Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge

Established in 1964 through community support and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is one of over 560 national wildlife refuges administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The refuge’s 11,000-acre mixture of wetlands, croplands, forests, grasslands, and open water creates a mosaic of wildlife-rich habitats. The primary objective of Eufaula NWR is to provide habitat for migratory birds. The refuge also is managed to conserve other fish, wildlife and plant species of concern and their habitats.

Public use, including hunting and fishing, is permitted under carefully controlled conditions. When managed wisely, recreational use of renewable natural resources can occur while maintaining wildlife populations at levels compatible with the ecosystem.

The following regulations supplement the regulations governing public use of national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations (50 CFR).

**General Use Regulations**

Designated areas of the refuge are closed, sometimes only seasonally, to all entry. Closed areas are indicated on the attached map and marked with signs.

Entering the refuge earlier than one-and-a-half hours before sunrise or remaining on the refuge later than one-and-a-half hours after sunset is prohibited.

Vehicles (including bicycles) are restricted to gravel/dirt roads maintained for public traffic. Roads closed to vehicles and/or bicycles are marked with signs. Physically challenged visitors needing assistance are encouraged to contact the refuge office.

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on Eufaula NWR 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).

Dogs must be under control at all times. Dogs more than 20 feet from owner or in water will not be considered under control. Using recognized retrieving breeds is encouraged while hunting dove or waterfowl. Use of other dogs while hunting is prohibited.

**Prohibited Activities**

Littering, including spent shotgun shells.

Use/possession of ATVs, UTVs, or OHVs.

All vehicles and drivers must be licensed, registered, and insured for highway use.

Use/possession of personal watercraft (PWCs, Sea Doos, Jet Skis, WaveRunners, etc.), air-cooled propulsion engines (Mud Buddys, Go-Devils, etc.), and air thrust boats (including airboats, aircraft, and hovercraft).

Recreational towing (waterskiing, tubing, etc.).

Parking vehicles in a way that blocks roads, gates, or field access.

Camping or overnight parking or mooring.

Building fires.

Leaving personal property (including stands, blinds, and boats) on the refuge overnight.

Use/possession of glass bottles or containers.

Driving or screwing a nail, screw, or other metal object into a tree or hunting/observing from a tree in which a nail, screw, or other metal object has been driven or screwed.

Hunting/observing from a tree without use of a full body harness.

Constructing or occupying a permanent blind.

Cutting, removing, or defacing any vegetation (including fruits and berries).

Searching for, or removing, any object of antiquity, including arrowheads or pottery.

Use/possession of flagging or other trail markers.

Trapping.

Target practice.

Possession of, or placing, any substance that constitutes an attractant (bait) to wildlife.

**2016-2017 Hunt Permit**

Signing this leaflet validates it as your general refuge hunting permit. It must be in your possession while participating in authorized refuge hunts. Quota hunt permits are issued separately.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

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Hunter’s Signature
Prohibited Activities continued
Hunting alligators or any other species not specifically listed in this brochure (including frogs and turtles).
Use/possession of game cameras.
General Hunting Regulations
Only those species listed in this brochure may be hunted on Eufaula NWR. Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with state and federal regulations, except as noted within this brochure and/or by signs posted on the refuge. A refuge permit is required for all hunts. Permits are non-transferable, must be signed by the hunter, and must be carried along with appropriate state hunting licenses and hunter safety cards while hunting on the refuge. The front of this brochure serves as your permit for all hunting except waterfowl and youth gun hunts. Waterfowl and youth gun hunters must possess an additional quota hunting permit (see next column).

Except where noted, state regulations (including season and daily bag limits) apply. Only still or stand hunting is permitted; drives are prohibited. Possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited. Non-toxic shot must be used for all hunts except waterfowl and youth gun hunts. Waterfowl and youth gun hunters must possess an additional quota hunting permit (see next column).

Archery deer and youth firearm hunters may take feral hogs during those seasons with equipment/weapons legal for that hunt. There are no daily or season bag limits for feral hogs. All youth hunters must remain within sight and normal voice contact of a properly hunting-licensed adult age 21 or older (see special regulations for Alabama youth waterfowl hunt).

Youth hunters must possess and carry verification of passing a state-approved hunter education course. We define youth as those individuals at least 10, but less than 16 years old.

Small Game
Dove
Dove hunting is allowed on selected Wednesdays and Saturdays during state seasons in September and October on designated Alabama portions of the refuge. Hunt times will be in accordance with state regulations. The first Saturday hunt is a youth/adult hunt. Each youth (ages 10-15) must hunt. One adult supervisor can supervise up to two youth. Only one adult supervisor per youth may hunt. Contact the refuge office for exact hunt dates. Non-toxic shot is required. Possession of lead shot is prohibited.

Large Game
Archery Deer
Archery deer hunting is allowed during state seasons, subject to the following. All deer taken must be checked after each hunt at a self-clearing check station. Each successful hunter must complete a harvest report and deposit it in a drop box prior to leaving the refuge. During quota waterfowl hunts, only permitted waterfowl hunters may enter the Bradley or Kennedy units prior to 12 noon. After noon, visitors (including archery hunters) may enter these areas. One deer may be taken each day.

Alabama
The refuge participates in the quality deer management program. All bucks taken in Barbour County must have a minimum of three points on at least one antler.

Georgia
The refuge lands between Bustahatchee and Rood creeks are not open for archery hunting until November 1.

Waterfowl
Waterfowl hunting is prohibited refuge-wide, except in and during designated locations and times (see below).

Quota Hunts
Permittees for special quota hunts (Youth Gun Deer, Youth Waterfowl, Youth/Adult Waterfowl, and General Waterfowl) will be selected by random drawing. Individuals wishing to hunt during quota hunts must submit an application. Applications, available on-line (see below), will be accepted by mail (postmarked by the last day of the application period) or in person (until 4:30 pm the last day of the application period). Faxes or emails will not be accepted.

Hunters may apply one time per season per hunt type. Individuals applying for more than one hunt type must submit a separate application for each hunt. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Wheelchair accessible hunting blinds (one each in the Bradley and Kennedy units) are available for quota hunters who have permanent physical challenges and who are not able to hunt from other blinds. Persons seeking use of accessible blinds should indicate their request in Block 6 or 7 on the standard application form. The application must be received by the quota hunt application deadline. Call the refuge office for further information.

Successful applicants will be notified of their hunt date and time, how they can pay their user fee to confirm their hunt, and of other important information. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. Due to the large volume of applications received, we cannot confirm receipt of applications.

Youth Gun Deer
Georgia (Bradley Unit)
Application period: Aug. 1 - Sep. 15
Application form: FWS Form 3-2354
http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2354.pdf
Complete blocks 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 7A, and 8. Eligible hunters: youth ages 10-15
Hunt dates: October 8 and October 22

Georgia (Kennedy Unit) and Alabama (Kennedy Unit)
Application period: Aug. 1 - Sep. 15
Application form: FWS Form 3-2355
http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2355.pdf
Complete blocks 1, 2, 3, 5 (write Alabama or Georgia), and 7. Eligible hunters: All
Hunt dates: Alabama - designated Wednesdays (until 12 noon local time) during the state waterfowl season, Georgia - designated Saturdays (until 12 noon local time) during the state waterfowl season.

Special regulations: Hunters must apply for the Georgia or the Alabama hunt, not both. Permit holders may bring up to two additional individuals (hunting youth, nonhunting youth or adult). No more than three persons are allowed per blind. Unconfirmed and unclaimed blinds will be filled by random draw the morning of each hunt. Hunters are limited to 25 shells each.

Fees: After selection, $20.00 to confirm/reserve hunt and $20.00 the morning of the hunt for each additional individual other than the permit holder (whether hunting or not). Please do not send any payment with your application.

Youth/Adult Waterfowl
Alabama (Kennedy Unit) and Georgia (Bradley Unit)
Application period: Aug. 1 - Sep. 15
Application form: FWS Form 3-2355
http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2355.pdf
Complete blocks 1, 2, 3, 5 (write Alabama or Georgia), 6 (write Youth), 6A, and 7.

Eligible hunters: youth ages 10-15

Hunt dates: Alabama - designated day (until 12 noon local time) during the state waterfowl season, Georgia - designated day (until 12 noon local time) during the state waterfowl season.

Special regulations: Hunters must apply for the Georgia or the Alabama hunt, not both. All youth hunters must remain within sight and normal voice contact of a properly hunting-licensed adult age 25 or older (Alabama) or 21 or older (Georgia). Youth hunters must possess and carry verification of passing a state-approved hunter education course. Permit holders may bring up to one additional individual (hunting youth, nonhunting youth or adult). No more than three persons are allowed per blind. One adult supervisor can supervise up to two youth. Unconfirmed and unclaimed blinds will be filled by random draw the morning of each hunt. Hunters are limited to 25 shells each. Supervising adults may not hunt.

Fees: After selection, $20.00 to confirm/reserve hunt and $20.00 the morning of the hunt for each additional individual other than the permit holder (whether hunting or not).