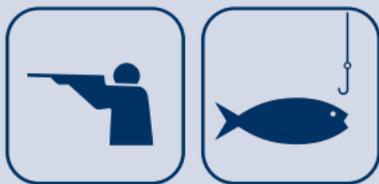


# Tishomingo

*National Wildlife Refuge  
and Wildlife Management  
Unit*

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*Hunting & Fishing  
Regulations*



*The 16,464-acre  
Tishomingo National  
Wildlife Refuge is one of  
more than 540 refuges  
throughout the United  
States managed by the  
Fish and Wildlife Service.*

*The National Wildlife  
Refuge System is the only  
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dedicated to conserving  
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## **General Information**

Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1946 to benefit migratory waterfowl in the Central Flyway and help conserve America's wildlife heritage for people today and generations yet to come.

## **General Refuge Regulations**

Major objectives of the Refuge are to provide habitat for wintering waterfowl and nongame migratory birds, wintering and production habitat for ducks, and habitat for the natural diversity of wildlife native to the area. Management objectives also emphasize opportunities for environmental education, interpretation, and wildlife recreation such as hunting, fishing, bird watching, and photography.

In the field, the Refuge boundary is indicated by 11 X 14-inch metal boundary signs and brown informational signs.

By law, national wildlife refuges are closed to all public use activities unless otherwise permitted. Hunting, fishing and certain other public uses are permitted on specific parts of the refuge. The regulations listed here supplement the general regulations that govern public use on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

## *Commercial Activities*

Refuge regulations require anyone engaged in a commercial activity to first obtain a Refuge Special Use Permit. Anyone planning to pursue a commercial activity on refuge lands is advised to contact the Refuge Manager for information on permitted commercial activities and special use permits.

## *Weapons*



Carrying, possessing, or discharging firearms, fireworks, or explosives on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless specifically authorized. Firearms must be unloaded and either dismantled or encased when transported in vehicles and boats. The use or possession of crossbows, bow 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 center fire rifles and handguns on the refuge and the wildlife management unit is prohibited.

## Hunting



### *Tishomingo NWR*

The refuge offers three controlled hunts through the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Applications to enter the controlled hunts are available from the ODWC.

### *Wildlife Management Area*

The Tishomingo Wildlife Management Unit is open to the public. The 3,150 acre Wildlife Management Unit is managed cooperatively by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. The management unit consist of three separate areas:

Check Station Unit, Airport Unit and the Pennington Bottom Unit. Limited hunting opportunities are allowed in accordance with federal and state regulations and season dates. The special regulations listed below also apply and are strictly enforced.

## Special Regulations

### *Registration*

All hunters must use self registration boxes to check in and out of the area. The registration boxes are located at various hunter access points.

### *Access*

Vehicle access is restricted from October 1 to March 1. No off-road driving is permitted

### *Methods of Take*

Hunting is restricted to archery and shotgun only. Non-toxic shot is **mandatory for all gun hunting** regardless of the species being hunted. Possession of lead shot, lead slugs, rifles, or pistols is prohibited. Deer hunting is by archery methods only.

### *Waterfowl*



The Management Unit is open for waterfowl hunting until 12:00 noon on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only. Waterfowl hunters are required to be off of the Management Unit by 12:00 noon.

## No hunter check station is operated

Waterfowl blind or pond selection is on a “first come” basis. **Only waterfowl hunters may drive into the Check Station Unit.** Sign in and blind selection begins at 4:30 a.m. No entry is permitted before 5:00 a.m. Hunters waiting for entry time are encouraged to coordinate with other hunters on which blind or pond they have chosen to hunt. Teller Pond, Blind #14 and Blind #27 (Hog Pen Blind) are reserved for use by handicapped hunters who possess a Non-ambulatory Permit to hunt from a motorized vehicle issued by the ODWC. These hunters *only* are authorized to drive off road to gain access to these locations. Provided that these three locations are not selected by a handicapped hunter by 5:30 a.m. they may be chosen by any hunter.

Decoy use is mandatory for waterfowl hunting. Boats and retrieving dogs are allowed. Dogs must remain under control of their handler.

### *Deer*



Archery deer hunting is allowed in accordance with the State archery season. Gun deer hunting is *not* permitted. Archery deer hunter must comply with florescent orange requirement during the primitive and modern gun seasons.

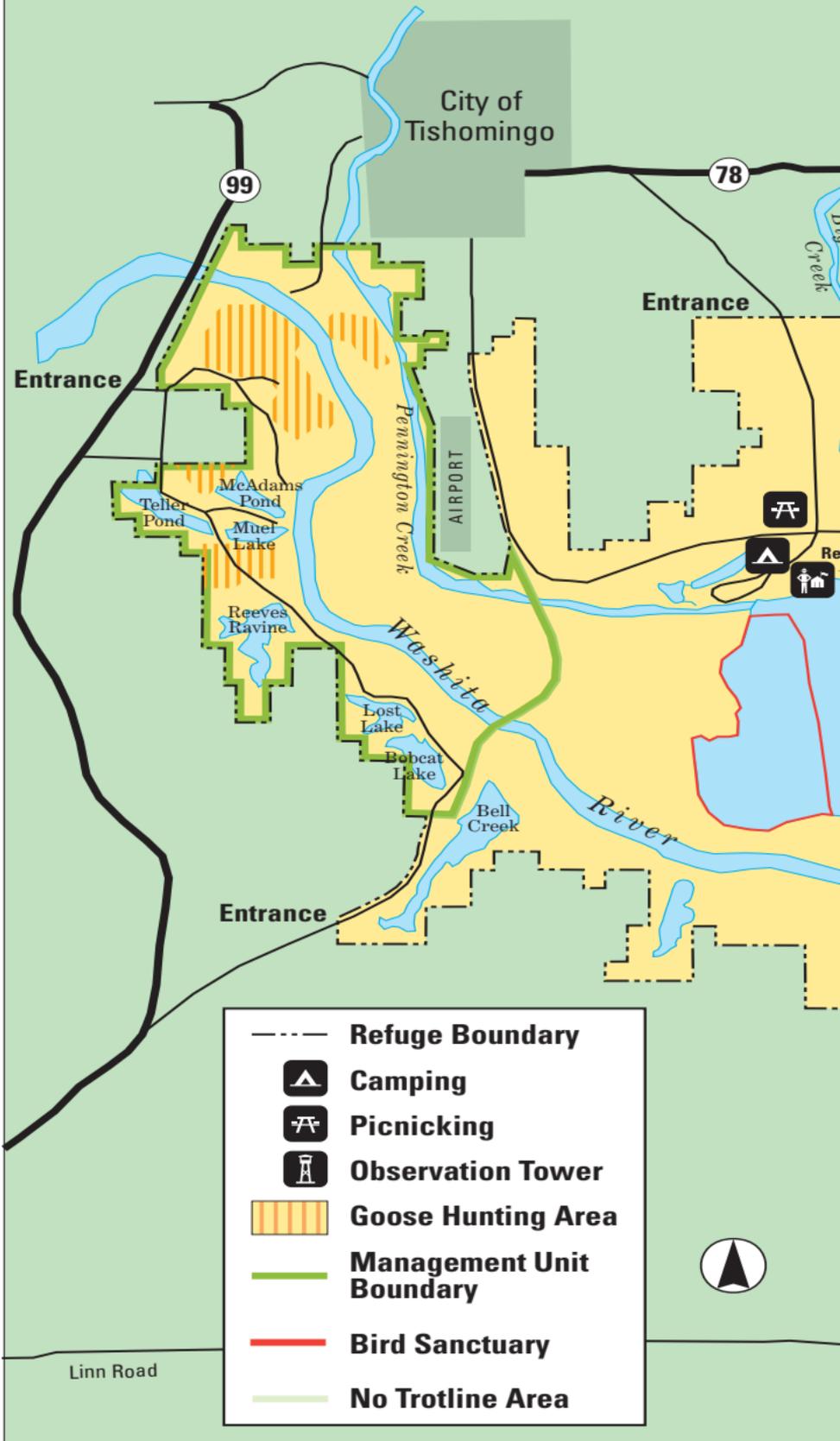
Portable or temporary stands may be utilized. No spikes or other damaging items may be driven into trees. Stands may remain in place no more than 14 days. Federal regulations prohibit baiting on this area.

### *Dove*



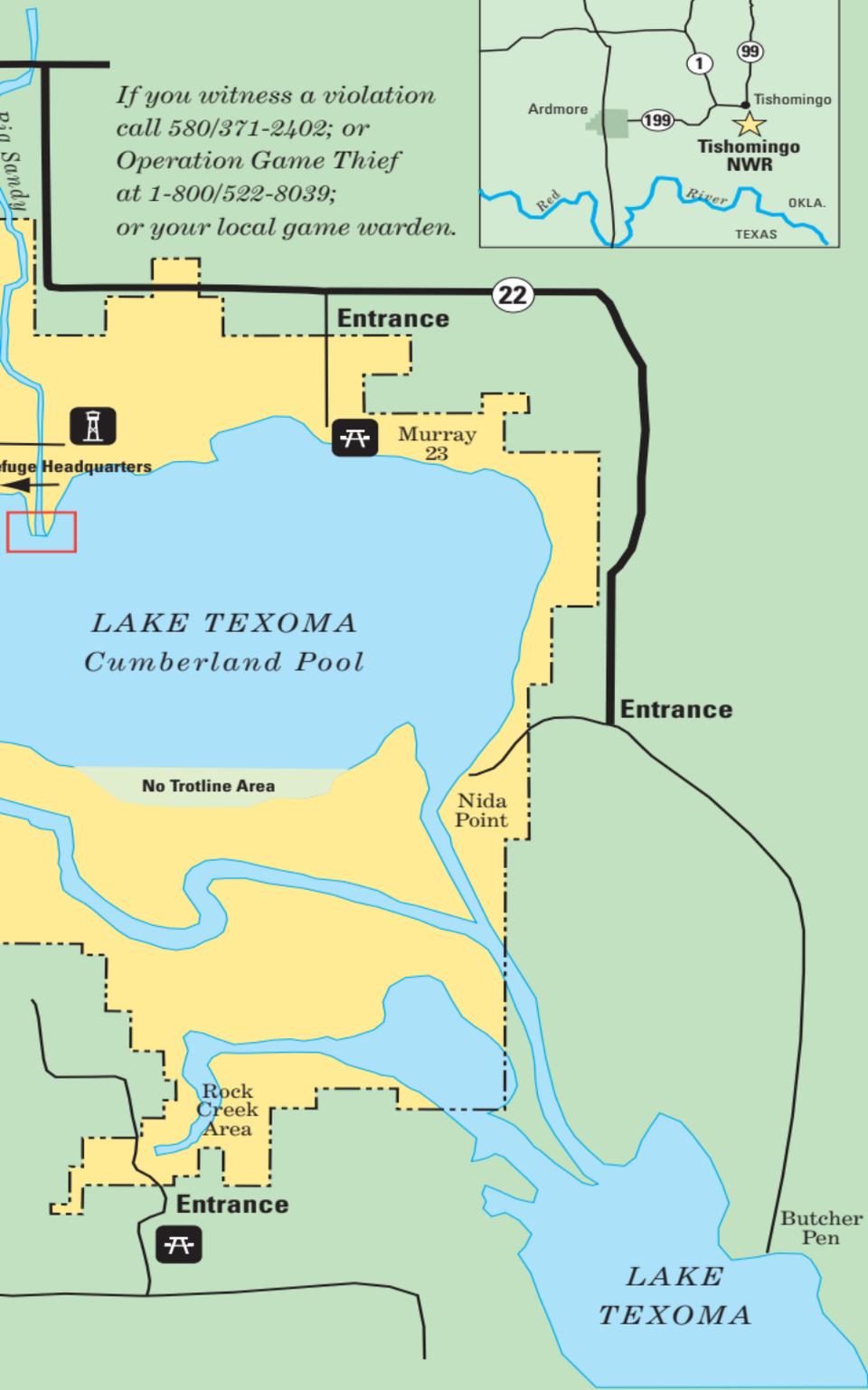
Dove hunting is permitted September 1 through September 30 only. Non-toxic shot only.

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## *Upland Game*



Rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited from October 1 until the close of the dark goose season. After the close of the dark goose season, rabbit and squirrel may be hunted. Non-toxic shot only.

## *Turkey*



Hunting is allowed during the spring shotgun season and during the fall archery season in accordance with state regulations. Non-toxic shot only.

## *Feral Hogs*

Feral hog hunting is permitted year round by archery. Feral hogs may be hunted with a shotgun and non-toxic shot except during deer archery season. Pursuing with hounds, horses or mules is prohibited. Feeding, baiting and trapping of feral hogs are prohibited.

## *Furbearers and Predators*

Hunting, pursuing with hounds or trapping is prohibited.

*All other wildlife is protected.*

*Help keep our refuge clean. Please do not litter.*



## Fishing and Boating



Fishing with hook and line is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

### *Fishing*

Bank and wade fishing with pole and line or rod and reel are permitted year-round in areas open for public access.

Limblines, throwlines, juglines, and yo-yo's are not permitted in lakes, ponds or creeks. During boating season, trotlines are only permitted in the open area of Cumberland Pool and the natural banks of the Washita River. Lines used in the Cumberland Pool must be attached to anchored floats and may not be attached to sticks, poles, trees, buoys, or other fixed objects. The owners name and address must be on the end floats of each line without any viewing obstructions. Fishing tackle must be removed at the end of each season.

### *Containers*

Use of any containers (jugs, bottles) as floats is not permitted. Glass or metallic floating devices are not permitted.

### *Trotlines*

Trotlines are restricted to no more than 3 lines and 100 hooks per person. Hooks no less than 24 inches apart. Trotlines must be attended at least once every 24-hours. Trotlines made of non-metallic materials only. Trotlines are not permitted in waters less than 3-feet. Lines must be 3 feet or more below the water surface.

During the boating season, no wake boat fishing with hand-held tackle is permitted in the Cumberland Pool (except for the Bird Sanctuary Zones), lakes south of the Washita River and the Wildlife Management Unit. Fishing or entry into the Bird Sanctuary Zone is not permitted.

Night fishing is permitted from a boat (during boating season) on the Cumberland Pool, except not in the Bird Sanctuary Zone. The Bird Sanctuary boundaries are the buoy line south and west of the Headquarters Boat Ramp (excluding the mouth of Pennington Creek) and the Sandy Creek Peninsula, marked by signs and buoys.

Night fishing from the bank is permitted at the Headquarters Area, Sandy Creek Bridge, Murray 23, Wildlife Management Unit and other authorized fishing areas.

Taking of bait for personal use while fishing on the refuge is permitted in accordance with Oklahoma State Law.

Bow fishing is permitted only in the Wildlife Management Unit.

The taking of fish by the use of hands (noodling) is prohibited in all Refuge and Wildlife Management Unit Waters.

## *Boating*



The boating season runs March 1 through September 30 on Refuge lakes, the Wildlife Management Unit and Washita River.

All State and Federal regulations apply to boats using the Refuge.

Airboats, hovercraft and personnel watercraft are not permitted.

Cumberland Pool contains floating debris and submerged concrete structures.

Tube fishing or fishing with aid of an inner tube-type floatation device as part of a pair of waders is permitted during boating season, March 1 through September 30.

Boating, fishing, and entry into the Bird Sanctuary Zone is prohibited.

## Special daily bag and size limits

White or Black Crappie – 10" minimum and 37 daily limit.

Channel or Blue Catfish – 12" minimum. Daily limit 15 combined.

Flathead Catfish – 20" minimum and daily limit 5.

Striped and Hybrid Striped Bass – daily limit of 10 combined, only 2 may be 20 " or longer.

White Bass – daily limit of 25. No size limit.

Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass – Size limit of 14" minimum and a daily limit of 5 combined.

## General Rules



Night time traffic is prohibited, except for night fishing.

Searching for or removal of artifacts or antiquities is prohibited.



Fires are permitted only at designated areas. Ground fires are not permitted.



Firearms, bows and other weapons are prohibited, except for authorized hunting and fishing in the Wildlife Management Unit. Target shooting is prohibited.



Swimming is not permitted.



Water skiing is not permitted.



Camping is allowed year-round at the Headquarters Camping Area. There are 11 primitive campsites available for anglers only. General camping is allowed in the Wildlife Management Unit from March 1 through September 30 at the 5 designated primitive campsites: 1) McAdams River Access; 2) McAdams Pond; 3) Clifton River Access; 4) Reeves Ravine Pond and; 5) Rattlesnake River Access.



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