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Eufaula

National Wildlife Refuge

Fishing and Hunting Regulations 2026-2027

Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge

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This is a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of land and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.

Welcome

Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), established in 1964 through community support and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is one of over 570 national wildlife refuges administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). The refuge's 11,000-acre mixture of wetlands, croplands, forests, grasslands, and open water creates a mosaic of wildlife-rich habitats. The primary objective for Eufaula NWR is to provide wetlands, fire-driven habitats, and wildlands for waterfowl and other migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, and other wildlife of special concern.

Eufaula NWR is a unit of National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS): a national network of lands and waters administered for the conservation, management, and restoration of fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.

The following regulations supplement the regulations governing public use of national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations (50 CFR).

Accessibility

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the 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, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/public-civil-rights>.

General Information

Safety

Wildlife should not be approached, disturbed, or fed.

Hours

Eufaula NWR is open during daylight hours: one and one-half hours before sunrise to one and one-half hours after sunset.

Closed areas

Designated areas of the refuge are closed, sometimes only seasonally, to all entry. Closed areas are indicated on the attached map and/or marked with signs.

Firearms

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on NWRS lands must comply with all provisions of state and local law. Persons may only use firearms in accordance with refuge regulations as provided in 50 CFR.

Vehicles

All vehicles and drivers must be licensed, registered, and insured for highway use. ATVs, UTVs, and OHVs are prohibited. Vehicles (including bicycles) are restricted to gravel/dirt roads maintained for public vehicle traffic. Roads closed to vehicles and/or bicycles are marked with signs.

Boats

On all refuge waters, including those waters that are part of Lake Eufaula: Air thrust boats (including airboats, aircraft, hovercraft, and watercraft with supplemental fans) are prohibited. Personal watercraft (PWCs, Sea Doo's, Jet Skis, WaveRunners, etc.) and air-

2026-2027 Hunt Permit

Signing this brochure validates it as your general hunting permit. You must sign and carry it while participating in authorized refuge hunts. By signing this brochure, you acknowledge your understanding of all federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to hunting on the refuge. This permit is required for all hunters.

I have read and understand all refuge hunting regulations.

Hunter's Signature



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cooled propulsion engines (mud boats, surface drives, Mud Buddys, Go-Devils, etc.) are permitted only within marked navigation channels. Recreational towing (waterskiing, tubing, etc.) is prohibited.

Dogs

Dogs must be under control at all times.

Fishing and Hunting Regulations

Public use, including fishing and hunting, is permitted under carefully controlled conditions. When managed wisely, recreational use of renewable natural resources can occur while allowing the refuge to fulfill its establishing purposes and the NWRS mission. Fishing and hunting are permitted in accordance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations, except as noted within this brochure and/or by signs posted on the refuge.

General Fishing

Except where noted, state regulations (including seasons, and creel and size limits) apply. Lake Eufaula size and creel limits apply to all refuge waters. Fishing in Lake Eufaula is legal with either an Alabama or Georgia fishing license; fishing in refuge-impounded waters requires a license from the state in which you are fishing. Commercial fishing is not permitted in refuge-impounded waters. Harvesting alligator, frogs, and turtles is prohibited on all refuge waters, including from those waters that are part of Lake Eufaula.

General Hunting

Harvesting alligators is prohibited on all refuge waters, including from those waters that are part of Lake Eufaula.

Only those species listed in this brochure may be hunted on Eufaula NWR. A refuge permit is required for all hunting. Permits are non-transferrable, must be signed by the hunter, and must be carried along with appropriate state hunting licenses and hunter safety cards while hunting on the refuge. The front of this brochure serves as your permit for all hunting except waterfowl and youth gun hunts. Waterfowl

hunters must possess an additional quota hunting permit. Brochures may be obtained from the refuge website.

Only still or stand hunting is permitted; drives are prohibited. Archery deer and youth firearm hunters may take feral hogs during those seasons with equipment/weapons legal for that hunt. There are no daily or season bag limits for feral hogs. Youth hunters must remain within sight and normal voice contact of a properly hunting-licensed adult age 21 or older (see special regulations for Alabama youth dove and waterfowl hunts). Youth hunters must carry verification of passing a state-approved hunter education course. We define youth as those individuals at least 10, but less than 16 years old. During quota waterfowl hunts, only permitted waterfowl hunters may enter the Bradley or Kennedy units.

Alabama hunters (except migratory bird hunters) must wear a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange or full-sized hunter orange hat, except when hunting from an elevated tree stand 12 feet or more from the ground or an enclosed blind. Georgia youth gun deer hunters, and anyone accompanying the hunters, must wear as an outer garment at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange above the waist.

Quota Hunts

Permittees for General, Youth, and Youth/Adult Waterfowl will be selected by random drawing. Individuals wishing to hunt during quota hunts must submit an application between August 1 and September 15. Applications, available online (address below), will be accepted by mail (postmarked by September 15) at Eufaula NWR, 367 Highway 165, Eufaula, AL 36027.

Hunters may apply one time per season per hunt type. Incomplete or duplicate applications will not be accepted.

Please do not send any payment with your application.

Successful applicants will be notified of their hunt date and time, how they can pay their user fee to confirm their hunt, and of other important information. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. Due to the large volume of applications submitted, we cannot confirm receipt of applications.

Big Game Regulations

Big game hunting is not permitted in the Bradley or Kennedy units on Saturdays during the waterfowl season.

Archery deer

Archery deer hunting is allowed during state seasons, subject to the following. The Bradley Unit on the Georgia side of the Refuge will be closed to archery hunters during the youth rifle hunts. (see Hunt dates below). One deer may be taken each day.

Alabama

The refuge participates in the quality deer management program. All bucks taken in Barbour County must have a minimum of three points on at least one antler.

Youth Gun Deer (Bradly Unit)

Youth gun hunts are open to all eligible youth hunters and will only take place within the Bradley Unit on the Georgia side of the Refuge.

Eligible hunters: Youth ages 10-15

Hunt dates: Saturday of the youth season and the first Saturday of the State rifle season.

Special regulations: Hunters must abide by regulations regarding adult supervision and hunter education requirements found in this brochure. Adults may not hunt. Each youth may take one deer per day.



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Migratory Bird Regulations

Dove

Dove hunting is allowed on Wednesdays and Saturdays during state seasons in September and October on designated Alabama portions of the refuge, subject to the following. Hunt hours will be in accordance with state regulations. The first Saturday hunt is a youth/adult hunt. Each youth (ages 10-15) must hunt.

Waterfowl

Waterfowl hunting is prohibited refuge-wide, except in designated locations at designated times (see below). All waterfowl hunt opportunities are spaced-blind and assigned by lottery. Hunting is permitted from one-half hour before sunrise to noon local time, except the last hunt of the season when hunting is permitted until sunset.

Wheelchair accessible hunting blinds (one each in the Bradley and Kennedy units) are available for quota hunters who have permanent physical challenges and who are not able to hunt from other blinds. Persons seeking use of accessible blinds should indicate their request in block 7 on the application form.

Application form for all Waterfowl Hunts: FWS Form 3-2355

<https://www.fws.gov/media/3-2355-enwrpdf-1>

Special regulations: For all hunts, hunters must apply for the Georgia or the Alabama hunt, not both. Permit holders may bring up to two additional individuals (hunting or nonhunting). No more than three persons are allowed per blind.

General Waterfowl

Alabama (Kennedy Unit) and Georgia (Bradley Unit)

Eligible hunters: All

Fee: After selection, \$60.00 to confirm/reserve hunt.

Youth Waterfowl

Alabama (Kennedy Unit) and Georgia (Bradley Unit)

Fee: After selection, \$40.00 to confirm/reserve hunt

Eligible hunters: Youth ages 10-15

Youth/Adult Waterfowl

Alabama (Kennedy Unit) and Georgia (Bradley Unit)

Fee: After selection, \$60.00 to confirm/reserve hunt.

Eligible hunters: Youth ages 10-15 and accompanying adult.

Waterfowl Hunt Dates

Alabama

Youth Hunts

November 21, 2026 and February 6, 2027

Youth/Adult

December 26, 2027

General Hunt

November 28, 2026
December 5, 12, 19, 2026
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2027

Georgia

Youth Hunt

November 14, 2026

Youth/Adult

December 26, 2027

General Hunt

November 21, 28, 2026
December 12, 19, 2026
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2027

Small Game Regulations

Rabbit and Squirrel

Rabbit and squirrel, except fox squirrel, hunting is allowed during the state season in February on designated Alabama portions of the refuge. Dogs are not permitted.

Prohibited Activities

- Harvesting alligators, frogs and turtles on all refuge waters, including from those waters that are part of Lake Eufaula.
- Littering, including spent shotgun shells.
- Parking vehicles in a way that blocks roads, gates, or field access.
- Camping or overnight parking or mooring.
- Building fires.
- Leaving personal property (including stands, blinds, and boats) on the refuge overnight.
- Use/possession of glass bottles or containers.
- Use/possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Driving or screwing a nail, screw, or other object into a tree or hunting/observing from a tree in which a nail, screw, or other object has been driven or screwed.



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Prohibited Activities - continued

- Use/possession of, placing, or hunting over bait: any substance that constitutes an attractant to wildlife (corn, wheat, salt, etc.).
- Constructing or occupying a permanent blind.
- Cutting, removing, or defacing any vegetation (including fruits, nuts, and berries).
- Searching for, or removing, any object of antiquity (such as arrowheads or pottery) or any natural item (such as antlers, skulls, or plants or their parts).
- Use/possession of flagging or other markers.
- Trapping.
- Target practice (including archery).
- Use/possession of game cameras.

Reporting violations/crimes or emergencies

Emergencies: 911

Wildlife Violations

National TIP line: 844/678 8477

Alabama Game Watch: 800/272 4263

Georgia Poacher Hotline: 800/241 4113

General Crime

Alabama & Georgia, Eufaula NWR:
334/687 4065

Alabama, Eufaula, Police Department:
334/687 1200

Alabama, Barbour County, Sheriff's Office:
334/775 3434

Alabama, Russell County, Sheriff's Office:
334/298 6535

Georgia, Quitman County, Sheriff's Office:
229/334 3726

Georgia, Stewart County, Sheriff's Office:
229/838 4393

- Please respect the following signs:



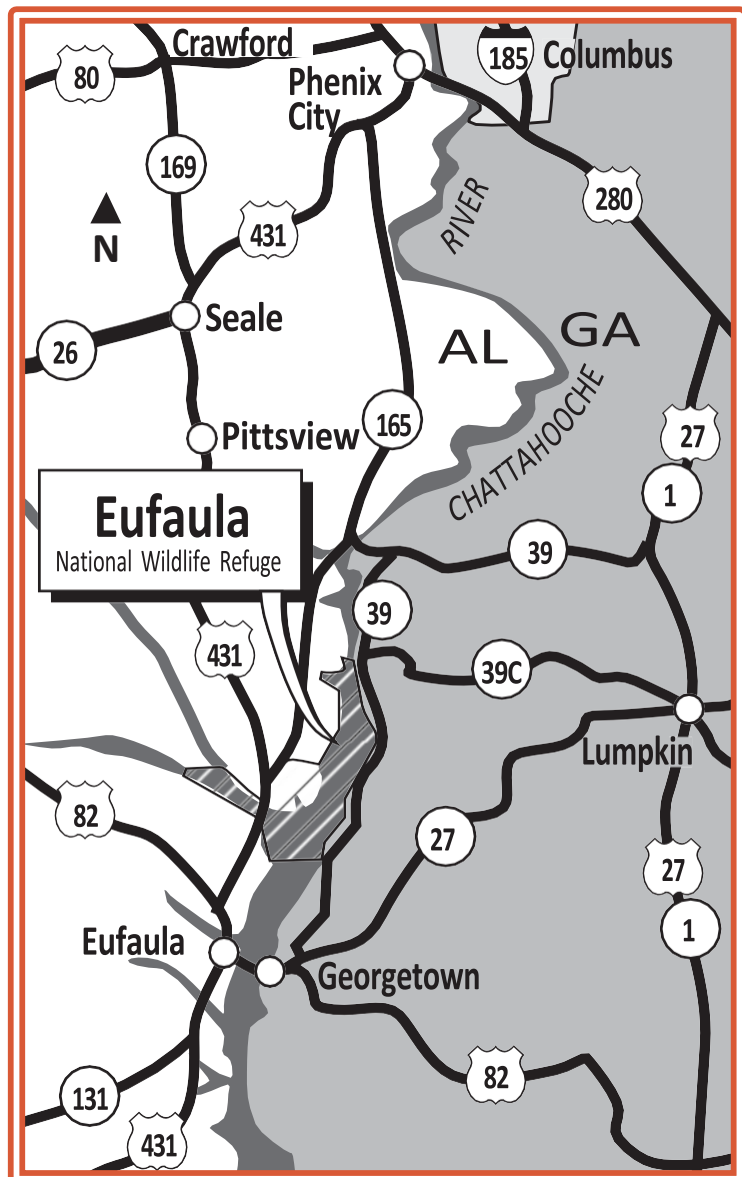
Boundary of the refuge. The refuge boundary also is marked with red paint.



Area closed and area seasonally closed signs. These signs mean the area behind the sign is closed to all entry either year-round or seasonally. Do not enter the area behind this sign for any reason.



No hunting zone sign. This sign marks areas closed to hunting. Entry for other authorized activities generally is permitted.





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