

Refuge Facts

Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) lies in the floodplain between two major waterways: the mighty Mississippi and Illinois rivers. This peninsula environment provides unique and valuable habitats for both resident and migratory wildlife. The Refuge functions as an important link for migratory birds that rest, feed, and winter along the Mississippi Flyway. The Refuge headquarters and visitor center are located near Brussels, Illinois in Calhoun County.

Refuge Divisions

Two Rivers NWR manages six divisions, totaling 9,225 acres

- Calhoun (4820 acres)
- Gilbert Lake (735 acres)
- Batchtown (2300 acres)
- Portage Island (230 acres)
- Apple Creek (270 acres)
- Clarksville Island (870 acres)

Things to do at Two Rivers NWR

In addition to hunting and fishing there are many family friendly activities at the wildlife refuge. Sign up for a wildlife program, attend an open house event, hike our trails, pick berries and mushrooms, take wildlife photos, or go bird watching. These are just a few.

Additional public use regulations and maps can be found in the Two Rivers NWR general brochure.

For additional information about the refuge contact us at:

Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge

HC 82 Box 107

Brussels, IL

Phone: 618-883-2524 TTY: (800) 735-2942

Web: www.fws.gov/refuge/two_rivers

Email: tworivers@fws.gov

For information on hunting and fishing licenses and regulations in Illinois, please contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at:

1-888-673-7648 TTY: 1-800-735-2942

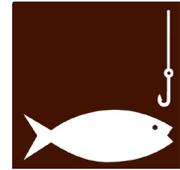
www.dnr.state.il.us

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Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2015-2016



Big Game Hunting

- **Apple Creek Division, Clarksville Island Division and Calhoun Division land east of Illinois River Road-** Deer hunting is allowed in accordance with Illinois state seasons and regulations.
- Deer hunting on Clarksville Island is restricted to archery only.
- Portable stands may be used but they must be removed at the end of each day's hunt. No nails, screws, or other hardware may be used to climb or secure stands to the trees.
- **Batchtown, Portage Island, Gilbert Lake, and the remainder of the Calhoun Division-** Closed to big game hunting.

Migratory Bird Hunting

- **Apple Creek and Calhoun Division land east of Illinois River Road-** Migratory bird hunting is allowed in accordance with Illinois State seasons and regulations.
- Only portable blinds are permitted. Hunters must remove boats, decoys, and portable blinds at the end of each day's hunt.
- Hunters must possess and use only non-toxic shot shells while hunting all game.
- **Batchtown, Portage Island, Gilbert Lake, Clarksville Island and the remainder of the Calhoun Division-** Closed to migratory bird hunting.

Upland Game Hunting

- **Apple Creek Division, Clarksville Island Division and Calhoun Division land east of Illinois River Road-** Upland game hunting is allowed in accordance with Illinois state seasons and regulations.
- The refuge is open to public use during daylight hours only, and therefore is closed to all nighttime hunting of furbearers.

Upland Game Hunting continued

- Hunters must possess and use only non-toxic shot shells while hunting all game.
- Wild turkey hunting on Clarksville Island Division is restricted to archery only in the fall and shotgun or archery in the spring
- **Batchtown, Portage Island, Gilbert Lake, Clarksville Island and the remainder of the Calhoun Division-** Closed to upland game hunting. Includes small game, furbearers, turkey and game birds (except migratory birds).

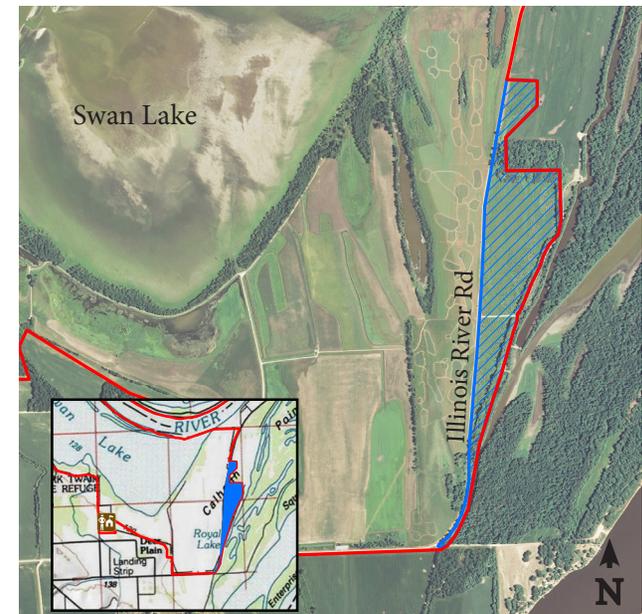
Sport Fishing

- **Apple Creek Division-** Fishing is allowed during daylight hours only in accordance with Illinois state seasons and regulations.
- **Batchtown, Calhoun, Gilbert Lake and Portage Island Divisions-** Fishing is allowed during daylight hours only from Jan. 1-Oct. 15, in accordance with Illinois state seasons and regulations.
- Boats are allowed in Batchtown and Swan Lake during the open period for sport fishing purposes only.
- Boats are allowed in Gilbert Lake only when flood waters enable access from the river over the levee, and only for sport fishing purposes during the period specified above. Bank launching is not allowed in Gilbert Lake.

Hunting Area Maps

- ▭ Refuge Boundary
- ▨ Hunting Area

Calhoun Division (Calhoun County, IL)



Apple Creek Division (Greene County, IL)

