



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Hunting Regulations 2025-2026

## *Ozark Plateau National Wildlife Refuge*

Public hunting on Ozark Plateau National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is allowed only in areas designated as open to hunting. Hunting shall be in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations.

### Authorization Requirement

Hunters must read the refuge regulations and sign the space provided on this tearsheet. All hunters must possess and carry this free signed hunt tearsheet with them at all times when hunting. Tearsheets are available at various entrance points to the refuge, at refuge headquarters, and on our website.

### Hunt Areas

Hunt areas are designated on the back of this tearsheet. Hunters may not enter any closed areas of the refuge.

### Seasons

Season dates and bag limits are as specified in the State of Oklahoma Hunting Regulations.

### Legal Game

Hunters may only hunt the following species:

*Upland Game:* cottontail rabbit, gray squirrel, and fox squirrel

*Big Game:* white-tail deer hunting is allowed with archery equipment only.

*Feral Hog:* incidental take is legal while upland game and big game hunting.

### Firearms

Hunters may only hunt upland game with shotgun, .17/.22 rimfire rifle, and archery equipment. Only archery equipment may be used for deer hunting.

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32)

### Access

Hunting is by walk-in access only. Vehicles are confined to public access roads and designated parking areas. Horses and ATVs/UTVs are prohibited.

### Blinds/Tree Stands

We allow the use of portable type tree stands and blinds. Stands and blinds must be removed from the refuge within two days from the last day of the season.

The use of screw-in type steps, or any equipment that screws into a tree, is prohibited.

*We prohibit the following:*

- Littering, dumping household furniture, trash, brush, or appliances.
- Possession of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances.
- Camping and fires.
- Use of scouting cameras.
- Baiting or hunting over bait, salt, or any attractant. Hunting scents are allowed.
- Target practice.
- Taking of wildlife, antlers, mushrooms, or plants (including cutting trees or brush) unless authorized.
- Searching for or removing any object of archaeological or historical significance including arrowheads, pottery, or other artifacts.
- Blocking gates, or roadways with vehicles.
- Marking trails with paint or leaving flagging tape, ribbons or trail tacks.

### 2025-2026 Ozark Plateau NWR General Hunt Authorization

When signed and carried, this serves as your authorization for all refuge hunts and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein. This authorization is valid only when signed below and must be carried with you at all times while on the refuge.

**I have read and understood the rules and regulations of hunting on Ozark Plateau NWR for the current hunting season.**

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Hunter Signature

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Date

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Hunter Printed Name

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