

Special Hunting/Fishing Regulations

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50, "Code of Federal Regulations." State bag limits, arms and ammunition, and other applicable State regulations apply. State hunting and fishing licenses are required on the Refuge in accordance with State regulations. All U.S. Coast Guard and State boating regulations will be enforced.

Hunters who fail to abide by all applicable regulations will be considered to be hunting without permission.

Hunters are required to sign and carry the refuge brochure signifying they have read and understood the rules of the hunt. This brochure must be in the hunter's possession at all times while hunting on the Refuge. We recommend all user groups wear hunter orange during hunting seasons.

Hunting will not be permitted within 100 yards of the fenced-in Refuge work center area, hiking trail, or the Refuge boat ramp. Waterfowl sanctuary is open to all entry from March 1 through November 15.

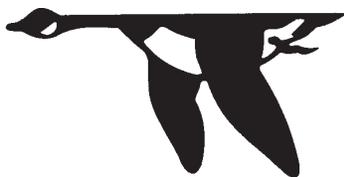
Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of state and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32). Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on the Refuge must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32). Persons may only use approved nontoxic shot in #4 or smaller shotgun shells (see §32.2(k)), .22 caliber rimfire or smaller rifles, or legal archery equipment according to State regulations for federal lands. We prohibit magnum ammunition. Firearms are prohibited in all federal facilities. Discharging a firearm for a purpose other than to take legal game animals during established hunting seasons is prohibited.

Only designated game species may be taken. Incidental species (squirrel, raccoon, opossum, beaver, nutria, feral hogs, and coyotes) may be taken during hunts with the weapon legal during those hunts. A hunter cannot hunt the Refuge with the sole intent of taking just these incidental species. All other wildlife may not be molested in any manner.

We prohibit damaging trees or hunting from a tree that contains an inserted metal object (see §32.2(i)). Personal property must be removed from the Refuge each day except for one portable stand (including tripods and ground blinds) (see §27.93 of this chapter). The stand is required to be tagged with the hunter's name, address, and phone number permanently and legibly written on or attached to the stand. Stands left on the area do not reserve hunting locations. Portable stands may not be installed on the area prior to seven days before deer season opens, nor left longer than seven days after deer season closes. Stands not in compliance with these regulations may be confiscated and disposed of by USFWS.

All hunters harvesting Refuge wildlife must record harvest data at one of the checkout stations upon conclusion of each day's hunting. Check stations and scales are located at Bobby's Fish Camp (Highway 84) and Refuge Work Center (Womack Hill).

All youth hunters under age 16 must be supervised by an adult 25 years of age or older, and must remain within sight and normal voice contact with the adult while hunting. Adults must comply with State Regulations on supervision and one adult may supervise no more than two youth hunters.



The blue goose, designed by "Ding" Darling, has become a symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

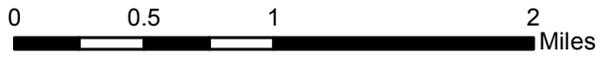
Hunts	Dates
<i>Small Game</i>	
Squirrel & Rabbit	November 1 - 30 (Dogs allowed outside of Middle Swamp {between Okatuppa and Turkey Creeks})
<i>Deer</i>	
Archery	October 25 – November 30
<i>Feral Hogs</i>	Taken as Incidental Species Only

Fishing is permitted year-around on Refuge waters except in the waterfowl sanctuary, which is closed from November 15 through March 1. Only fish, according to state regulations, may be taken, possessed, or transported.

Commercial Fishing – A Refuge Special Use Permit is required for commercial fishing. Commercial fishers may use nets, seines, baskets, and boxes legal for use within the State of Alabama. A cumulative maximum of 10 boxes/baskets will be allowed per permittee. All gill nets must be actively attended at all times. Information on harvest data will be required.

Fishing	Year-round unless specified
Sport fishing (rod/reel and pole/line only)	All water bodies unless specified

Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge



Legend

- Refuge Check Station
- Refuge Headquarters
- Entrance Road
- Trails
- Closed to Hunting
- Closed Area for Waterfowl Sanctuary November 15 - March 1
- Area Closed No Public Entry
- Refuge Boundary
- Boat Ramps

