Specific Hunting Regulations

- State bag limits apply unless otherwise noted. Only those species listed in this brochure may be taken.
- Areas posted with “No Hunting Zone” signs are closed to all hunting.
- Hunting from an area where a shooting lane has been cut is prohibited.
- Hunting within 150 feet of roads, trails and pipelines open to motor vehicle use (including ATV/UTV trails) is prohibited.
- A hunter born after 1968 must carry a valid Hunter Education Card. Hunters under 16 years old do not need to have a card if they are under the direct supervision (within arm’s reach) of a holder of a valid hunting license of at least 21 years of age. Youth hunters under the age of 16 who have a valid Hunter Education Card must also be supervised by an adult not less than 21 years old but must only be in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. An adult may supervise only one youth for big game hunting and up to two youths for waterfowl and small game.
- For all deer and turkey harvested on the Refuge the hunter will immediately (prior to moving the animal) complete the hunting license information using 220 as the zone of kill and use the same number at the official state check station as zone of kill.

Deer

- Legal Buck Definition and Bag Limit: The total number of bucks that can be harvested through a combination of all Refuge Deer Hunts is one (this is not a bonus deer). Legal buck is any male deer. First deer harvested on the Refuge must be a doe and must be checked in accordance with state regulation before you can harvest a buck. Exception: Youth hunters during the Youth Modern Gun Hunt are not required to harvest a doe first. Bag limit: Total deer harvested refuge-wide is 2 deer (2 does or 1 buck and 1 doe) regardless of method.
- Deer harvested during the Quota Muzzleloader and Quota Deer seasons on the Refuge is prohibited for all hunters during waterfowl hunting season.
- Waterfowl hunters must remain at their vehicle until 4 am if accessing hunting area by foot or ATV/UTV. Hunters accessing their hunting area by boat may only leave ramp in designated areas (see map).
- To possess, or take or attempt to take waterfowl with the use of, any simulated wing movement decoy or any decoy other than an artificial decoy that imitates the appearance of waterfowl: contains no moving parts or electrical components; and is not subjected to any artificial means that makes it appear to move, splash or cause ripples is prohibited. Exception: Manually operated “jerk strings” may be used to simulate decoy movement.

Physically Challenged Hunters

Physically challenged users are encouraged to consult with Refuge staff at the Refuge Headquarters for available options and alternatives that may make their visit more enjoyable. Refuge Mobility Impaired Access permits are available and are required to gain special access due to disabilities.

Waterfowl

- Possession and discharge of more than 25 shot shells on persons or in vehicles is prohibited for all hunters during waterfowl hunting season.
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Waterfowl Sanctuary

This area is posted with “Area Closed” signs. The waterfowl sanctuary is closed to all public entry (including fishing and frogging) from November 15 through February 15 except during the deer modern gun quota hunt. For current and updated information see our contact information below.

Sport Fishing and Frogging

Sport fishing, frogging and taking of crawfish for personal use are permitted in all Refuge waters in accordance with State regulations. Fishing is permitted year round. The main channel of the Ouachita River and the borrow pits along U.S. Highway 82 are open for navigation and fishing year-round (see map). Recreational fishing in the Eagle Lake and Woodland Trail ponds will be open to youth 12 and under, individuals with disabilities and seniors 65 and older.

Caution: Due to elevated levels of mercury in fish, the Arkansas Department of Health advises caution in the consumption of some species of fish from refuge waters. Call 501-661-2000 for more information.

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This is an annual permit. To save tax dollars, please use this permit for the entire season.

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tire pressure of 6 psi. Bicycles are permitted on roads and designated open trails. The maximum legal speed for any land vehicle is 25 mph.

Firearms/Ammunition

Persons may only use (discharge) firearms during authorized hunting seasons while attempting to take game species and game during designated seasons. Dogs and other pets not approved for wildlife-dependent recreation must be on a leash. All ATV/UTV trails are open to foot traffic and boundaries are marked with ORANGE paint. Campers and visitors are encouraged to explore our natural resources by way of birding, canoeing, hiking, photography and observation. While the Refuge continuously strives to protect our facilities and neighboring communities.

Unprotected Wildlife

Wildlife.- Spotlighting - artificial light may not be used to locate wildlife.

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Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

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Marking trails with tape, ribbons, paint or any other substance or material.

Blocking gates, boat ramps or roadways with any vehicles.

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Leaving any personal property on the Refuge unattended. Exception: Gear associated with camping in designated camping sites and deer stands and/or deer blinds.

The use of drones and/or unmanned aircraft.

Target practice with any firearms, arrow/eagle tack and crossbows or any non-hunting discharge of firearms.

Firearms including state permitted concealed carry firearms and hunting quiver.

Littering.

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Possession, placement or hunting over bait, salt or any ingestible attractant.

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