

Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting and Fishing Information



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.



Welcome

Welcome to Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Located in the flood plain of Neosho River Valley, this 18,500-acre Refuge was established in 1966. The Flint Hills NWR overlays the John Redmond Reservoir, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control project. Portions of the land and waters are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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.

Prohibited Activities

- Trapping, falconry, and scent lures.
- Camping and fires.
- Possessing or discharging fireworks or explosives.
- Use of ATVs and UTVs.
- Air-thrust or in-board water-thrust boats.
- All commercial activities, including guided hunts and fishing.
- Possession or consumption of alcohol while hunting.
- Disturbing or collecting natural items (antlers and skulls) or historic and archeological features.
- Use of drones

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.)

Vehicles and Boats

Only licensed vehicles are allowed on designated Refuge roads. All vehicles and boats must comply with State and Federal regulations.

Parking

Parked vehicles must not impede traffic. Hunters can park in designated areas and along the shoulder of Refuge roads within one car width from the nearest edge of the road. Parking is not allowed in front of gates.

Closed Areas

The Neosho River and Refuge lands north of the Neosho River are closed to all public entry from November 1 to March 1 to provide a sanctuary for migratory birds. Refer to the map for these areas.

Dogs

Dogs are prohibited while hunting coyotes, furbearers, and turkeys. Dogs can be used while hunting migratory birds and upland game.

Baiting/Spotlighting/Monitoring Devices

The distribution of bait or hunting over bait is prohibited. The use of artificial light to locate wildlife is prohibited. The use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices is also prohibited.

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.

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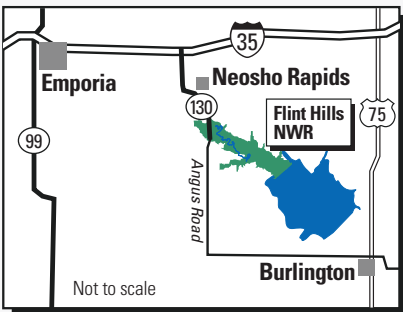
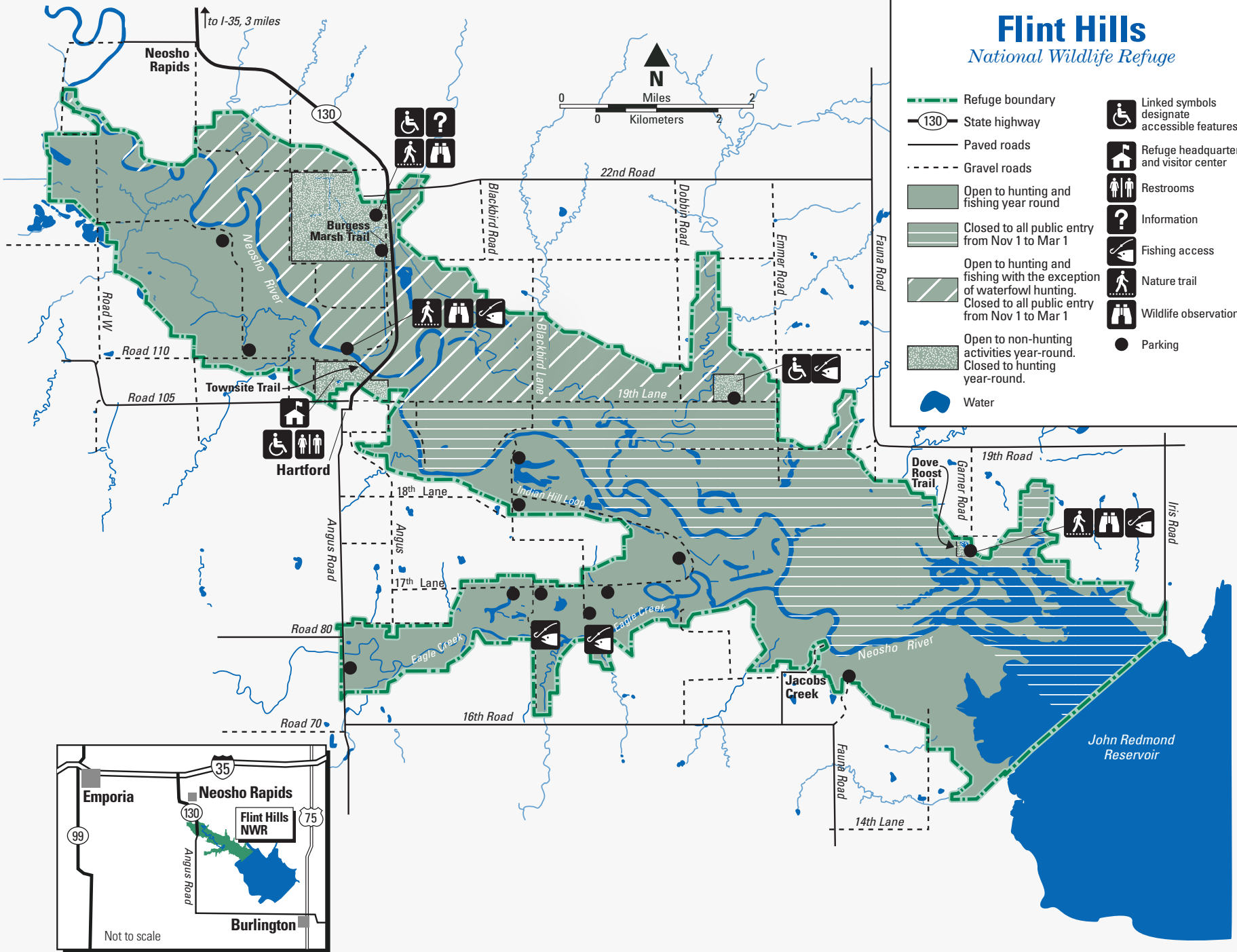
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National Wildlife Refuge

	Refuge boundary		Linked symbols designate accessible features
	State highway		Refuge headquarters and visitor center
	Paved roads		Restrooms
	Gravel roads		Information
	Open to hunting and fishing year-round		Fishing access
	Closed to all public entry from Nov 1 to Mar 1		Nature trail
	Open to hunting and fishing with the exception of waterfowl hunting. Closed to all public entry from Nov 1 to Mar 1		Wildlife observation
	Open to non-hunting activities year-round. Closed to hunting year-round.		Parking
	Water		



to I-35, 3 miles



John Redmond Reservoir

Tree Stands / Blinds / Decoys

- One portable blind or stand is allowed per hunter.
- Hunters can place one stand on the Refuge no more than 14 days prior to deer season, and it must be removed within 14 days of the close of deer season.
- Portable blinds must be removed at the end of each day's hunt. Portable blinds and stands must be labeled with the owner's Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism (KDWPT) number. Labels must be clearly visible from the ground.
- Nails, screws, screw in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree are prohibited.
- Decoys must be removed at the end of each day's hunt.

Hunting Regulations

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Activity	Season Dates	Other Regulations
White-tail Deer	State season	Hunters may use muzzleloaders, shotguns with slugs, and archery equipment only.
Pheasant, prairie chicken, quail	State season	Hunters may use muzzleloading shotguns and shotguns both with non-toxic shot only.
Badger, bobcat, coyote, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, striped skunk, weasel	State season	Hunters may use rimfire firearms, archery equipment, and muzzleloading shotguns and shotguns both with non-toxic shot only. Beaver and otter harvest are prohibited. All hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
Coot, crow, duck, goose, mourning dove, rail, snipe, woodcock	State season	State-approved equipment and non-toxic shot only.
Turkey	State season	State-approved equipment and non-toxic shot only.

See map for areas open to hunting