Hunting Regulations 2019-2020
Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge

About the Refuge
Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1998 to protect the important wetlands and bottomland hardwood forests along the Deep Fork River. The refuge is located in Okmulgee County along U.S. Highway 75 near the town of Okmulgee. The refuge provides habitat for many resident and migratory species of wildlife.

General Regulations
The regulations listed below supplement Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation hunting regulations and the general regulations governing hunting and fishing on national wildlife refuges set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

All hunters regardless of age are required to have a signed 2019-2020 refuge hunt tear sheet in their possession.

Individuals utilizing the refuge are subject to inspection of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, vehicles, and their contents by both state and federal wildlife officers.

Portions of the refuge are open to hunting. It is your responsibility to know the hunting seasons, regulations, boundaries, and open areas. The refuge boundary is currently a checkerboard ownership between public and privately held tracts. Refuge boundaries are marked with white signs with blue lettering.

Hunters should take care in respecting private property. Please see the map on the reverse side of this tear sheet for boundaries and open and closed areas.

All vehicles must remain on existing county roads or in designated parking areas.

Boats used for any recreational activity (hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing) must be removed from the refuge daily. Boats must comply with all state regulations. The nearest public boat ramp is at the Deep Fork River Bridge on Highway 266 between Dewar and Grayson. Swift currents and underwater hazards can be dangerous. Boaters should use caution when navigating refuge waters.

2019–2020 Seasons
A table containing all open seasons, dates, and special regulations is on the reverse side of this tear sheet.

Refuge deer muzzleloader and spring turkey hunts are controlled hunts administered by ODWC. The application deadline for controlled hunts is May 15, 2019. For more information consult www.wildlife.dept.state.ok.us/controlledhunts.htm. Successful applicants should refer to their lottery selection letter for more information. All deer and turkey harvested on controlled hunts are considered bonus tags.

Limited Archery Hunt
October 28–November 30, 2019
Archery season will be open October 28–November 30, 2019. An additional archery permit is required to participate in this hunt. A maximum of 300 permits will be issued for the season on a first come, first served basis starting on Saturday September 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the following week September 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All permits will be issued at the refuge headquarters located at 21844 South 250 Road near the Cussetah Bottoms area. Permits are $10 (cash only) and you must be present to receive a permit.

Firearms and Ammunition
Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of state and local laws. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

Firearms used for hunting must be unloaded and either dismantled or secured when transported in vehicles and boats while on the refuge. Loaded is defined as shells or bullets in a gun, a cap on a muzzleloader, or a bow that is at full or partial draw.

All hunters using shot-guns for migratory birds and small game must use approved non-toxic shot. Also .22 and .17 caliber rimfire firearms and pistols are allowed for rabbit and squirrel hunting.

Stands
The use of permanent stands and blinds is prohibited. Deer stands are limited to one per hunter. Stands may not be set up until the day of the hunt and must be removed at the end of the hunt. Stands must be tagged with users name and address.

Restricted Area
A portion of the refuge (see map) has been designated as a restricted area for universally accessible hunting. For safety reasons, this area is closed for all other activities and access from October 1–December 31.

Feral Hogs
Feral hogs may be taken during daylight hours of any established refuge hunt. Permits and legal weapons apply for the current season. Feral hogs may not leave the refuge alive.

We prohibit the following:
• Littering, dumping household furniture, trash, brush, or appliances.
• Possession of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances.
• Camping and fires.
• Use of scouting cameras.
• Baiting or hunting over bait, salt, or any attractant. Hunting aunts are allowed.
• Target practice.
• Taking of wildlife, antlers, mushrooms, or plants (including cutting trees or brush) unless authorized.
• Searching for or removing any objects of archaeological or historical significance including arrowheads, pottery, or other artifacts.
• Blocking gates, or roadways with vehicles.
• Marking trails with paint or leaving flagging tape, ribbons, or trail tags.
• The use or possession of crossbows, bows and arrows, air guns, spears, gibs, and other weapons unless authorized.
• Using spotlights or artificial light to locate wildlife except raccoons only during raccoon season.
• Hunting from a permanent tree stand or from a tree in which a metal object (nails, spikes, screws) has been driven.
• All-terrain vehicles.
• Horses/mules.

For More Information
For inquiries about the program, contact: Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge 21844 S. 250 Road P.O. Box 816 Okmulgee, OK 74447 918/652-0456

Signature of Hunter
Date
Permits are required for all hunters. This permit is valid only when signed above and must be carried with you at all times while on the refuge. Permits are not transferrable.
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**Closed To All Entry From Sept. 1 to Mar. 31**

*Refuge Headquarters*

*Refuge Maintenance Facility*

*Parking Lot*

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**Type of Hunt** | **Season** | **Special Regulations**
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Youth muzzleloader deer | Oct. 21–27, 2019 | Controlled hunt only. Lottery administered through ODWC. The bag limit is two either-sex deer, only one may be antlered.  
Muzzleloader deer, either sex | Oct. 14–20, 2019 | Controlled hunt only. Lottery administered through ODWC. The bag limit is two either-sex deer, only one may be antlered.  
Squirrel | Dec. 1–Jan. 31, 2020  
May 15–Sept. 30, 2020 | Approved non-toxic shot required for shot guns. .22 and .17 caliber rimfire firearms are permitted. Dogs are permitted but must be removed immediately following the hunt. State bag limits apply.  
Rabbit | Dec. 1–Jan. 31, 2020 | Approved non-toxic shot required for shot guns. .22 and .17 caliber rimfire firearms are permitted. Dogs are permitted but must be removed immediately following the hunt. State bag limits apply.  
Raccoon | Dec. 1–Jan. 31, 2020 | Hunt hours are from legal sunset to legal sunrise only. State firearm regulations apply. Dogs are permitted but must be removed immediately following the hunt. State bag limits apply.  
Youth Turkey | Apr. 4–May 6, 2020 | Controlled hunt only. Lottery administered through ODWC.  
Turkey | Apr. 13–May 6, 2020 | Controlled hunt only. Lottery administered through ODWC.  
Teal | September 7–22, 2019 | Approved non-toxic shot required. Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 30 minutes before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Blinds and decoys removed daily. Dogs are permitted but must be immediately removed following the hunt.  
Special Resident Canada Goose | September 7–16, 2019 | Approved non-toxic shot required. Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 30 minutes before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Blinds and decoys removed daily. Dogs are permitted but must be immediately removed following the hunt.  
Waterfowl | December 14, 2019–January 26, 2020 | Approved non-toxic shot required. Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 30 minutes before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. Blinds and decoys must be removed daily. We allow hunting of duck, dark geese, mergansers, and coot. Dogs are permitted but must be immediately removed following the hunt.  
Feral Hogs | Incidental take on other hunts | May be taken during day light hours of any established refuge hunt. Hogs may not leave the refuge alive. There is no daily or season limit.  
ADA accessible muzzleloader deer | Oct. 28–Nov. 3, 2019 | Controlled hunt only. Lottery administered through ODWC. Restricted area only.