

Clarence Cannon

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2026–2027



Welcome

Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge is named in honor of Congressman Clarence Cannon and covers 3,750 acres of Mississippi River floodplain. Refuge lands are comprised of managed moist soil units, open water, wet meadows and bottomland forest habitats. The refuge provides a feeding and resting area for migratory birds.

Hours of Public Use

Where applicable, refuge lands are open for general use from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset. For authorized hunting activities, the refuge is open to access one hour before legal sunrise until one hour after legal sunset and in accordance with state seasons and regulations.

Public Use Information

- Hiking allowed on refuge roads and trails, unless otherwise posted. ATVs/UTVs not allowed on the refuge.
- Biking use (pedal or electric) allowed on refuge roads open to public vehicular traffic only.
- Dogs must be on a leash except for hunting purposes (where hunting allowed).
- Berry and mushroom gathering allowed for personal consumption only, not for resale or other commercial use.
- Collecting shed deer antlers not allowed.
- Camping or fires not permitted.
- Gas boat motors prohibited on refuge with the exception of Bryants Creek. Electric motors and non-motorized watercraft allowed in designated areas for hunting, fishing and accessibility.

Firearms

- Allowed only during authorized hunting activities. Must be unloaded & either dismantled or cased when transporting on refuge roads or waters, unless in compliance with state concealed/carry regulations.

- When using a shotgun, hunters must only possess and use non-toxic shot.
- Target shooting or any non-hunting discharge of firearms prohibited.

Accessibility Information

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 Civil Rights <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/public-civil-rights>.

Fishing Regulations

- The taking of any mussel, clam, crayfish, leach, frog and turtle species is prohibited.
- Fishing is allowed from legal sunrise to legal sunset.
- Allowed by boat ONLY in Bryants Creek and the Mississippi River and its side-channels.

Hunting Regulations- Riverside Unit

*** In the Riverside Unit, for hunting activities not associated with refuge managed-deer hunts, hunters may not hunt or shoot along or down the berm setback levee top or side slope. When entering the Riverside Unit from the West Unit, hunting and shooting is not allowed until the hunter reaches the signed hunting line which is located along the east toe of the berm setback levee slope.

Tree Stands

The following applies ONLY to the McCoy Island Unit: portable tree stands and blinds are allowed from September 1 through January 31. The hunter's state-generated ID number must be permanently attached in a visible location on the stand or blind. Limit one stand or blind per hunter. Placing tree stands in dead trees is prohibited.

Trees or tree limbs greater than 1" in diameter may not be trimmed. Deer drives are prohibited.

Prohibited Activities

By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted.

- Possession of alcoholic beverages
- Camping and Fires
- Searching for or removal of any natural items such as antlers, plants, historic, and archaeological features which are protected by Federal law.
- Marking or flagging any tree or other Refuge feature with reflectors, paint, or other substance.
- Permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree.
- Construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, scaffolds, or platforms prohibited.
- Target shooting or any non-hunting discharge of firearms prohibited.

37599 County Road 20
Annada, MO 63330

573-847-2333

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1-800-344-WILD (9453)

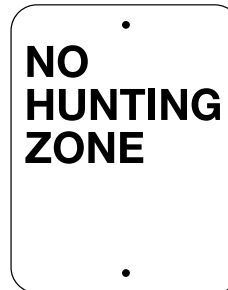
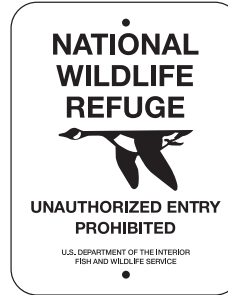
August 2026



- Hunting is prohibited within 200 yards of any public use facility

Please request the
Signs to know
the following signs:

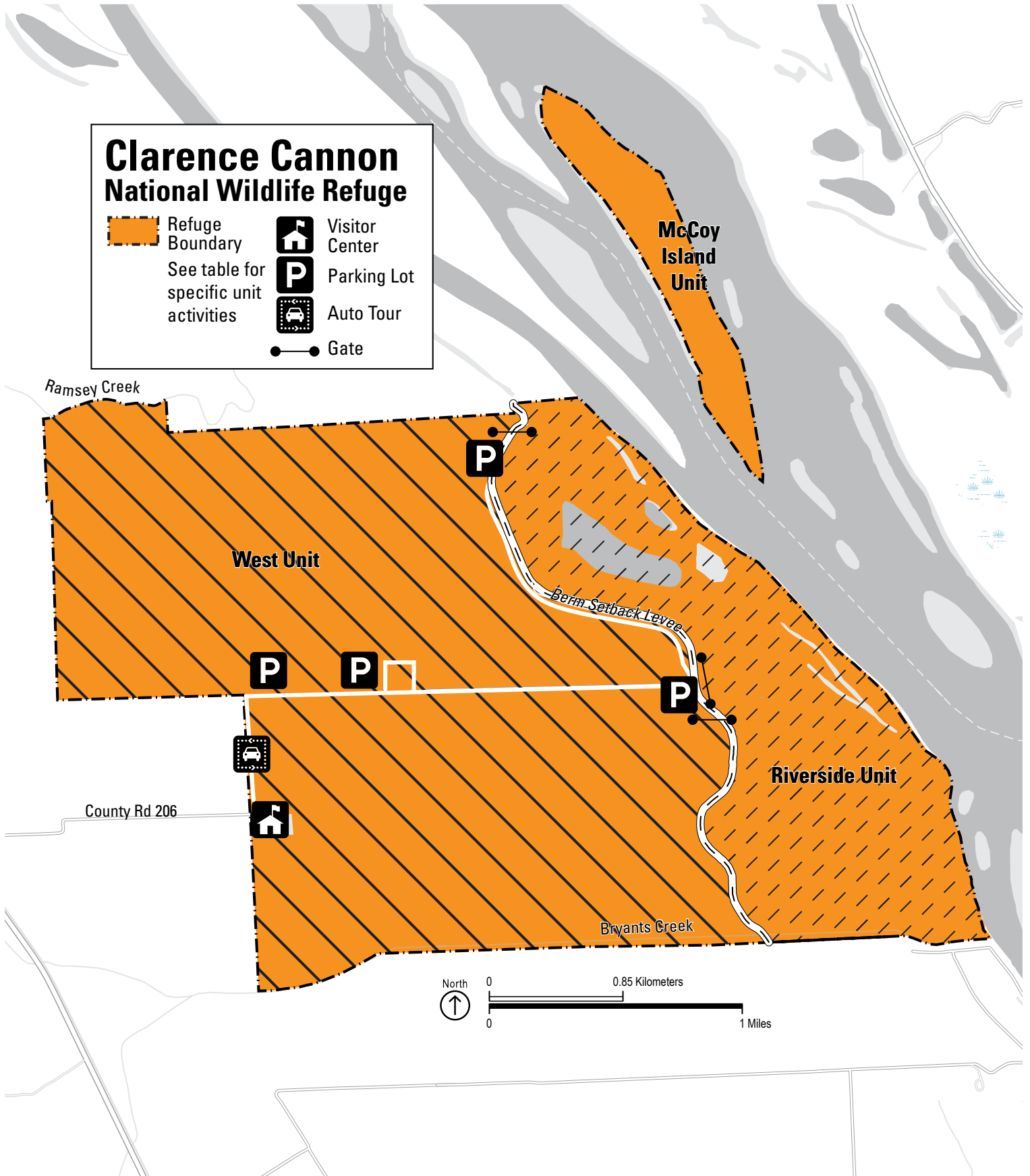
- Boundary Sign, Unauthorized entry prohibited in these areas.
- Area Closed Sign, area beyond this sign closed to ALL public entry.
- No Hunting Zone Sign, hunting prohibited in these areas.
- Public Hunting Area Sign, know all hunting rules and regulations in these areas and consult a manager for current regulations.



Activity	Unit	Season Dates	Species - Bag Limit	Regulation
Migratory Bird Hunting	West Unit	Closed to migratory bird hunting.	None	None
	Riverside Unit***	Open in accordance with Missouri state seasons and regulations. See additional special regulations.	Crow, dove, dark & light geese, ducks, teal, coot, rail, snipe and woodcock. State bag limit	Within state season dates, hunting can occur only between March 16 and October 14.
	McCoy Island Unit	Open in accordance with Illinois state seasons and regulations.	Crow, dove (mourning and white-winged), dark & light geese, ducks, teal, coot, rail, snipe and woodcock. State bag limit.	None
Upland Game	West Unit	Closed to upland game hunting.	None	None
	Riverside Unit***	Open in accordance with Missouri state seasons and regulations. See additional special regulations.	Badger, bobcat, coyote, fox, opossum, pheasant, quail, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, skunk and woodchuck/groundhog. State bag limit.	Within state season dates, hunting can occur only between March 16 and October 14.
	McCoy Island Unit	Open in accordance with Illinois state seasons and regulations.	Bobcat, coyote, fox, opossum, Hungarian partridge, pheasant, pigeon, quail, rabbit, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, unprotected dove (Eurasian-collared and ringed turtle dove) and woodchuck/groundhog. State bag limit.	None
Turkey Hunting	West Unit	Closed to turkey hunting.	None	None
	Riverside Unit***	Open in accordance with Missouri state seasons and regulations. See additional special regulations.	State turkey bag limit.	Within state season dates, hunting can occur only between March 16 and October 14
	McCoy Island Unit	Open in accordance with Illinois state seasons and regulations.	State turkey bag limit.	None
Deer Hunting	West Unit	Allowed ONLY during Missouri state-managed hunts	Bag deer limit per state managed hunt regulations.	Requires a refuge permit
	Riverside Unit	Allowed ONLY during Missouri state-managed hunts	Bag deer limit per state managed hunt regulations.	Requires a refuge permit
	McCoy Island Unit	Open in accordance with Illinois state seasons and regulations.	State deer bag limit.	Feral hogs may be taken only while attempting to fill an unfilled deer hunt tag.
Trapping	West Unit and Riverside Units	Open in accordance with Missouri state seasons and regulations. See additional special regulations.	Muskrat, beaver and raccoon. State bag limit.	Special regulations apply and require a Refuge Special Use Permit.
	McCoy Island Unit	Closed	None	None

Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge

-  Refuge Boundary
- See table for specific unit activities
-  Visitor Center
-  Parking Lot
-  Auto Tour
-  Gate



The USFWS makes no warrant for the use of this map and cannot be held liable for actions or decisions based on map content. Boundaries posted in the field supersede all boundaries shown on map.