



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Fishing and Frogging

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1939 and is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The refuge encompasses 57,331 acres of desert riparian and upland habitat and protects wintering habitat along the Rio Grande for migratory wildlife.

Public fishing and frogging on the refuge is one of the tools used by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to maintain wildlife populations at healthy sustainable levels. Public fishing and frogging also provides an opportunity for the public to engage in traditional wildlife-dependent recreational activities on their national wildlife refuges.

At Bosque del Apache NWR fishing and frogging are allowed from April 1 through September 30, in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations, including daily and possession limits.

Requirements

- All visitors engaged in fishing/frogging activities must possess a valid New Mexico Fishing License.
- All visitors are responsible for compliance with all State and Federal hunting regulations.
- Report accidents or injuries to the Refuge Manager and State agencies. After hours, call 911.

General Fishing/Frogging Regulations.

We allow fishing and frogging in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

- Fishing/Frogging is allowed on the refuge from April 1 through September 30, from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.
- Fishing/Frogging is allowed on all canals within the refuge boundaries (Interior Drain, Riverside Canal, and East side of the Low Flow Conveyance Channel) and Unit 25AS either from the boardwalk or from the shore.
- Access to the canals is via the Auto Tour Loop.
- Refuge Entrance fees apply.
- Fishing for any species on the Rio Grande within the refuge is not permitted.
- Fishing/Frogging in closed areas of the refuge is not permitted.
- Trotlines, bows and arrows, seining, dip netting, traps, boats or other floatation devices, and using bait taken from the refuge is not permitted.
- Taking turtles is not permitted.
- Canoeing, boating, or floating through the refuge on the Rio Grande is not permitted.
- We allow frogging for bullfrogs on the refuge in areas that are open to fishing.
- The east side of the Low Flow Conveyance Channel is open to walk in fishing/frogging activities. Parking is permitted at the eastern end of Bosque Road in the Rio Viejo Trailhead Parking lot.

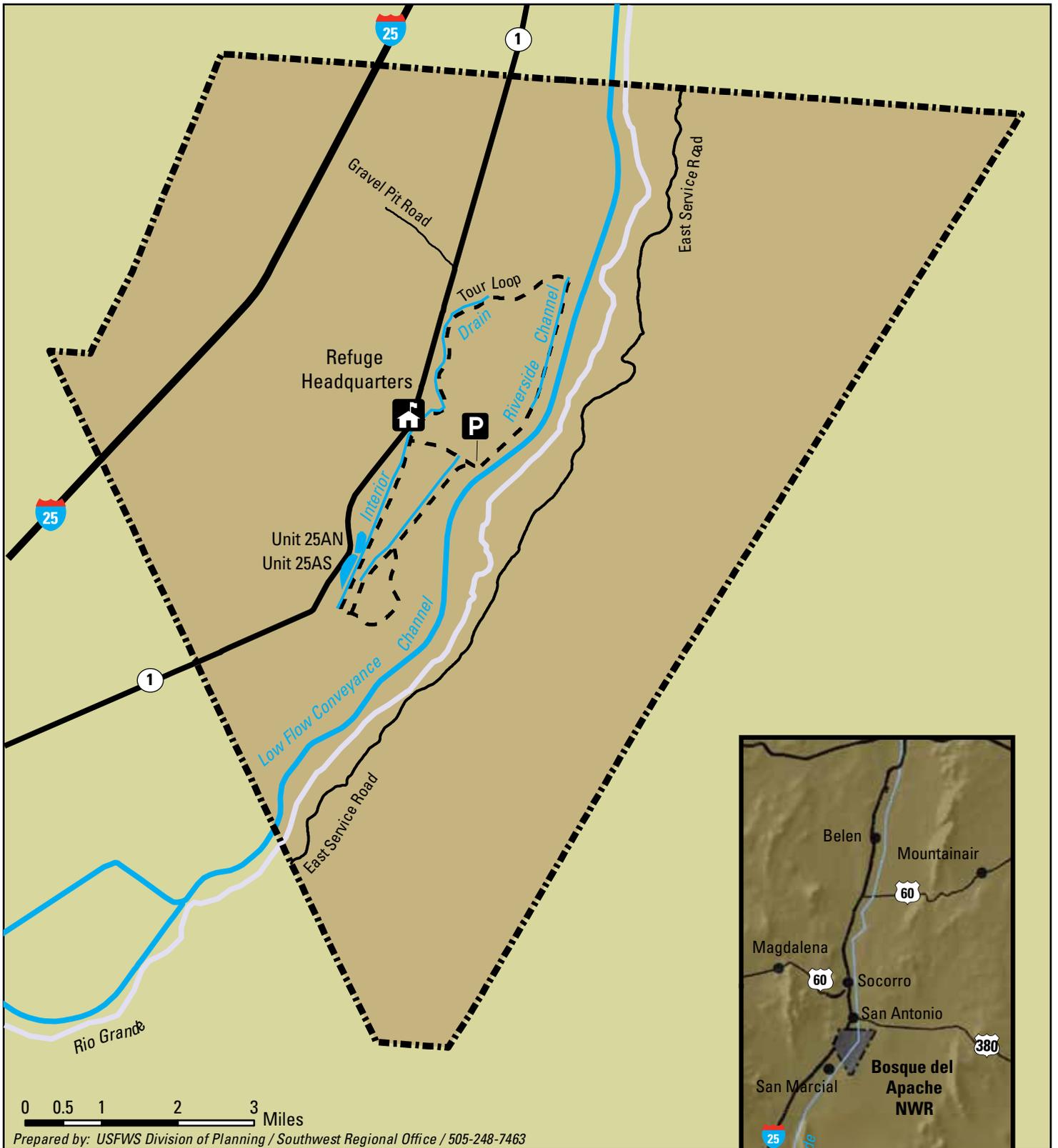
Watch Out

The desert can be dangerously hot and dry. Be sure to carry and drink plenty of water, use sunscreen, and wear light colored clothing when possible and a hat. Watch out for stinging insects, venomous reptiles, and thorny plants. Avoid putting your hands and feet under rocks or into crevices and plants, and watch where you step or sit.

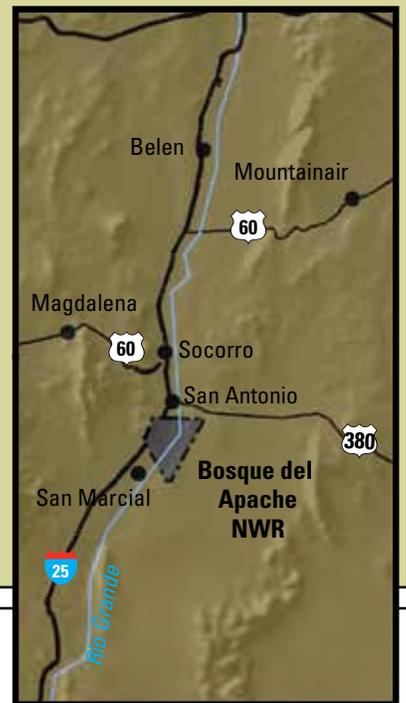
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Bosque del Apache NWR Fishing / Frogging Map

- Fishing and Frogging Allowed
- Bosque del Apache NWR Boundary
- Wildlife Drive

Note: Fishing and Frogging is *not* Permitted along the Rio Grande within the Refuge Boundary.



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