

# Overflow

## National Wildlife Refuge



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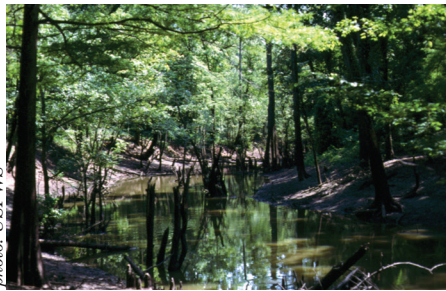


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### Refuge Facts

- Established: 1980.
- Acres: 13,973.
- Located in Ashley County, AR.
- Location: the refuge lies five miles west of Wilmot, Arkansas. From Highway 165 to Highway 173W, to parking lot at end of pavement.

### Natural History

- The western boundary follows the 110-foot contour along the Mississippi Alluvial Valley escarpment, an abrupt rise in elevation separating the Mississippi River Delta from the Gulf Coastal Plain.
- Bottomland hardwood 8,384 acres, reforested 2,100 acres, waterfowl impoundments 2,400 acres and uplands 289 acres.

### Financial Impact of Refuge

- Three-person staff.
- 10,000 visitors annually.
- Resident and non-resident visitors generated \$435,203 in expenditures.

### Refuge Objectives

- Provide a diversity of habitat types for migratory waterfowl and other migratory birds.
- Provide opportunities for environmental and ecological research.
- Provide a variety of recreational opportunities consistent with primary wildlife objectives.
- Expand the public's understanding of and appreciation for the environment with special emphasis on natural resources.

### Management Tools

- Water management for waterfowl, wading birds and shorebirds.
- Moist soil management.
- Cooperative farming.
- Prescribed fire.

- Invasive species control.
- Law enforcement.

### Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking trails.
- Wildlife observation.
- Photography.
- Hunting.

### Calendar of Events

**October:** muzzleloader deer hunting.

**October-January:** archery deer hunting, rabbit/squirrel hunting.

**November-January:** waterfowl hunting season.

The gravel waterfowl sanctuary road will now be open September 1 - October 31 and April 2 - June 30 for wildlife viewing and photography.

### Questions and Answers

*Is the refuge flooded?*

Flooding of the Greentree Reservoir is dependent on rainfall/creek flow. Attempts to hold water will begin in mid-November with expectations that the reservoir will be filled to spillway level by mid-December.

*Can ducks be hunted on the refuge?*

Yes. Waterfowl seasons and limits are consistent with state and Federal regulations. State and Federal duck stamps are required for anyone over the age of 15 along with a signed permit from the front of the refuge hunting regulation brochure. Also see hunting regulations brochure for waterfowl sanctuary areas closed to public entry and other pertinent waterfowl hunting regulations.

*How do you access the refuge?*

The refuge can be accessed by seven access points along the western boundary off graveled county road # 342. Access on the east side is off the State Highway 8-State Highway 173 cutoff and off State Highway 173. Most access points are at ATV trail heads. The towns of Wilmot and Parkdale are located 4-6 miles to the east of the refuge on U.S. Route 165.

## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

*Where is a good place to hunt?*

Good places to hunt are in the “eyes of the beholder” and generally associated with habitat needs and populations levels of the species you are hunting. Fortunately, game animals are fairly well dispersed throughout their habitats on the refuge. However, there are always “hotspots” that seem to hold more game than others. Scouting is the only sure way of finding the best areas.