

Marais des Cygnes

National Wildlife Refuge
Hunting and Fishing



Welcome

Welcome to Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Located in east-central Kansas, the Marais des Cygnes NWR was established in 1992 to protect and restore bottomland hardwood forests and other habitats.

Safety

The Refuge is in an area with uneven terrain and limited cell phone service. Ticks, mosquitos, poison ivy are common on the Refuge.

Prohibited Activities

- Camping or fires.
- Trapping.
- Possession or consumption of alcohol while hunting.
- Use of unattended electronic or photographic monitoring devices such as trail cameras.
- Use of artificial light to locate wildlife within Refuge boundaries.
- Disturbing or collecting natural items (antlers, skulls) or historic and archeological features.
- Use of ATVs, OHVs, UTVs, and bicycles on Refuge roads and property.

Firearms

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands 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.)

Use of centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols is prohibited at all times. Discharge of firearms within 150 yards of any residence or occupied building is prohibited.

Vehicles and Boats

Licensed motor vehicles are permitted only on public roads. Hunters must park in a manner that will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Parking areas are available at several locations (see map).

Boats powered by outboard motors are limited to the westernmost 5 ½ miles of the Marais des Cygnes River within the refuge boundaries.

Non-motorized boats and electric trolling motors are allowed on all Refuge waters located in open areas.

Hunting Regulations Table

Hunting is in accordance with State regulations. In addition, Refuge-specific regulations must be followed and are listed in the table below.

Activity	Season Dates and Harvest	Other Regulations
White-tailed Deer	State season and regulations apply.	Non-toxic shot required for all shotgun hunting.
	Youth, Disabled and Archery.	Limited Draw Only — Special Access Permit required.
	Extended Firearm (January antlerless white-tail).	Limited Draw Only — Special Access Permit required.
	Muzzleloader, Regular Firearms, Pre-rut White-tail Antlerless Firearm.	Closed on Refuge.
Turkey	State season and regulations apply.	Non-toxic shot required for all shotgun hunting.
	Spring:	Limited Draw Only — Special Access Permit required.
Coot, crow, duck, goose, mourning dove, rail, snipe, woodcock	State season and regulations apply.	Non-toxic shot required for all shotgun hunting. Electronic calls may be used for crow.
Badger, bobcat, coyote, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, striped skunk, weasel	State season and regulations apply.	Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Non-toxic shot required for all shotgun hunting. Electronic calls may be used. Beaver and otter harvest are prohibited.
Quail, rabbit, squirrel	State season and regulations apply.	Non-toxic shot required for all shotgun hunting.

See map for hunting areas.

Accessibility

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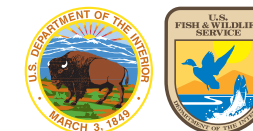
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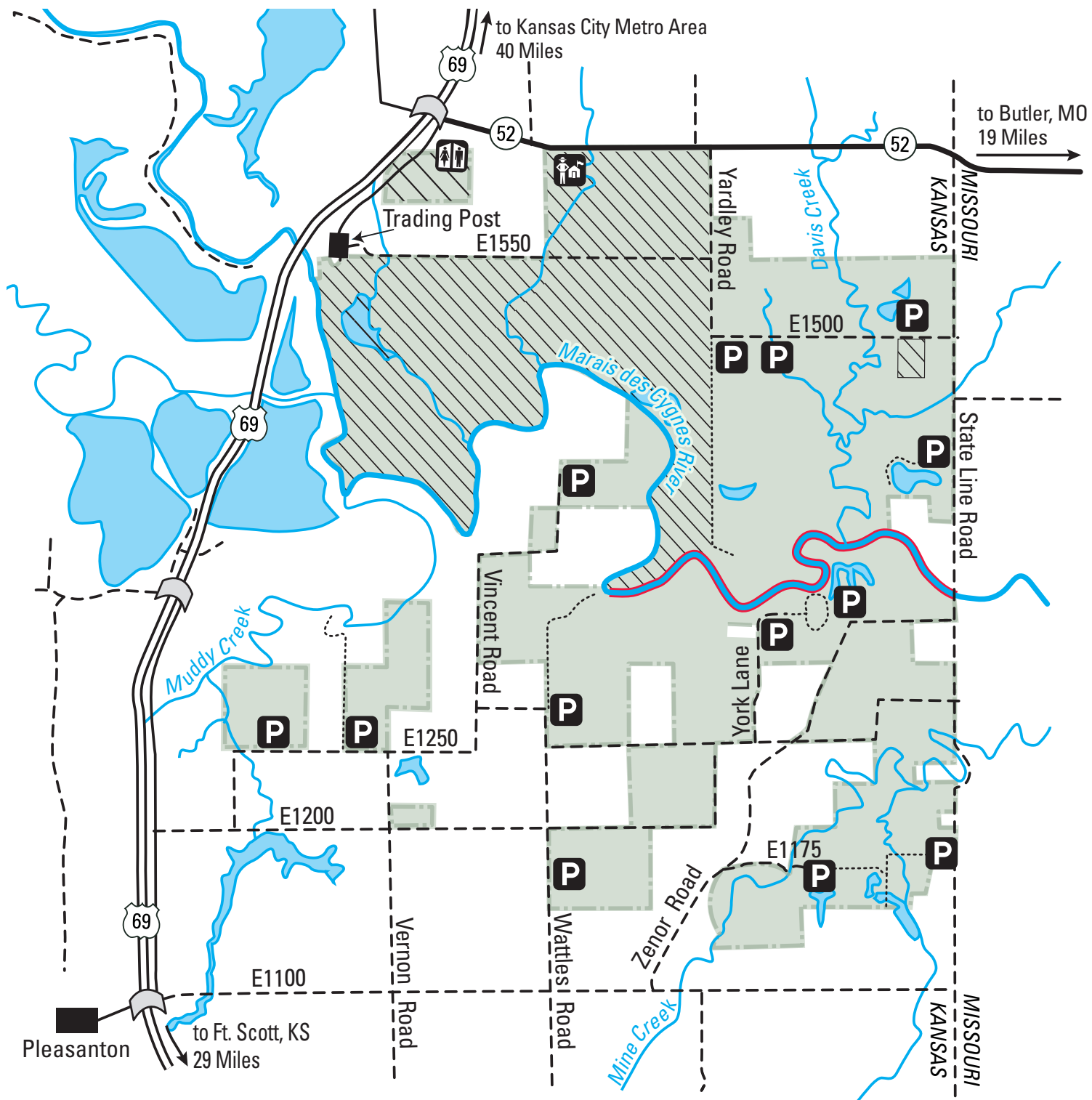
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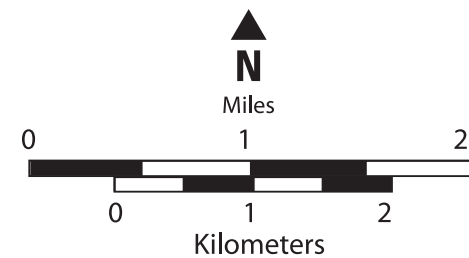


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Legend

- Refuge boundary
- Paved road
- Unpaved road
- Foot path
- Federal highway
- State highway
- Open hunting area
- Closed area
- Refuge headquarters
- Parking
- Restroom
- Water
- Motorized river section
- Non-motorized river section



The Blue Goose is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Hunting and fishing are permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Hunting and fishing are allowed on the Refuge in accordance with State regulations and the Refuge-specific regulations in this brochure.

Hours

Hunting hours are the same as those set in State regulations, except that night hunting is not allowed.

Tree Stands/Blinds

The use of permanent blinds, tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the bark of a tree is prohibited. One portable blind or stand is allowed per hunter. Hunters can place a stand on the Refuge no more than 14 days prior to the season, which shall be removed within 14 days of the close of the season. Portable blinds and decoys must be removed at the end of each day's hunt. Portable blinds and stands must be labeled with the owner's name and KDWPT number. Labels must be clearly visible from the ground.

Permit Procedures

Deer and spring turkey hunting on the Refuge are only allowed with a State-issued Special Hunt permit. To apply for a permit, visit the Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) website at www.ksoutdoors.com.

Dogs

Dogs may be used for hunting during the appropriate seasons. Dogs must remain under voice control at all times. Field trials are prohibited. Use of dogs for hunting furbearers, including coyotes, is prohibited. Any pet or dog not engaged in hunting must be on a leash.

Game Retrieval

Reasonable effort must be made to retrieve harvested game. Retrieval of game is prohibited in closed areas.

Fishing Regulations

Sport fishing is allowed on designated areas of the Refuge in accordance with State fishing regulations, except the take of reptiles and amphibians is prohibited.