

Two Rivers

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations



Divisions

- Apple Creek Division (Greene County, IL)
- Batchtown Division (Calhoun County, IL)
- Calhoun Division (Calhoun County, IL)
 - Calhoun Wetlands
 - Clarksville
 - Pohlman Forest
 - Swan Lake Wetlands
- Clarksville Island Division (Calhoun County, IL)
- Gilbert Lake Division (Jersey County, IL)
- Portage Island Division (St Charles County, MO)

Safety

At any time, hunters may encounter other users of the refuge, and should use caution when in proximity to these users. Refuge areas open to hunting are also open to other authorized activities (i.e. hiking, fishing and wildlife viewing).

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

Licensed motor vehicles are permitted only on public use roads, shoulders and parking lots. Do not block gates or roads. ATVs and UTVs are prohibited.

Boats

The Refuge allows boats in the Batchtown and Calhoun divisions, and only non-motorized boats are allowed in the Gilbert Lake Division. The Gilbert Lake Division, the Prairie Pond area of Batchtown Division and within Swan Lake in the Calhoun Division are closed to all boating October 16th through December 31st. All areas of the refuge with an unobstructed direct connection to the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers are open to all boats year round.

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>.

Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Hunting and fishing regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. 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 will be in accordance with applicable States of Illinois and Missouri regulations subject to the conditions stated below. Brochures may be obtained by mail, at the refuge headquarters, or from the refuge website.

- Hunters may only access the refuge two hours before legal sunrise until two hours after legal sunset.
- Fishing and bow fishing are allowed during daylight only (30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset).
- Use and possession only of non-toxic shot is required on all divisions for all hunted species.
- Hunters and anglers must remove personal property, brought onto the refuge at the end of each day.

Youth Firearm Deer Hunting

Youth firearm deer hunting is allowed on the Apple Creek, Batchtown, Clarksville Island, and Gilbert Lake Divisions, and only within the Calhoun Wetlands and Pohlman Forest areas in the Calhoun Division during the Illinois Youth Firearm three day October deer season only. In addition, the Portage Island Division is open to the Missouri youth firearm deer hunting season. Hunters must follow the respective state regulations.

Dogs

Dogs may be used to hunt upland game and waterfowl, and track a wounded deer as part of a legal deer hunt. Use of dogs will be in accordance with applicable state regulations and legal refuge access times.

Tree Stands

Portable stands and blinds may be used but they must be removed at the end of each hunt. No nails, screws, or other hardware may be used to climb or secure stands to the trees that penetrate the outer layer of bark.

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, are protected by Federal law. (Except mushroom and berry picking for personal consumption only, no commercial use.)
- Motorized boats are prohibited on Gilbert Lake
- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices.
- 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.
- Hunting is prohibited within 50 yards of any public use facility.
- Nighttime fishing prohibited.
- Hounding, baiting, and night hunting are not allowed
- Target shooting or discharging of firearms in non-hunting activities.
- Taking of frogs and turtles.

TTY Federal Relay System: 1-800-877-8339

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Brussels, IL 62013

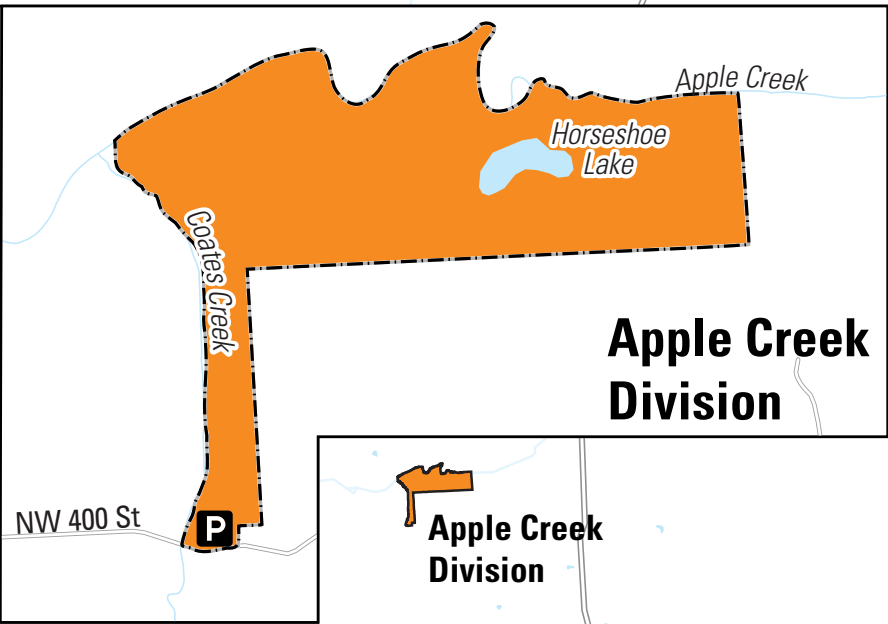
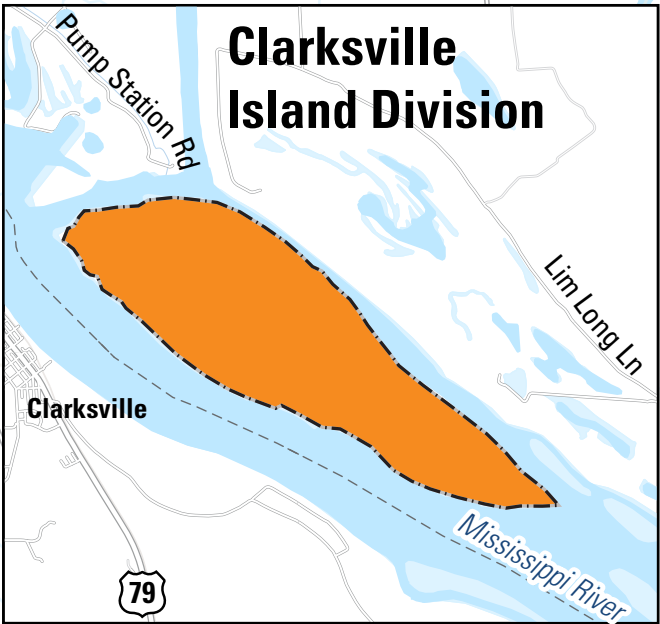
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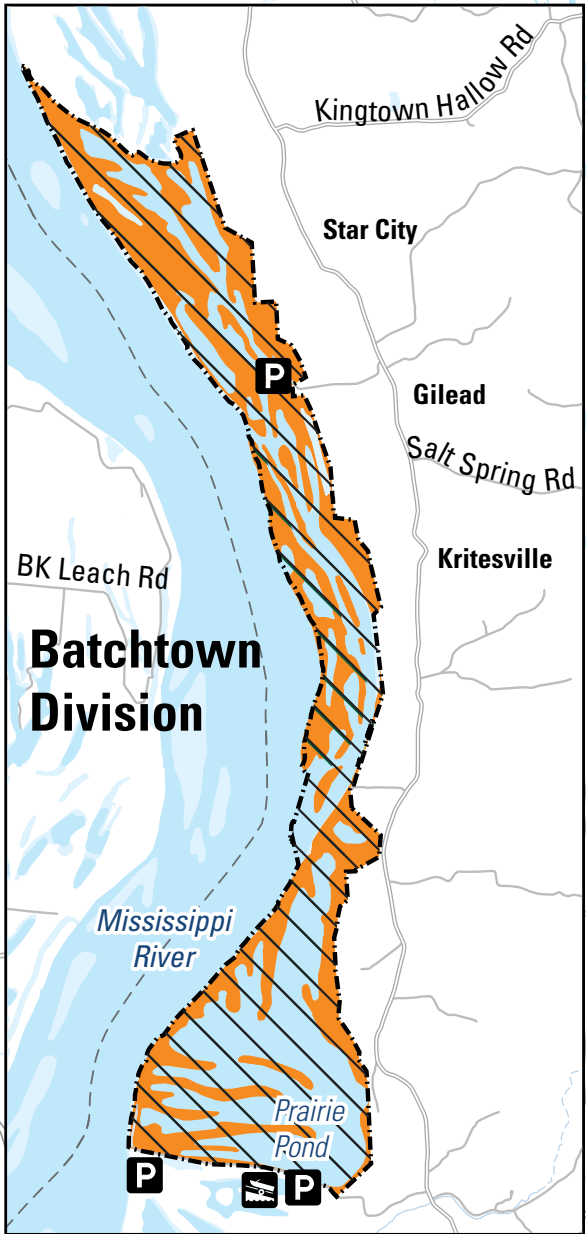
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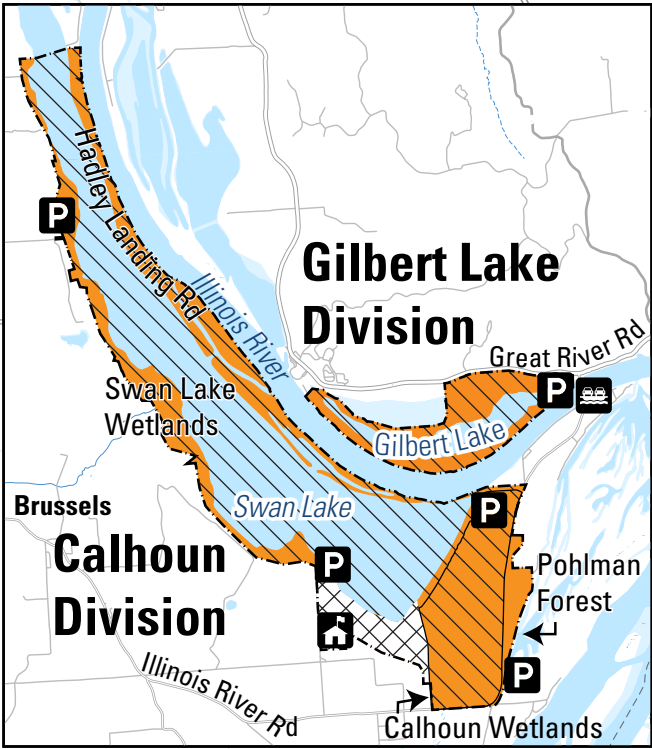
Activity	Season	Division	Special Regulations
Archery Deer	Applicable state seasons	Apple Creek, Batchtown, Calhoun Wetlands, Pohlman Forest, Clarksville Island, Gilbert Lake, Portage Island	State regulations apply.
Firearm Deer Hunting	Applicable state seasons	Apple Creek, Pohlman Forest, Clarksville Island, Portage Island	State regulations apply.
Youth Deer Firearm	IL: 3-day October Season MO: all youth seasons	Apple Creek, Batchtown, Calhoun Wetlands, Pohlman Forest, Clarksville Island, Gilbert Lake, Portage Island	State regulations apply.
Waterfowl Hunting - (Ducks, Geese, and Coot)	Applicable state seasons	Apple Creek, Pohlman Forest, Clarksville Island, Portage Island	State regulations apply. Hunters must possess and use only non-toxic shot shells.
Fall Turkey Hunting	Applicable state seasons	Apple Creek, Batchtown, Calhoun Wetlands, Pohlman Forest, Clarksville Island, Gilbert Lake, Portage Island	State regulations apply. Hunters must possess and use only non- toxic shot shells
Spring Turkey Hunting	Applicable state seasons	Apple Creek, Batchtown, Calhoun Wetlands, Pohlman Forest, Clarksville Island, Gilbert Lake, Portage Island, Swan Lake Wetlands	State regulations apply. Hunters must possess and use only non- toxic shot shells
Migratory Bird Hunting (All non-waterfowl species)	Applicable state seasons	Apple Creek, Batchtown, Calhoun Wetlands, Pohlman Forest, Clarksville Island, Gilbert Lake, Portage Island	State regulations apply. Hunters must possess and use only non- toxic shot shells.
Upland Game Hunting	Applicable state seasons	Apple Creek, Batchtown, Calhoun Wetlands, Pohlman Forest, Clarksville Island, Gilbert Lake, Portage Island	State regulations apply. Hunters must possess and use only non- toxic shot shells. *Furbearer hunting allowed from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset
Fishing and Bow Fishing	Applicable state seasons	Apple Creek, Batchtown, Calhoun Wetlands, Pohlman Forest, Clarksville Island, Gilbert Lake, Portage Island, Swan Lake Wetlands	State regulations apply. Nighttime fishing prohibited. Taking of frogs and turtles prohibited. Swan Lake Wetlands are CLOSED Oct 16 – Dec 31
State regulations apply for bag limits and harvest reporting.			



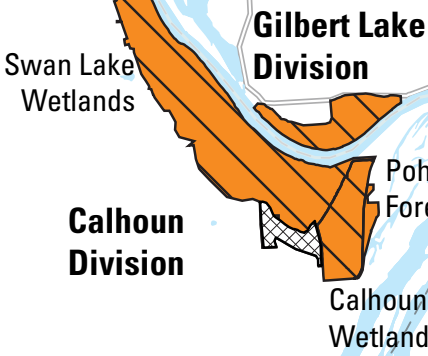
Clarksville Island Division



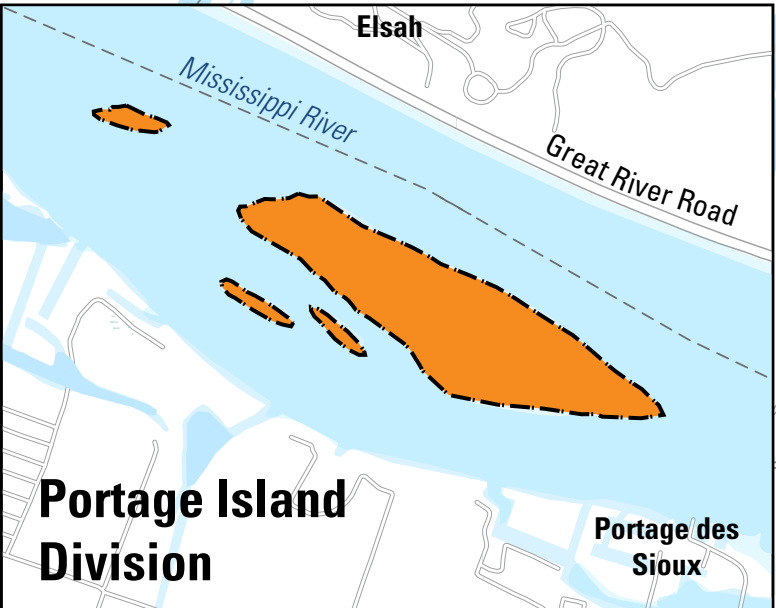
Batchtown Division



Calhoun Division



Portage Island Division



Legend

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| Refuge Boundary | Visitor Center |
| Closed to Hunting Year-round. Closed to all Public use (Oct 16- Dec 31) | Parking Lot |
| Hunt Area - Open to State Regulations | Boat Landing |
| Hunt Area - Special Regulations Apply | Brussels Ferry Regulations |
| | Roads |
| | State Boundary |

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