

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. The refuge is comprised of three separate divisions. These are the Fox Island Division (Clark County, MO), Long Island Division (Adams County, IL) and the 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 where noted in this brochure.

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.

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.

Big Game Hunting

Portable stands may be used where hunting is allowed, but they may not be left on the Refuge overnight. 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.

Long Island Division - White-tailed deer hunting is allowed in accordance with Illinois state seasons and regulations.

Delair Division - Muzzleloader deer hunting is allowed only during state managed hunts and requires a refuge permit.

Fox Island Division - Deer hunting is only allowed during the antlerless-only portion of the Missouri state firearms deer season. All state regulations apply to this hunt.

Clarence Cannon NWR - White-tailed deer hunting is only allowed during the state managed deer hunts and requires a refuge permit.

Migratory Bird Hunting

Hunters must possess and use only non-toxic shot while hunting migratory birds.

Long Island Division - Migratory bird hunting is allowed in accordance with state seasons and regulations. Waterfowl and coot hunting is allowed ONLY from blinds constructed on sites posted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Clarence Cannon NWR, Delair Division and Fox Island Division - Closed to migratory bird hunting.

Upland Game Hunting

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

Hunters must possess and use only non-toxic shot while hunting game birds except wild turkeys.

Long Island Division - Upland game hunting is allowed in accordance with state seasons and regulations.

Fox Island Division - State seasons and regulations apply for upland game except as follows:

The division is closed to upland game hunting from October 16 through December 31 to provide a waterfowl sanctuary.

Turkey hunting is allowed only during the State spring seasons, including youth season; no fall season.

Fox Island Division is only open for upland game hunting from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

Delair Division and Clarence Cannon NWR - Closed to upland game hunting.

Sport Fishing

The taking of turtles or frogs is prohibited.

Clarence Cannon NWR - Fishing is allowed by boat in Bryants Creek.

Long Island Division - Fishing is allowed in accordance with state seasons and regulations.

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

Delair Division - Closed to fishing.

Trapping

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

U.S. Fish and 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.

For more information contact:

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<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/greatriver>

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(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

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