

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting and Fishing Information



Welcome

Welcome to Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Located in the floodplain of the Neosho River valley, this 18,500-acre Refuge was established in 1966. 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 State regulations and Federal regulations governing public use on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Vehicles and Boats

Licensed vehicles are allowed on open Refuge roads. All vehicles and boats must comply with State and Federal regulations. ATVs, UTVs, and e-bikes (licensed or unlicensed) are not allowed on Refuge lands or roads.

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 (see map). These lands are also closed to all hunting year-round to provide a sanctuary for migratory birds.

Dogs

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

Tree Stands / Blinds / Decoys

- One portable blind or stand is allowed per hunter.
- Hunters can place one hunting 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. In the seasonally open area, tree stands must be removed by November 1.
- Portable blinds must be removed at the end of each day's hunt.
- Portable blinds and stands must be labeled with the owner's name and address or Kansas Department of Wildlife, and Parks (KDWP) 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 daily.

Accessible Wildlife Viewing / Hunting Blind

The wildlife viewing/hunting blind is seasonally open to the public, and visitors with disabilities have priority. The road to the blind may be closed periodically due to flooding and when vehicle access is not possible. Contact the Refuge Headquarters for questions concerning the wildlife viewing/hunting blind.

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.)

Accessibility

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, www.doi.gov/accessibility.

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Prohibited Activities

- Trapping, falconry, and scent lures.
- Camping and fires.
- Possessing or discharging fireworks or explosives.
- Use of ATVs, UTVs, and e-bikes
- 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.
- Possession or use of night vision and thermal imaging devices.
- Distribution of bait or hunting over bait.
- Spotlighting or use of artificial light to locate wildlife.
- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices.
- Take of reptiles and amphibians.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting and fishing are allowed on the Refuge in accordance with State regulations and the Refuge-specific regulations as described in the table below and in the rest of the brochure.

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



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.



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National Wildlife Refuge

- Linked symbols designate accessible features
- Refuge headquarters and visitor center
- Restrooms
- Information
- Fishing access
- Nature trail
- Wildlife observation
- Parking
- Hunting Blind
- Refuge boundary
- State highway 130
- Paved roads
- Gravel roads
- Open to hunting and fishing year-round
- Closed to all public entry from Nov 1 to Mar 1 hunting year-round
- Seasonally open to hunting and fishing with the exception of waterfowl hunting. Closed to all public entry from Nov 1 to Mar 1
- Open to non-hunting activities year-round. Closed to hunting year-round

