Welcome to Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

Hagerman NWR is one of more than 545 national wildlife refuges that form a network of United States lands and waters managed specifically for wildlife. Refuges provide habitat - food, water, cover, and space – for millions of migratory birds, over 70 endangered species, and thousands of species of native plants and animals.

Hagerman NWR was established in 1946 as an administrative overlay of Corps of Engineers lands on a portion of the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma to protect and manage 11,320 acres of habitat for refuge and breeding ground purposes for migratory birds and other wildlife. The refuge also provides compatible, wildlife-dependent recreational activities including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education, and interpretation for the public.

Habitats within Hagerman Refuge include 2,600 acres of wetlands, 8,000 acres of uplands, and 700 acres of croplands. These lands and waters are actively managed to support more than 270 species of birds, 34 species of mammals, 65 species of amphibians and reptiles, and 62 species of fish. Oil and gas production on refuge lands is permitted for mineral rights owners.

Recreational Opportunities

The refuge offers a variety of recreational opportunities including hiking trails; creek and lake access for fishing, boating, and paddle sports; an auto tour route; wildlife observation and photography; roads for walking and biking; and seasonal hunting of large and small game animals (by permit). Facilities and access points are indicated on the map on the other side of this information sheet.

Friends of Hagerman offer “Second Saturday” nature programs at the refuge each month. All activities are free and open to the public. Contact the Refuge office or check the website for a schedule of upcoming events. www.friendsofhagerman.com

Permitted Activities

Wildlife viewing and photography, auto tour, hiking, boating (March 15-Sept. 30 only), pets on leash, hunting (as per state regulations, with a refuge permit and special refuge regulations apply), fishing year-round (in accordance with State regulations).

Prohibited Activities

Swimming, fireworks, littering, metal detectors, off-road driving, glass containers, ATV’s, horses, fires outside of grills provided, pets off leash, and camping.

For your Safety

Be prepared and observe all refuge and state regulations. Lock your vehicle and take your valuables with you. Tell a friend or relative where you are going and when to expect your return. Keep an eye on changing weather due to the potential for severe storms in this area.

Please Remember

Disturbing or collecting plants, animals, and artifacts is strictly prohibited. Leave the area as you found it for others to enjoy. Please keep all radios at a low volume and be considerate of other refuge visitors in the area.

For More Information Contact

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The refuge is open to public access daily from sunrise to sunset year-round. All nighttime use is prohibited. Refuge Visitor Center open Monday–Friday, 7:30 am–4:00 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm, Sunday, 1:00–5:00 pm, closed on federal holidays.

Day Use Areas

Day Use Areas located in Goode, Big Mineral, and Sandy Units offer picnic tables, bank fishing, and restrooms. Please help us keep these areas clean by taking all of your trash with you when you leave.

Hiking Trails*

Crow Hill Trail – 1/2 mile loop.
Harris Creek Trail – 1 and 2 mile loops.
Haller’s Haven Nature Trail – 1/2 mile to 4 miles roundtrip.
Meadow Pond Trail – 5 miles roundtrip; 1 mile is universally accessible.
Raasch Trail – 1-1/2 mile.

* Bug and tick repellant recommended during summer months.

Remember to stay hydrated.