Refuge Property Hunt Status

Property (River mile/Acres open to hunting)	Archery Deer	Mig. Bird	Rabbit/ Squirrel
	✔ = hunting allowed		
Pennsylvania			
Phillis Is. (35/39)	✔	✔	✔
Georgetown Is. (38/16)	✔	✔	✔
West Virginia			
Buffalo Creek tract (19 ac)	Closed to all hunting		
Wheeling Is. (89/18)	Closed to all hunting		
Captina mainland tract (138 ac)	✔	✔	✔
Captina Is. (108/17)	✔	✔	✔
Fish Creek Is. (113/48)	✔	✔	✔
Paden Is. (132/81)	✔		
Williamson Is. (134/126)	✔	✔	✔
Witten Towhead (135/8)	✔	✔	✔
Crab Is. (138/1)	Closed to all hunting		
Wells Is. (139/43)	✔	✔	✔
Mill Creek Is. (141/19)	✔		
Grandview Is. (143/8)	✔	✔	✔
Grape/Bat Is. (152/45)	✔	✔	✔
Middle Is. (153/160)	*✔		
Broadback Is. (159/51)	✔	✔	✔
Buckley Is. (169/160)	✔	✔	✔
Buckley Mainland (40 ac)	**✔		
Muskingum Is. (175/93)	✔	✔	✔
Neal Is. (181/104)	✔		
Buffington Is. (216/162)	✔	✔	✔
Letart Is. (235/29)	✔	✔	✔
Kentucky			
Manchester #1 Is. (395/20)	✔	✔	✔
Manchester #2 Is. (395/94)	✔	✔	✔

Refuge islands and mainland properties are marked by refuge boundary signs.

*Zoned area for archery deer.

Archery deer hunting on Buckley mainland tract permitted on the south side of CR 1 (Waverly Road) only. **Hunting permitted after Nov. 9th only and through remaining archery season.

An Important Message
The future of hunting on this refuge requires responsible hunter behavior and compliance with regulations. The Refuge Hunt Permit authorizes hunters to take specified game only. Harming or needlessly disturbing any other wildlife including birds, mammals, turtles, frogs, and snakes is a violation of refuge regulations and is a cause for prosecution.

To report violations, please contact:
Refuge Law Enforcement Office
304/834 0449 cell phone or
304/375 2923 ext. 113

Hunter Notice
Non-toxic shot is required to hunt all species on this refuge where a shotgun shell is allowed. This includes waterfowl, coots, rails, gallinules, snipe, woodcock, dove, rabbit, and squirrel hunting. This non-toxic shot requirement will minimize the deposition of lead into refuge wetlands and waterbodies and will reduce the risk of lead poisoning in waterfowl and other wildlife.

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National Wildlife Refuge
3982 Waverly Road
Williamstown, WV 26187
304/375 2923
E-mail: fw5rw_ohrinwr@fws.gov
Website: http://www.fws.gov/refuge/ohio_river_islands/

West Virginia Relay Center
1 800/982 8771 TDD
1 800/828 1140 Voice

Federal Relay Service
for the deaf and hard of hearing
1 800/877 8339

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1 800/344 WILD
http://www.fws.gov

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Hunter Please Note - Report Bird Band Numbers
Call Toll Free 1 800/327 BAND (2263)
By reporting band numbers you will be helping to manage our continental waterfowl resource. When you call the Bird Banding Lab, you will be asked when and where you encountered the bird. You will then be told when and where the bird was banded. A certificate of appreciation with additional information will be mailed to you.

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National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2013-2014

Established in 1990, the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge is one of more than 560 refuges across the nation administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. With 22 islands and three mainland tracts scattered along 362 miles of the Ohio River in three states, the refuge protects and conserves habitat for native wildlife in one of our nation's busiest inland waterways.

This brochure provides the public with information and a summary of regulations pertaining to hunting on the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge. These regulations supplement regulations governing hunting on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations and applicable state regulations and state seasons. Hunters please note, the refuge spans across three states. You are responsible for knowing the regulations for the state you are hunting in.

Twenty refuge islands and two mainland properties are open to hunting. See "Refuge Property Hunt Status" section for more information. A boat is needed to access the islands with the exception of Middle Island.

Permit and License Requirements
Hunters are required to have a Refuge Annual Hunt Permit, the appropriate state licenses, and photo ID in their possession while hunting on the refuge. Permits and stamps are not valid unless signed by the hunter. Waterfowl hunters are required to have a federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp and Harvest Information Program (HIP) number. Migratory bird hunters are required to have a HIP number.

Refuge Annual Hunt Permit Application Procedures (No Fee)
Hunters may apply for Refuge Annual Hunt Permits by telephone: 304/375 2923, by e-mail: fw5rw_ohrinwr@fws.gov, by mail: Ohio River Islands NWR, 3982 Waverly Road, Williamstown, WV, 26187, or in person at refuge headquarters. Permit applicants must provide their name, address and telephone number.

Permits will be available beginning in August 2013. There is no deadline for obtaining Refuge Annual Hunt Permits. Permits expire on March 1, 2014.

Permitted Species
The following game species may be taken only on designated refuge lands during applicable state seasons: deer, waterfowl, coots, rails, gallinules, snipe, woodcock, dove, rabbit, and squirrel. No other species may be taken on refuge lands.

General Hunt Regulations
- The refuge is open from one hour before legal sunrise until one hour after legal sunset.
- Nontoxic shot is required for hunting all species on this refuge where a shotgun shell is required. This includes waterfowl, coots, rails, gallinules, snipe, woodcock, dove, rabbit, and squirrel hunting. This non-toxic shot requirement will minimize the deposition of lead into refuge wetlands and waterbodies and will reduce the risk of lead poisoning in waterfowl and other wildlife.
- Flagging tape and other materials used to mark trails are prohibited.
- Deer hunting is restricted to archery.
- Organized deer drives are prohibited. A drive is defined as an act of chasing, pursuing, disturbing, or otherwise directing deer so as to make the animals more susceptible to harvest. Baiting for deer is prohibited.
- Temporary stands and blinds may be used but must be removed at the end of each day. Permanent structures are prohibited. All tree stands must have the name and address of the hunter clearly printed in a visible area.
- The possession of lead shot in the field by refuge hunters is prohibited.
- Dogs may be used for migratory bird hunting but must be kept under control when not in use. The use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is not permitted.
- Dog training and field trials are not permitted.
- All accidents or injuries must be reported to the refuge headquarters as soon as possible, tel. 304/375 2923. **In the event of a serious emergency, call 911 before contacting the refuge.**
- Camping, building fires, mowing, and tree cutting are not permitted.
- It is unlawful to drive a nail, spike, climbing screws, or other metal object into any tree or to hunt from any tree where such objects have been driven.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- No motorized vehicles permitted off refuge roads.

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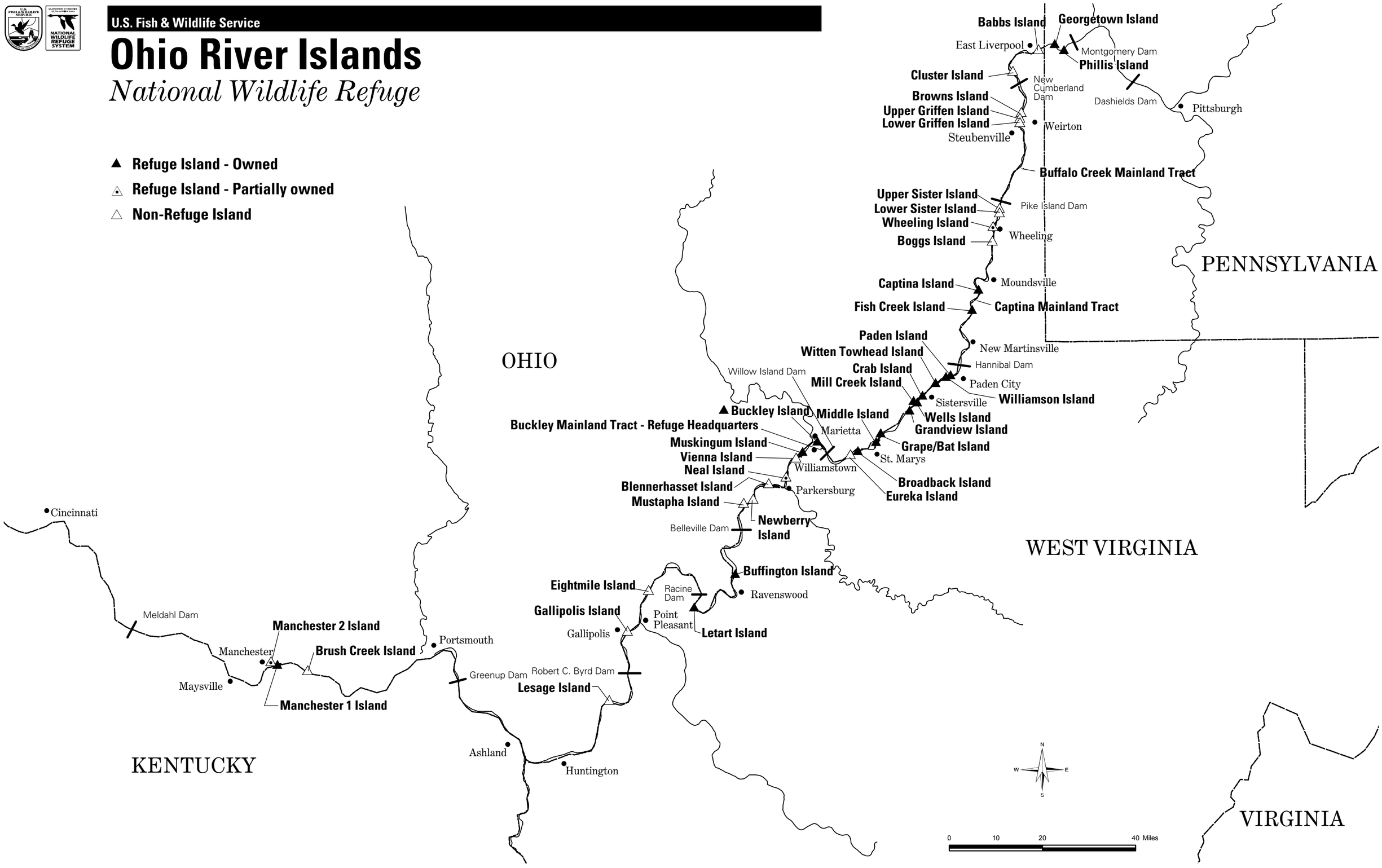
▲ Refuge Island - Owned

◬ Refuge Island - Partially owned

△ Non-Refuge Island