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

Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge
Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge is an important part of our National Wildlife Refuge System. One of 568 national wildlife refuges in the United States, this area was established to provide essential habitat for migratory birds in the Mississippi and Central flyways. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the refuge system and is responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing the nation’s fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

Refuge Office Hours
Monday – Friday, 7 am to 3:30 pm, when staff is available. The refuge office is closed on weekends and federal holidays.

General Refuge Regulations
By law, public use activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted. The regulations below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting and fishing on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, and photography are permitted on the refuge in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations subject to the following refuge-specific conditions.

Access
Holla Bend is a nationally designated Fee Area, and a vehicle entrance pass is required of all visitors traveling through the refuge. Annual, daily and Federal Recreation passes are available. A daily pass for Holla Bend is $4.00/vehicle.

A current Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, commonly known as “Duck Stamp,” is valid for refuge admission when signed by the possessor. Duck Stamps are available for purchase at any U.S. Post Office.

Holla Bend NWR sells an annual pass ($12.50) that is valid for admission to Holla Bend only and is valid for one year from the time of purchase. The annual pass may be purchased at the refuge office or through the mail. Contact the Refuge Manager at 479/229 4300 for additional information.

The Lifetime Senior and Access passes are valid for the lifetime of the pass holder. Paper versions of the Golden Age or Golden Access Passports can be exchanged for the new Senior and Access passes. Contact the Refuge Manager for additional pass information at 479/229 4300.

2022-2023 General Hunting Permit - Holla Bend NWR
This permit must be signed to be valid. It must be carried by the hunter at all times while on the refuge and in possession of hunting gear. An electronic signed copy of the permit may also be produced on a person’s own cellular phone or other type of portable electronic device that clearly displays and accurately reproduces all of the information. This permit expires 6/30/2023.

NOTE: An additional Permit is also required for Deer and Turkey hunting. I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations and agree to obey them and agree to allow USFWS and AGFC Officers to inspect or search all equipment used during my hunt.

Signature (Permit not transferable)
All deer, bear, and turkey must be properly checked according to state regulations. Harvested on the refuge also must be the refuge. In addition, all deer and turkey harvested on the refuge must be checked at the refuge check station before leaving the refuge. All game harvested must be checked at designated roads and parking lots only.

Waterfowl and other migratory bird hunting are prohibited on Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge and parts of the surrounding area that fall within the Migratory Bird Closure Zone. Contact the Refuge Manager at 479/229 4300 for more information.

NOTE: The refuge will be closed to all hunting related activities during the youth turkey hunts and the refuge will be closed to all entry during the youth gun deer hunt.

**Permits are Required for All Refuge Hunts**
When signed and in your possession, the general hunt permit on the front of this brochure serves as your permit for all refuge hunts. An electronic signed copy of the permit may also be produced on a person’s own cellular phone or other type of portable electronic device that clearly displays and accurately reproduces all of the information. Additional permits are required for Fall Deer and Spring Turkey hunting. The permits are $12.50 and must be purchased from https://hollabend.recaccess.com/. Call the refuge office at 479/229 4300 for availability of Spring Turkey permits.

**Vehicle Use**
The maximum speed for any land vehicle is 25 mph, unless posted otherwise. Refuge roads are open year around. Vehicles must remain on established roads as indicated on the map. Vehicles may be parked alongside open roads in a manner that will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Do not block cabled or gated roads, field roads or trails. A cable, gate, road closed sign, or other barrier (e.g. mounded dirt) means the road is closed to all vehicle travel, including bicycles and e-bikes, but not to foot travel unless signed otherwise.

ATVs are allowed only for wildlife-dependent recreational uses by mobility-impaired individuals possessing a refuge special use permit.

Access into the refuge is through an automatically time-controlled gate. Closing times are posted near the entrance. If you are locked in the refuge or need assistance, call 911 on a cell phone and you will be connected to the Sheriff’s office located in Danville.

**Closed Areas**
Designated areas may be closed to hunting, fishing, and all other public access for resource protection, special management, or safety reasons. All refuge access is prohibited after dark unless specifically authorized by the Refuge Manager.

**Firearms and Archery Tackle**
Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges 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). Archery tackle and crossbows are permitted only during designated hunts.

**Animals/Pets**
Dogs are permitted only for raccoon and opossum hunting during the specified refuge season. Other dogs and pets must be confined or on a leash. Horses and mules are prohibited.

**Specific Hunting Regulations**
All game harvested must be checked at the refuge check station before leaving the refuge. All deer, bear, and turkey harvested on the refuge must be checked according to state regulations. All deer, bear, and turkey must be properly
tagged before game is moved. For all deer, bear, and turkey harvested on the refuge, “Holla Bend NWR” must be used instead of a zone number for tagging and checking your game. Use "Pope County" as the County of harvest.

State bag limits apply unless otherwise noted. Only those species listed in this brochure or on refuge hunt permits may be taken.

The use of dogs for deer hunting is prohibited.

During big game seasons the automatic front gate will open one hour before daylight and close one hour after sunset.

All hunters must enter and exit the refuge from designated roads and parking lots only.

**Deer** (Archery/Crossbow)**
Sept. 24 - Dec. 31.  State limits apply.

**Deer** (Gun Youth) **
Quota hunt only. Nov. 5 - 6. The Refuge will conduct a youth quota gun deer hunt for youths between ages 6-15. Applications must be postmarked during the month of September. Limit is two deer, no more than one buck.

**Black Bear** may be taken incidental to archery/crossbow deer and youth gun deer hunting according to state season and regulations.

**Squirrel and Rabbit** (Archery/Crossbow)

**Squirrel and Rabbit** (Mentored Youth Gun Hunt) Feb. 1- 28. Youth hunters must be supervised by a mentoring adult.
One mentoring adult may supervise no more than two youths. Mentors may not hunt any species during the hunt. No Dogs. State limits apply.

**Raccoon and Opossum**

Every night during the month of February. Use of dogs is required. All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner’s contact information. Only shotguns with nontoxic shot and rifles and handguns chambered for rimfire cartridges are permitted.

**Beaver, muskrat, nutria, coyote, striped skunk, fox, bobcat, river otter, and mink** may be taken incidental to any refuge hunt with use of the device appropriate for that hunt and according to any applicable state seasons and regulations.

**Turkey (Spring Archery/Crossbow)**

State season and bag limits apply.

**Turkey (Gun Youth)**

Quota hunt only, two weekends. Contact refuge at 479/229 4300 for dates and number of permits.

Youth hunts restricted to youths between ages 6-15. Applications must be postmarked during the month of January.

**To Apply for Youth Quota Gun Hunt Permits:**

Applications for youth hunts can be printed from the Refuge website: www.fws.gov/refuge/holla_bend filled out and mailed to the refuge office. Applications can also be made on a postcard or index card mailed in an envelope. Include the applicant’s name, mailing address, phone number, and the date of the hunt for which he/she is applying; only one applicant per card.

**Sport Fishing Regulations**

All fishing will be permitted in accordance with state seasons and state and refuge-specific regulations.

Sport fishing, frogging, and crawfishing, for personal use only, are permitted Mar. 1 - Oct. 31 from sunrise to sunset on all waters of the refuge. A valid Arkansas Fishing License is required. A refuge specific permit is not required to fish; however, vehicle entrance fee/pass is required. The owner’s Arkansas Game and Fish Commission license customer ID number must be permanently affixed to each crawfish trap.

Access to refuge waters and land from the Arkansas River is prohibited. Boating over the dam at the Old River Channel, from either direction, is prohibited. Contact Refuge Manager for additional details.

Trotline, Setline, Limbline, Yo-Yo, and free floating fishing devices allowed during refuge fishing season only. These devices cannot be left overnight or unattended. Lines that extend into the water must be cotton. Limit 25 devices per person. Each device must be clearly labeled with the owner’s Arkansas Game and Fish Commission license customer ID number.

**Commercial Fishing**

Commercial fishing is allowed by Special Use Permit only. Contact Refuge Manager at 479/229 4300 for additional information.

**Prohibited Activities**

- Commercial guiding/hunting.
- Taking or possessing turtles or mollusks.
- Camping and fires.
- Carrying, possessing, or discharging fireworks or explosives
- Swimming.
- Littering (including, but not limited to cigarette butts, shotgun shell hulls, and fishing line).
- Searching for or removing artifacts.
- Blocking gates or roadways with vehicles.
- Use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.
- Cutting, or defacing trees shrubs, or other plants.
- Possession or use of herbicides.
- Failure to remove all marking materials from the refuge following the hunt.
- Target practice or non-hunting discharge of firearms.
- Dog field trials and organized training events.
- Leaving a hunt stand or blind after a hunt season.
- Baiting or hunting over bait, salt or any ingestible attractant.
- Use of natural scents or lures that contain natural deer and elk urine or other biofluids.
- All forms of man-deer drives.
- Using artificial light to locate wildlife, except as authorized for raccoon/opossum hunting.
- Hunting within 150 feet of roads and trails open to motor vehicle use.
- Driving or screwing any metal object into a tree or hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven or screwed to support a hunter.
- Building or hunting from permanent blinds or stands.
- Leaving boats overnight.
- Loaded hunting firearms in vehicle or boat while under power.
- Use of airboats, water skiing, jet skis, or other personal watercraft.
- Use of drones.
- Leaving game cameras on the refuge without the owner’s Arkansas Game and Fish Commission license customer ID number clearly written in a conspicuous location.

**Gambling**

Gambling or bookmaking is prohibited.

**Signs**

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording of the sign applies to the area behind the sign. Please respect and obey all signs on the refuge:

**Refuge Boundary**

Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations.

**Closed Area**

All entry prohibited.

**No Hunting Zone**

Hunting, weapons or game retrieval prohibited.

**No Vehicles**

All vehicle traffic prohibited. Foot travel only.

**Migratory Bird Closure Zone**

Area behind signs closed to the taking/hunting of migratory birds.
This map is provided for general reference only. Actual refuge boundary is signed.