

## Refuge Facts

The Great River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) was established in 1958 for the protection of migratory birds and their habitats along the mighty Mississippi River.

### Refuge Divisions

The refuge is comprised of five separate divisions:

- *Fox Island Division* (Clark County, MO)
- *Hickory Creek Division* (Clark County, MO)
- *Slim Island Division* (Pike County, MO)
- *Cherry Box Division* (Shelby County)
- *Long Island Division* (Adams County, IL)
- *Delair Division* (Pike County, IL).

The Clarence Cannon NWR was also established as a migratory bird refuge in 1964.

The headquarters for both refuges is located on Clarence Cannon NWR near the town of Annada in Pike County, MO.

## Public Use

The refuges offer many opportunities for public use including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation.

The refuges are open to public use during daylight hours only, except in the case of lawful hunting activities which may occur from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset based on state regulations.

Hiking is allowed on refuge roads and trails, unless otherwise posted. Biking is allowed on refuge roads. ATVs are not allowed on the refuges.

Dogs must be on a leash except when used for the purpose of hunting where hunting is allowed.



Berry and mushroom gathering are allowed for personal consumption only, not for resale or other commercial use.



Collecting shed deer antlers is not permitted.

Firearms are allowed on the refuge during authorized hunting activities. When transporting firearms on refuge roads or waters, firearms must be unloaded and either dismantled or cased, unless in compliance with state concealed/carry regulations.

For hunting, you may use or possess only approved nontoxic shot shells while in the field, including shot shells used for hunting wild turkey.



Camping or fires are not permitted.

To help meet the primary refuge purpose of providing an inviolate refuge for migratory birds, areas within the refuge may be closed to public use due to breeding and/or migration.

Special group trips (school groups, scouts, etc.) are encouraged. Guided group tours may sometimes be arranged in advance by contacting the refuge office.

## Deer and Turkey Hunting

*Portable stands are allowed from September 1 through January 31. The hunter's full name, address and State-generated hunter identification number must be permanently attached in a visible location on the stand. Limit one stand per hunter.*

*No nails, screws, or other hardware may be used to climb or secure stands to the trees. Cutting of tree limbs or any other vegetation is not allowed.*

Deer hunting is only allowed during the statewide archery deer season (closed during the statewide firearms deer season). No firearms deer hunting allowed.



*Fox Island, Hickory Creek and Cherry Box Divisions*

*Long Island Division*

Turkey hunting is allowed during the state spring season, youth season, and fall archery season.

Deer and turkey hunting is allowed in accordance with Illinois state seasons and regulations.

*Slim Island Division*

Deer hunting is only allowed during the statewide archery deer season.

Turkey hunting is allowed in accordance with state seasons and regulations.

*Delair Division and Clarence Cannon NWR*

Deer hunting is allowed only during state-managed hunts and requires a refuge permit.

Closed to turkey hunting.



*Long Island Division*

## Migratory Bird Hunting

*Includes waterfowl and coot only.*

Migratory bird hunting is allowed in accordance with state seasons and regulations. Hunting is allowed ONLY from blinds constructed on sites posted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

*Slim Island Division*

Migratory bird hunting is allowed in accordance with state seasons and regulations.

*Fox Island, Hickory Creek, Cherry Box Divisions and Clarence Cannon NWR*

Closed to migratory bird hunting.



## Upland Game Hunting

*Includes small game, furbearers and game birds (except migratory birds).*

*Upland game hunting is only allowed with shotgun. Night time hunting of furbearers is prohibited.*

*Fox Island Division*

Upland game hunting is allowed in accordance with state seasons and regulations, subject to the above listed conditions.

Upland game hunting is closed October 16 – December 31.



Long Island,  
Hickory Creek,  
Cherry Box and  
Slim Island  
Divisions

Upland game hunting is allowed in accordance with state seasons and regulations and subject to the conditions listed above.

Delair Division  
and Clarence  
Cannon NWR

Closed to upland game hunting.

### Sport Fishing

*The taking of turtles or frogs is prohibited.*



Fox Island  
Division

Bank fishing is allowed along any portion of the Fox River from January 1 - October 15 in accordance with state seasons and regulations.

Long Island  
and Slim  
Island  
Divisions

Fishing is allowed in accordance with state seasons and regulations.

Hickory Creek,  
Cherry Box and  
Delair Divisions

Closed to fishing.

Clarence  
Cannon NWR

Fishing is allowed by boat in Bryants Creek.

### Trapping

Trapping may be permitted on the refuges but all trapping requires a **Refuge Special Use Permit**. Contact refuge manager for current regulations.



### About the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, under the Department of the Interior, is the primary Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing the Nation's fish and wildlife resources and their habitats. The Service has specific trustee responsibilities for migratory birds, endangered species, anadromous fish, and certain marine mammals as well as for lands and waters administered as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service encourages everyone to engage in permitted recreational activities on the refuge. However, certain regulations are necessary to protect wildlife and preserve the beauty of the area. Any public access or activity that is not specifically allowed is prohibited.

**Great River and Clarence Cannon  
National Wildlife Refuges**  
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Persons with hearing impairments may contact the refuges through the Federal Information Relay number at: 1 800/877 8339  
Law Enforcement Cell – 618/610 0163

Visit our web site at:

[http://www.fws.gov/refuge/great\\_river](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/great_river)  
[http://www.fws.gov/refuge/clarence\\_canon](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/clarence_canon)

For information on state hunting license and state regulations in Missouri, please contact the Missouri Department of Conservation at 573/751 4115  
TTY: 800/735 2966

For information on state hunting licenses and state regulations in Illinois, please contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at 217/782 6302  
TTY: 217/782 9175



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# Great River & Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuges Public Use Regulations

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*Supersedes all previously dated leaflets.*

Great River NWR

Fox Island Division

Hickory Creek Division

Slim Island Division

Cherry Box Division

Long Island Division

Delair Division

Clarence Cannon NWR