Required Permits
An Annual Public Use Permit is required to hunt, fish, launch boats and utilize campgrounds on Dale Bumpers White River NWR. The permit cost is $20 for those 16 years of age and over and is free to those 15 years of age and younger. Holders of other permits, passes and/or Duck Stamps are not exempt from a Public Use Permit requirement. The revenue generated from the sale of these permits stays on Dale Bumpers White River NWR to help administer, maintain, and improve hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation on the Refuge.

Possession of an Annual Public Use Permit (paper copy or on your phone) certifies that you understand and will comply with Refuge regulations contained in this brochure. Possession of a Public Use Permit is not required to be in possession of each user while on the Refuge. To obtain an Annual Public Use Permit, please visit the Refuge website at www.fws.gov/refuge/white_river and follow the link provided on the Home page. Permits are valid from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

An additional quota hunt permit is required to participate in the modern gun quota deer hunt and the mule-taildeer quota deer hunt. Hunters will not be required to pay an additional Public Use Permit fees. To apply for quota hunts, please visit the Refuge website at www.fws.gov/refuge/white_river and follow the link provided on the Home page. Quota hunt permits are nontransferable.

General Hunt Regulations
State bag limits apply for all hunts unless indicated otherwise in this brochure. Hunters who have harvested their limit of deer and need to assist others to hunt need help remove a deer must do so while being in possession of a weapon.

All other hunting is closed during quota deer hunts.

Beaver, nutria, and otters may be taken without the use of a Public Use Permit while fishing or hunting on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50, U.S.C. Subchapter II, section 440. Any animal legally done by any individual trained to hunt or trap must be reported to the Refuge. The revenue generated from the sale of these permits stays on Dale Bumpers White River NWR to help administer, maintain, and improve hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation on the Refuge.

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Flood Zone Closure Regulations
The North Unit closes to deer hunting when the White River gauge at 3. Charles reaches 26.5 feet. Similarly, the use or possession of buckshot is prohibited.

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North Unit: One buck (either sex) – November 12-13, 2019. Limit one deer (either sex)

South Unit: Closed to deer hunting until 11:00 pm. November 12-13, 2019. Limit one buck (either sex).

Waterfowl hunting is closed on the White River from Sunrise to Sunset on the South Unit.

Camping: Due to disruptions and delays in the actual quota hunt permit cards, SEE INFORMATION ON REFUGE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

Equipment Reinforcement:

- Deer – South Unit: October 22-25, 2019. Limit one buck.
- Antelope – South Unit: November 12-13, 2019. Limit one antelope.
- Turkey – Only North Unit: November 12-13, 2019. Limit one turkey.
- Upland Game Birds – Only North Unit: November 12-13, 2019. Limit from 1-10.
- Upland Game Birds – South Unit: November 12-13, 2019. Limit from 1-10.
- Waterfowl – Any time of day – November 16, 2019. Limit of 1.

For a list of nearby private campgrounds visit our website: http://www.nvrtsf.gov/conservation."