota hunt, 20 permits issued.

Beaver and Feral Hog

Season: Beaver and Feral Hog may be taken during the daylight hours of any established refuge hunt. Permits and legal weapons apply as for the current season.

Beaver may be **trapped** on the refuge by **Special Use Permit** only. Contact the Refuge Manager for information on Special Use Permits.

Bag limit: Same as statewide

Closed Areas: No Hunting Zone in Unit 2 (see attached map).

Specific Closed Season

All other hunting is closed during controlled hunts.

For More Information

For inquiries about refuge programs and activities contact the refuge manager at:

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