Hunters Under the Age of 16
Any hunter born after 1996 must carry a valid hunter education card. Hunters less than 10 years old who have a valid DNR issued hunting permit must be accompanied by an adult if at least 21 years of age and remain within sight and under the direct supervision of this adult. Hunters less than 10 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. An adult may supervise up to two young hunters for migratory birds, waterfowl, and non-typical deer. Only one youth per gun for big game hunting. Home state hunter education cards will be accepted.

Specific Hunting Regulations
Refuge hunting regulations differ from surrounding deer zones and state seasons as follows:

**NOTE:** The Refuge is closed to all public use and public use during Quota Gun Deer Hunt Nov. 12 – 20, 2016. Only Quota Deer Gun Hunt permit holders are allowed to enter or use the Refuge during this hunt and only for the purpose of deer hunting.

*NOTE: All day hunting permitted for geese (all applicable species) during the State Conservation Order zones and state seasons as follows:

Waterfowl (Duck, Coot, and Geese): State seasons (except closed Nov. 12-20, 2016 during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt)*

Migratory Birds
Any non-toxic shot may be used for all allowed migratory birds.

Small Game
Only numbered chambers for rimfire cartridges or shotguns with non-toxic shot may be used for all small game hunting.

Woodcock:
Squirrels: Sep. 1, 2016 - Feb. 25, 2017.* Dogs are permitted. Note: No road hunting allowed.

Rabbits: Jul. 1, 2016 - Feb. 25, 2017.* Dogs are permitted.

Deer (Quota Gun): Deer (Archery/Crossbow): Either sex. Four deer, no more than two bucks, which may include:

Deer (Youth Gun): Either sex. One deer limit refuge wide, each hunt.

Deer (Quota Gun Deer Hunt): either sex. Three deer limit each hunt. Deer harvested on the Refuge are NOT included in the combined Black Swamp WMA.Cache River WMA (504-266-7189) and will reopen when the same gauge readings falls below 8.5 feet.

No road hunting allowed.

Hunting from a vehicle or use of a vehicle as a deer stand is prohibited.

Nota Bene: Because knives, cutlery, armadillos and coyotes may be taken incidental to any refuge hunt by the use of the devices appropriate for that hunt and according to any applicable state regulations.

Fishing: In cooperation with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the Cache River National Wildlife Refuge and the United States Geological Survey (USGS), fishing is permitted on the refuge, but not on the Cache River National Wildlife Refuge within 7 days of the closing of archery season. Exceptions: manually operated “jerk strings” may be used to simulate decoy movement.

Boats are prohibited on the Refuge from 12 am - 4 am. Waterfowl hunters may enter the Refuge no earlier than 6 am. Cutting or causing holes or other manipulation of vegetation (e.g., cutting bushes, moving, weed-eating, etc.) is prohibited. No hunting is allowed on the Refuge except as noted above.

Dogs are permitted.

Waterfowl (Special Youth Quota Permit Hunt): Bayou DeView and Roundpond Units. Available only to youth under 16. Applications will be received Nov. 1-30, 2016. For more information, call the refuge office or visit your closest United States Fish and Wildlife Service office.


Big Game
All deer (except replacement and turkey) harvested on the refuge, Zone 095 must be immediately recorded on your hunting license. In addition, deer and turkey harvested on the refuge must be checked according to state regulations.

The use of dogs for deer hunting is prohibited.

Deer Limits and Legal Hunting Requirements
A legal buck on the Refuge is defined as any male deer (with antlers) taken on the Refuge. Deer harvested on the Refuge are NOT bonded.

Four deer, no more than two bucks, which may include:

Deer (Youth Gun): Either sex. One deer limit refuge wide, each hunt.

Deer (Youth Gun Hunt): Note: Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable, even in the event of refuge deer limit closures due to flooding.

Refuge lands located in Flood Plain Region B will close to all deer hunting when the White River gauge at Augusta reaches 13 feet, as reported by the National Weather Service at: http://www.weather.gov /arc/gywr. This restriction is lifted when the gauge at Augusta falls below 9 feet and the White River at Greentown falls to or below 19 foot.

Refuge lands located in Flood Plain Region C will close to all deer hunting when the Cache River gauge at Patterson exceeds 10 feet, as reported by the National Weather Service at: http://www.weather.gov /arc/gywr. This restriction is lifted when the gauge at Patterson falls below 6.5 feet and the White River at Greentown falls to or below 27 foot.
General Introduction
Cache River National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1986, is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The primary objectives of the Refuge is to provide habitat for migratory waterfowl and preserve the remaining tracts of bottomland hardwoods in the Cache River Basin. The Refuge is comprised of numerous tracts of land along the Cache and White Rivers and Rayon DeVore in the Arkansas counties of Jackson, Woodruff, Prairie, and Monroe.

Hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education, and interpretation are priority public uses of the National Wildlife Refuge System. These wildlife-dependent uses are carefully managed on Cache River National Wildlife Refuge to ensure they are compatible with refuge purposes and provide safe, high-quality, low-impact, recreational opportunities.

Users of the Refuge must obey all signs pertaining to visitation, access, and public use regulations. All public uses, including hunting and fishing, are conducted in accordance with state and federal regulations as supplemented by the following special refuge regulations.

Access and Vehicle Use
Cache River National Wildlife Refuge is in the acquisition phase and the attached map shows the current ownership at the time of printing this brochure. Isolated land tracts that have been purchased are scattered throughout the acquisition zone and have been posted with refuge boundary signs and marked with yellow boundary paint. Access to most of these refuge lands is currently through private lands and all refuge visitors must obtain permission from adjacent landowners prior to crossing private land to reach refuge lands.

The Refuge is closed to ALL other entry and public use at all times while on the refuge.

Waterfowl sanctuaries, indicated on the refuge map, are closed to ALL, public entry and use, including hunting and fishing, from November 15 through February 28.

Most refuge roads are open to the general public. However, roads may be closed at any time road conditions or other circumstances warrant. A locked gate or other barrier, road closed sign, or no vehicle sign posted at the road entrance closed to ALL vehicle travel, but not to foot travel unless signed otherwise.

All Conventional vehicles must stay on maintained roads or established parking areas on the refuge. All applicable federal and state requirements regulating the use of a licensed motor vehicle. Vehicles equipped with oversize trailer tow tires are prohibited.

Motor vehicle (including ATVs, UTVs, etc.) speed limit is 25 mph unless otherwise posted.

Recreational use of ATVs is not allowed. ATVs may ONLY be used on roads, trails, or established parking areas designated (marked) for ATV use. An ATV is defined as a vehicle with a maximum tire pressure of 15 psi, maximum dry weight of 1500 lbs., and with tires having a maximum lug depth of one inch. Only those vehicles originally designed by their manufacturer to be ATVs are allowed; mini-trucks or other modified off-road vehicles are prohibited.

ATVs and motor vehicles may not be left unattended overnight on the refuge.

Horseshoes, personal watercraft (e.g., jet-ski, ski), hovercraft, and aircraft, are prohibited.

General Refuge Regulations
Public use of the Refuge is permitted throughout the year. Permitted activities are hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation.

Nighttime use of the Refuge is limited to fishing, frogging, and/or raccoon/opossum hunting and the appropriate tackle/gear must be possessed.

Commercial Activities
Commercial guiding for waterfowl hunting or any other hunting activity is prohibited. For the purpose of this regulation, a commercial sporting guide is defined as having shells in the firearm or ignition device on the muzzle.

Use of horses or mules.

Searching for or removal of artifacts.

Cutting or defacing trees, shrubs, or other plants.

Littering (including, but not limited to, shotgun shell hulls and cigarette butts).

Building fires.

Camping, including mooring houseboats to refuge property.

Cruising, from March 1 through October 31.

Boats with the owner’s name and address permanently collected for personal use only. The owner’s name, address, and phone number must be permanently affixed to each boat.

Sport fishing and frogging are permitted year-round in accordance with state regulations. Crushed mud may be collected for personal use only. The owner’s name, address, and phone number must be permanently affixed to each trap.

Hunt with the owner’s name and address permanently displayed on all equipment. The owner must be left on the Refuge from March 1 through October 31.

Commercial fishing requires a refuge Special Use Permit.

Make any effort to comply with all refuge regulations and agree to obey them and hunting regulations and agree to obey them and public use regulations at all times while on the refuge and in possession of hunting gear.

NOTE: Quota Permit is also required for Quota Gun Deer Hunt. 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)

2016-2017 General Hunting Permit – Cache River NWR
This permit must be signed to be valid. Permit regulations may vary, carry the permit with you at all times while on the refuge and in possession of hunting gear.

NOTE: Quota Permit is also required for Quota Gun Deer Hunt. 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)