

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Mingo National Wildlife Refuge
Wheelchair-Confined Deer Hunt Application
during
Youth Deer Hunt

Mingo NWR Deer Hunt for Persons with Disabilities

A Recreational Opportunity for Permanent Mobility Impaired Individuals

Purpose

The Youth Deer Hunt at Mingo NWR is used to help improve the deer herd on the refuge and provide for a recreational opportunity for today's youth to enjoy the pastime of hunting. This opportunity is being extended to a special group of the nation's population that has a permanent physical condition that severely impairs their mobility. These individuals are fully capable of properly using a firearm to hunt game, but have restricted ability to access land for a quality hunting experience. This hunt is an effort to provide for proper access, facilities, and other needed resources so individuals with disabilities can enjoy a safe and successful recreational experience.

Point of Contact

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Description of Proposed Area

Located one mile north of Puxico, MO, in Stoddard and Wayne County, the hunt will take place within the boundaries of the 21,592-acre Mingo National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). The refuge serves as a resting and wintering area for migratory waterfowl and to protect the bottomland hardwood forest in the Mingo Basin. It consists of 15,000 acres of bottomland hardwood forest, 5,000 acres of marsh and natural streams, 1,275 acres of cropland and moist-soil units, and 700 acres of grassland openings. The western portion of the refuge includes the Federally designated 7,730-acre Mingo Wilderness consisting of primitive upland forest and untrammled bottomland hardwood swamp along Stanley Creek, Mingo River, and Monopoly Marsh.

Method

1. Weapons legal for the hunt include shotguns not larger than 10-gauge with slugs only or rifles firing only center fire ammunition propelling an expanding type bullet. Must be in accordance with Missouri hunting regulations.
2. No hunting dogs or other pets will be permitted to be used for the hunt, nor will they be allowed in the area during the hunt.

Bag Limit

One deer, either one antlerless, or one antlered are permitted to be harvested by each hunter.

Antlered Deer

An antlered deer is defined as a deer having at least one antler, 3 inches or longer.

Monitoring

The check station will be located at the maintenance shop of Mingo NWR. Hunters will be required to check their deer in to the check station by the end of the day. Personnel at the station will be on hand to ensure compliance with regulations and safety during the hunt, as well as gather biological data for use by the refuge.

Season

The 2016 season is a 2-day hunt from Saturday, November 5, 2016 to Sunday, November 6, 2016.

Permit Information and Criteria for Eligibility:

1. Applicant must be between the ages of 11-15 and be Hunter Education Certified by the time of the hunt.
2. Applicants must be non-ambulatory to participate in the special hunt. Non-ambulatory is defined as a permanent physical condition that severely impairs mobility resulting from paralysis or amputation of one or more of the lower extremity(ies) which require the use of a wheelchair.
3. Assistance for personal hygiene needs will not be provided by refuge personnel or volunteers. The applicant will be required to provide his or her own personal assistant for the hunt to help with the harvest of the deer. Refuge Staff and volunteers may not be available to assist throughout the two day hunt.
4. Successful applicants must purchase a managed deer hunting permit for the State of Missouri. A resident youth permit is \$8.50 and nonresident youth permit is \$8.50.

NOTE: Permits must be purchased only if drawn for the hunt. Adult assistant/sponsor must have a filled or unfilled firearms deer permit.

Application Procedure and Permit Notification

- The eligible applicant will be required to provide completed Quota Deer Hunt Application forms (page 5). All information must be received by close of business **Saturday, July 30, 2016**.
- Five (5) permits will be issued for the designated hunting blinds. The five participants will be selected through a random draw process held at the Mingo Refuge Office.
- Successful applicants will be notified by mail with a letter and packet of instructions enclosed. Hunters and their assistants will be required to attend one of the orientation meetings to be held at noon on Saturday, October 15, 2016 or at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2016. Specific details for the orientation (time, location, etc.) will be included in the mailed letter and packet. Orientation will outline the special hunt instructions and cover safety requirements for the hunt. The refuge will randomly draw and assign hunters to their blinds for the hunt weekend.

Safety

Hunting Areas/ Firearms.

1. Hunters will be required to have an assistant (18 years or older) with them throughout the hunt. The assistant will not be permitted to possess any weapon, therefore only one firearm will be permitted in the blind. Hunters and their assistants will be required to remain within their blind unless pre-approved by the Refuge Manager. The assistant may leave the blind to retrieve a harvested deer.
2. Hunting from a vehicle is prohibited. All firearms must be cased and unloaded when transported in any vehicle (car, truck, ATV, etc.).

3. All firearms will be unloaded until the hunter and assistant are safely seated inside the blind. Firearms must be unloaded upon departure from the blind.
4. Cellular phones are recommended for direct communication with refuge personnel in case of emergency or if assistance is needed.

Hunter Orange

All hunters and their assistants must wear Hunter orange at all times during the hunt. Hunter orange must meet or exceed what is specified in the Missouri State hunting regulations.

Equipment Required

On each day of the hunt, participants will be assigned a specific hunt location with a blind set up. It is the responsibility of the participant and their assistant to bring with them any equipment and gear required to hunt and/or harvest deer. No hunting gear or equipment will be supplied by Mingo NWR.

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National Wildlife Refuge System

Quota Deer Hunt Application

OMB Control Number
1018-0140
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Follow instructions in the refuge hunt publication; all fields may not be required.
Read and comply with all refuge regulations, including application deadlines.

1. Name of Refuge	<input type="text" value="Mingo National Wildlife Refuge"/>	2. Date of application	<input type="text"/>
3. Legal Name	<input type="text"/>	Area Code/Phone No.	<input type="text"/>
Mailing Address	<input type="text"/>		
City, State, ZIP	<input type="text"/>	e-mail	<input type="text"/>
4. Method	<input type="text"/>	Conservation #	<input type="text"/>
5. Hunt Date Choice	1st Choice <input type="text" value="Nov. 5-6, 2016"/>	6. Hunt Location Choices	1st Choice <input type="text" value="Mingo NWR"/>
	2nd Choice <input type="text" value="N/A"/>		2nd Choice <input type="text" value="N/A"/>
	3rd Choice <input type="text" value="N/A"/>		3rd Choice <input type="text" value="N/A"/>
	4th Choice <input type="text" value="N/A"/>		4th Choice <input type="text" value="N/A"/>
	5th Choice <input type="text" value="N/A"/>		5th Choice <input type="text" value="N/A"/>
7. Special Hunt	<input type="text" value="Wheelchair Confined Hunt"/>	7A. Youth Hunt Only: Age at time of hunt	<input type="text"/>

PRINT FORM

8. I have read and understand the refuge hunt regulations and agree to abide by the regulations governing hunting on the refuge.

Hunter signature

Print Guardian name and signature here (required for hunters less than 18 years of age)

For Office Use only:

Payment Exempt/No fee Payment required

Date Received

Payment Type: Amount:

Personal Check Cashiers Check
 Money Order Other

Notes

Notice

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information:
1. The issuance of a permit and collection of fees on lands of the National Wildlife Refuge System is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) as amended, and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4).
2. The information that you provide is voluntary; however submission of requested information is required to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants under the above Acts. It is our policy not to use your name or email for any other purpose. The information is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act. All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001). Failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit.
3. We estimate the public reporting burden on the applicant for information collection to be 30 minutes. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop BPHC, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.
4. Routine use disclosures may be made: (a) to the U.S. Department of Justice when related to litigation or anticipated litigation; (b) of information indicating a violation or potential violation of a statute, rule, order, or license to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies responsible for investigating or prosecuting the violation or for enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulations, order, or license; (c) from the record of the individual in response to an inquiry from a Congressional office made at the request of the individual (42 FR 19063; April 11, 1977); and (d) to provide addresses obtained from the Internal Revenue Service to debt collection agencies for purposes of locating a debtor to collect or compromise a Federal Claim against the debtor, or to consumer reporting agencies to prepare a commercial credit report for use by the Department (48 FR 54716; December 6, 1983).
5. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned control number 1018-0140.