

# Flint Hills

## National Wildlife Refuge

### Hunting Regulations 2016 – 2017



#### Welcome to Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge

Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) covers 18,500 acres in the tallgrass prairie region of the broad, flat Neosho River Valley. The Refuge was established in 1966 as an “overlay project” on the John Redmond Reservoir Project, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control reservoir. Portions of the land and waters are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This Refuge is one of over 560 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters set aside to conserve animals and their habitats for people today and for generations to come.

#### Hunting Regulations

All hunters must possess a Refuge permit. For all 2016 - 2017 Refuge hunts, this brochure, when signed and in your possession, serves as a permit for all Refuge hunts. This brochure is also available online at [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/flint\\_hills](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/flint_hills).

State hunting regulations apply unless otherwise listed. Additional Refuge-specific regulations are outlined in this brochure and in Title 50 CFR. All commercial activities, including guided hunts, are prohibited.

#### Hours

Hunting hours are the same as those set in State regulations.

#### Access

Only licensed vehicles are allowed on designated Refuge roads, as shown on the map. Parking must not impede traffic. Hunters can park in designated areas and along the shoulder of Refuge roads within one car width from the nearest edge of the road. No parking is allowed in front of gates. Accessing hunting areas from the Neosho River and hunting on the river is prohibited.

#### Closed Areas

All Refuge lands north of the Neosho River are closed to all public entry from November 1 to March 1 to provide sanctuary for migratory birds. Refer to the map for these areas. All of the Neosho River is closed to hunting.

#### Game Retrieval

Reasonable effort must be made to retrieve harvested game. Dogs can be used to retrieve game. Consult State regulations. We prohibit hunters or dogs from retrieving game in areas closed to hunting.



#### Refuge Hunting Permit 2016-2017 Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge

The signing of the permit validates it as your general Refuge hunting permit and must be in your possession while participating in authorized Refuge hunting activities. Expiration Date: August 31, 2017.

I have read and understand these Refuge regulations.

Participant's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Specific Hunting Regulations *State hunting regulations apply unless otherwise listed.*

<i>Type Hunt</i>	<i>Season</i>	<i>Special Regulations</i>
Archery Deer	State season and regulations apply.	State-approved archery equipment in open areas on Refuge.
Muzzleloader Deer	State season and regulations apply.	State-approved muzzleloader in open areas on Refuge.
Youth and Disabled Deer	State season and regulations apply.	No rifles allowed, only shotguns with slugs or muzzleloader.
Either-sex Firearms Deer	State season and regulations apply.	No rifles allowed, only shotguns with slugs or muzzleloader.
Pre-Rut White-tail Antlerless Deer Only	State seasons and regulations apply.	No rifles allowed, only shotguns with slugs or muzzleloader.
Extended Whitetail	CLOSED ON REFUGE	
Migratory Game Birds (Crow, Mourning Dove, Common Snipe, Woodcock, Goose, Duck, and Coot)	State season and regulations apply.	State-approved equipment, non-toxic shot only, open areas only.
Youth Waterfowl	State season and regulations apply.	State-approved equipment, non-toxic shot only, open areas only.
Upland Game (Quail, Rabbit, Squirrel)	State season and regulations apply.	State-approved equipment, non-toxic shot, rim-fire rifle allowed for Rabbit and Squirrel, open areas only.
Turkey	State season and regulations apply.	State-approved equipment, non-toxic shot.
Furbearers (including Coyote)	CLOSED ON REFUGE	

### **Hunting Regulations (continued)**

#### *Baiting / Spotlighting / Monitoring Devices*

The distribution of bait or hunting over bait is prohibited. The use of artificial light to locate wildlife is prohibited. The use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices is also prohibited.

#### *Tree Stands / Blinds / Decoys*

All personal property must be removed daily. The use of permanent blinds, tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree is prohibited. Tree stands and/or blinds that do not harm the tree are permitted, but they must be removed at the end of each day's hunt. Decoys may not be left unattended.

#### *Vehicles / Boats*

Only licensed vehicles are allowed on designated Refuge roads. ATVs and UTVs are prohibited on the Refuge. All vehicles and boats must comply with State and Federal regulations. Air-thrust or in-board water-thrust boats are prohibited.

#### *Firearms / Fireworks*

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands 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).

Carrying, possessing, or discharging fireworks or explosives on national wildlife refuges is prohibited.

#### *Alcohol / Controlled Substances*

Possession or consumption of alcohol and controlled substances while hunting is prohibited.

#### *Camping and Fires*

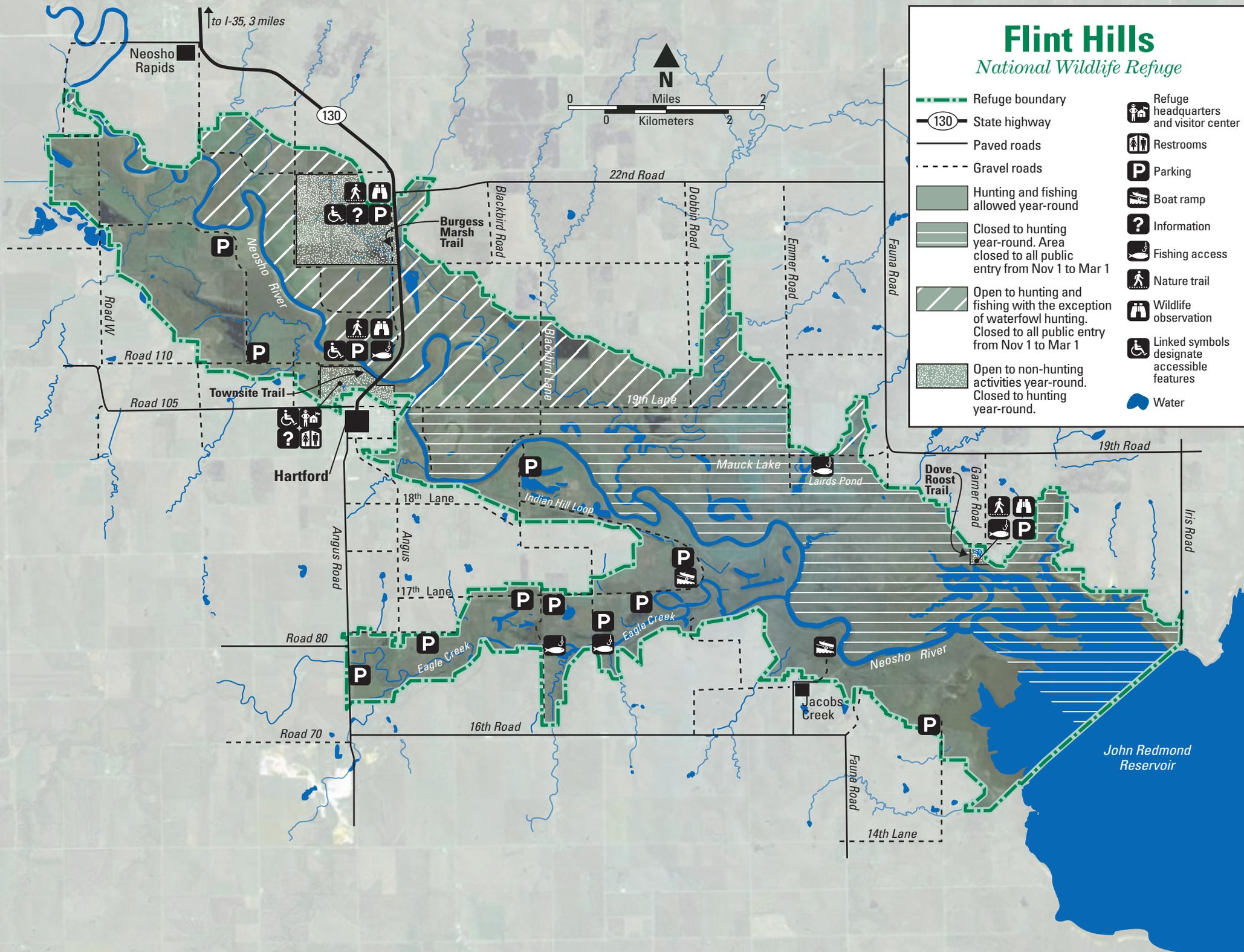
Camping and fires are prohibited on the Refuge.

#### *Natural and Cultural Resources*

Only legal take of game in season is allowed. Collecting wild edibles is also allowed. Collecting shed antlers is prohibited on the Refuge. Collecting of artifacts and historic items is also prohibited as they are protected on Refuge lands by Federal law.

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- Refuge boundary
- State highway
- Paved roads
- Gravel roads
- Hunting and fishing allowed year-round
- Closed to hunting year-round. Area closed to all public entry from Nov 1 to Mar 1
- Open to hunting and fishing with the exception of waterfowl hunting. Closed to all public entry from Nov 1 to Mar 1
- Open to non-hunting activities year-round. Closed to hunting year-round.
- Refuge headquarters and visitor center
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Boat ramp
- Information
- Fishing access
- Nature trail
- Wildlife observation
- Linked symbols designate accessible features
- Water

## Signs and Boundaries

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. Obey all posted signs. The wording of the sign applies to the area located behind the sign, with the exception of parking signs. The signs shown below are only a few of the signs you will see on the Refuge.



*Refuge  
Boundary*

Entry  
permitted in  
accordance  
with Refuge



*Closed Area*

All entry  
prohibited.



*No Hunting  
Zone*

Hunting,  
weapons, and  
game retrieval  
prohibited.

## Accessibility

Most Refuge areas are accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate in Refuge hunts and other activities. Contact the Refuge manager for guidelines to obtain special use access. Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. Dial 711 for a free connection to the State relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from the speech and hearing impaired. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Refuge staff at 620 / 392 5553, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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For State relay service

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For Refuge Information

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