U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Mingo

National Wildlife Refuge 2012-2013 Hunting Regulations

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge General Hunt Permit 2012-13

Read and sign this brochure before scouting, hunting, or engaging in hunt activities on Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. The signed brochure cover in your possession acknowledges your understanding of refuge hunting regulations. This is an annual brochure. To save tax dollars. please use this brochure for the entire season.

I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations.

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Signature (signed brochures are not transferable)

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge
24279 State Highway 51
Puxico, Missouri 63960
573/222 3589

Hearing impaired persons may contact Mingo through the Federal Relay Number at 1 800/877 8339.

http://midwest.fws.gov/mingo
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1 800/344 WILD
http:www.fws.gov/
www.facebook.com/MingoNWR

The Refuge

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1944 under the authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to serve as a resting and wintering area for migratory waterfowl and to protect the bottomland hardwood forest in the Mingo Basin. The 21,592-acre refuge consists of 15,000 acres of bottomland hardwood forest, 5,000 acres of marsh and natural streams, 1,275 acres of cropland and moist-soil units, and 700 acres of grassland openings.

Western portion of Mingo

The western portion of the refuge includes the Federally designated 7,730-acre Mingo Wilderness consisting of primitive upland forest and untrammeled bottomland hardwood swamp along Stanley Creek, Mingo River, and Monopoly Marsh. The annual Special Managed (Muzzleloader) Hunt in this area is a favorite for deer hunters.

Eastern portion of Mingo

The eastern portion of the refuge consists of Rock House Marsh, bottomland hardwood swamp, and actively managed moist-soil units. In accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and refuge specific regulations, hunters may hunt nearly 9,000 acres of Public Hunting Area on this side of the refuge during open seasons. The Public Hunting Area hosts a variety of hunting opportunities from archery hunting for deer and turkey to firearms hunting for squirrel and turkey in addition to waterfowl hunting in Pool 8, near Duck Creek Conservation Area. The refuge also provides a wheelchair-accessible hunting trail with hunting blinds.

Entrance Permits

The following may be used as a refuge permit:

- Daily Entrance Permit ($3.00)
- Refuge Specific Annual Pass ($12.00)
- Federal Duck Stamp ($15.00)
- Interagency Senior Pass ($10.00)
- Interagency Access Pass (free)

Refuge permits should be displayed on the dash of automobiles when on the refuge.

Hunting Brochure

In addition to the refuge permit, hunters must sign and possess the front cover of the current hunting brochure when scouting, hunting, or participating in other hunter activities on the refuge. When signed and in the possession of the hunter, the cover of this brochure serves as a refuge hunting permit for all Refuge hunts except Special Management Hunts.

General Regulations

The hunting regulations specific to Mingo National Wildlife Refuge are set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Individuals using the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, vehicles, and their contents by refuge and state officers. To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting the refuge, please take the time to become familiar with the regulations, hunting area, and property boundaries; please call the refuge with questions.

Refuge Permits

Persons on foot and one occupant of each vehicle are required to possess a refuge permit upon entry onto the refuge. For the purposes of this regulation, a vehicle is defined as a non-commercial bicycle, equestrian animal, or other mode of transportation.

The signed brochure acknowledges individual understanding of refuge regulations. Hunters must possess all state required licenses and permits when hunting on the refuge.

Vehicles

All vehicles are restricted to roads that are delineated on the refuge map. Roads may be closed at any time due to adverse weather or management needs. Vehicles may be parked alongside roads in a manner that will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Designated parking areas are available. Otherwise, do not block gates or field-access roads. ATV's are prohibited.

Boats

Hunters may use boats to access the hunt area on the refuge; however, boats may not be left overnight. During the hunt season, boats are only permitted in Ditches 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, and the lateral ditch on the south end of Gumstump Pool. An approved personal flotation device is required for each person in a boat. The possession or use of gasoline-powered boat motors is prohibited on all refuge waters. Electric trolling motors are permitted outside the Mingo Wilderness Area.

Hunting Regulations and Seasons

The State of Missouri regulations apply unless otherwise specified in the refuge specific regulations. Hunting is permitted only in designated areas shown on map. Hunters born on or after January 1, 1980, must show proof that they have successfully completed a Hunter Education Course. Hunters under 16 years of age who are not Hunter Education Certified must be accompanied (in sight and normal voice contact) by a legally licensed hunter over 18 years of age. See Prohibited Activities section for other restrictions and regulations. The following hunting seasons are offered on the refuge.

Fall Deer and Turkey Season (Archery)

Archery deer and turkey hunting are concurrent with the State season. During the State firearm season, archery hunting is allowed only with a firearm permit. Only one portable tree stand per hunter is permitted on the refuge from two weeks before until two weeks after the State archery deer season. All stands must be clearly marked with owner's name, address, and phone number.

Spring Turkey Season (Firearm)

Spring turkey season is concurrent with the State season and does include the youth turkey season. Shotgun hunters may only use and possess nontoxic shot on the refuge.

Spring and Summer Squirrel Season (Firearm)

Squirrel hunting is concurrent with the State season except that squirrel hunting closes September 30th. Hunters may use a .22 rifle or shotgun. Shotgun hunters may only use and possess nontoxic shot on the refuge.

Fall Waterfowl Season (Firearm)

Waterfowl hunting is only available in Pool 8 and is open concurrent with the State season, dependent on habitat conditions. Hunters are required to go through a daily draw process at Duck Creek Conservation Area to hunt in Pool 8. Authorized hunting hours for waterfowl are ½ hour before legal sunrise until 1 p.m. The use of hunting dogs is permitted for waterfowl hunting only, provided the dogs are under the immediate control of the hunter at all times.

Special Managed (Muzzleloader) Deer Hunt

Muzzleloader Hunts are offered each year for deer hunters who have been selected through the State of Missouri managed draw system. Hunters may apply for annual muzzleloader hunt by contacting the Missouri Department of Conservation by mid-summer each year. General information is available to the public by visiting the State website at http://www.mdc.mo.gov/. To apply directly for a hunt, access the interactive voice response telephone system between 4 a.m. and midnight using a touchtone phone at (800) 829-2956 or go on-line to www.missouriconservation.org/hunt/deer.

Youth Deer hunt

A youth deer hunt is offered during the statewide youth deer weekend. Youths (11-15) may apply for the hunt utilizing the same process as the muzzleloader hunters (see muzzleloader section).

Other Hunting Opportunities

Feral hogs may be taken incidental to any refuge hunt with weapons legal for that hunt until the daily bag limit of game is taken. No other hunting is allowed on the refuge.

Hunter Access Regulations

Primary Access

All hunters must enter and exit the refuge only on designated access roads and entry points. The primary access point for hunters is located at the entrance to Red Mill Drive on Bluff Road. Other designated access roads are located at School House, McGee, and Duck Creek. In addition, hunters may enter through designated refuge gates along Highway 51. Registered hunters may access the public hunt area and designated access roads 1½ hours before legal shooting hours until 1½ hours after legal shooting hours. From October 1st until March 1st, the Public Hunting Area is closed to all public use except for authorized hunters.

Hunter Sign-In Stations

Hunter sign-in stations are located at key entry locations. All hunters are required to register daily at the Hunter Sign-In Stations and have in their possession a free refuge hunting brochure with the hunter's signature while hunting on the refuge.Before departing the refuge, hunters must also complete and provide hunt information on an OMB-approved hunter harvest report located at the exit kiosks.

Public Hunting Area

The Public Hunting Area is 8,960 acres that generally encompasses the area east of Ditch 4 and north of Ditch 11 while excluding such areas as Gum Stump Pool, Rockhouse Marsh (as posted), Hwy 51 Overlook Area, and the flooded impoundments (See Map).

Accessible Hunting

School House Accessible Trail offers paved access to five wheelchair accessible hunting blinds for large and small game hunting. The trail is available on a first-come, first-serve basis for hunters with disabilities and their partners.

Weapons

Weapons legally possessed for hunting on the refuge are the same as those prescribed by the state of Missouri.

Crossbows may only be used by hunters with certified disability documentation per State regulations.

The discharging of firearms, including air guns or any other weapons, on a national wildlife refuge is strictly prohibited except as authorized for hunters with a valid refuge hunting brochure and permit while engaged in authorized activities during established seasons.

Other Restrictions

Hunter Orange

All hunters are required to wear a hat and shirt, vest, or coat of hunter orange while scouting or hunting during the overlapping portion of the squirrel, archery deer and turkey seasons. Camouflage orange does not satisfy this requirement.

Dogs

Dogs are permitted for waterfowl hunting only. Hunting dogs must be leashed or under strict voice command at all times.

Tagging

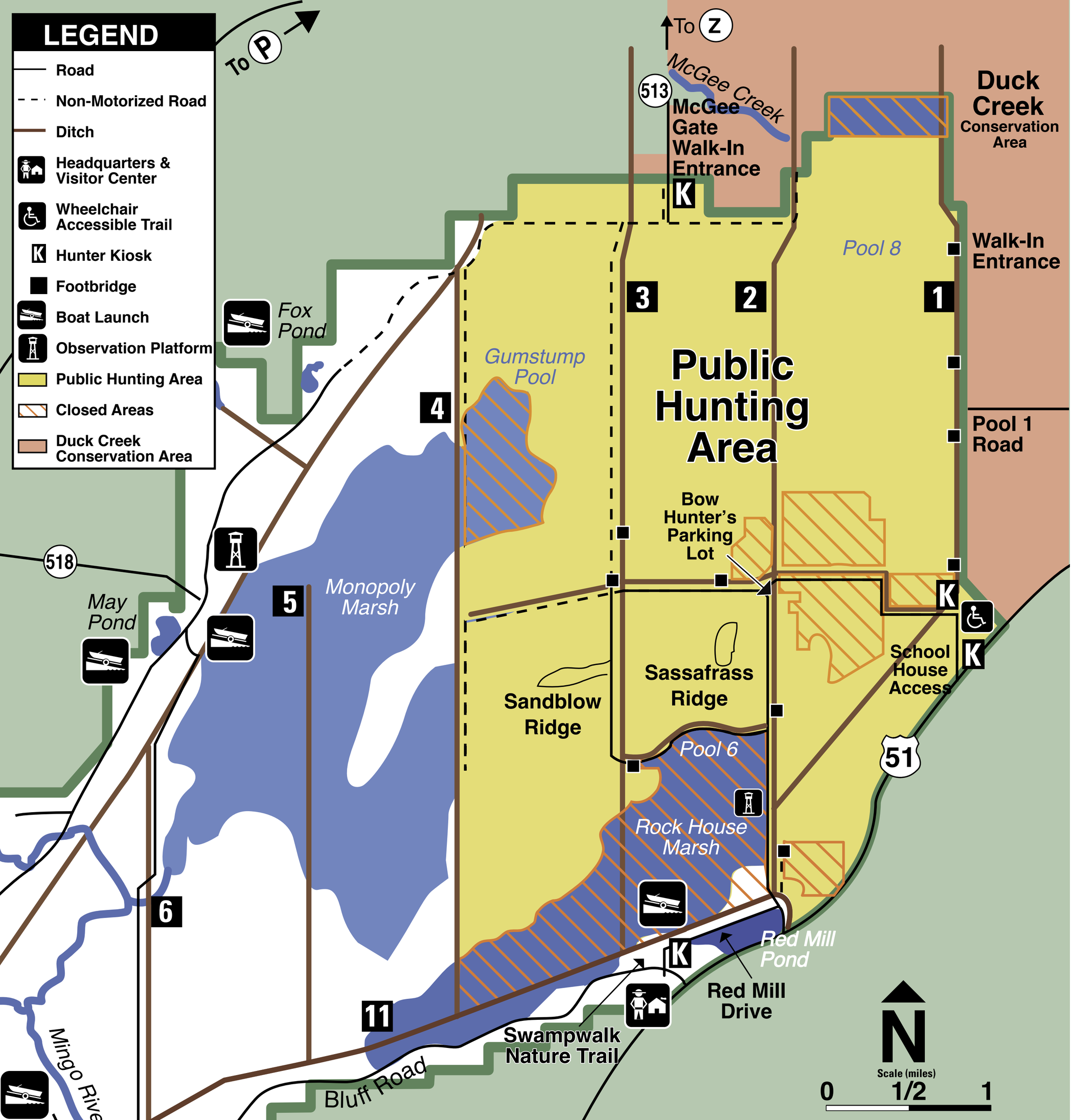
All game harvested must be tagged as prescribed by state regulations and checked through authorized state harvest reporting procedures.

Prohibited Activities

- Trapping
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Failure to remove boats, decoys, temporary blinds, and blind materials brought onto the refuge for waterfowl hunting at the end of each hunting day.
- The construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds for waterfowl hunting.
- The use of paint, flagging, reflectors, tacks or other manmade materials to mark trails or hunting locations.
- The use of climbing spikes, nails, wires, screws, bolts, or any item driven into a tree.
- Distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait. Baiting includes, but is not limited to, the distribution of grains, feeds, salts, mineral blocks, meats, fruits, and other ingestible attractants.
- Spot-lighting to locate wildlife or for hunting of wildlife.
- Taking of any wildlife or plants (including cutting trees or brush) other than specified in this brochure.
- Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts.
- Blocking of gates or roadways with vehicles.
- Camping/overnight parking and open campfires or any night hunting activities on the refuge.

Commercial Use

Any commercial use of a national wildlife refuge, including hunting guide, commercial fishing and filming are prohibited except as may be authorized by a refuge Special Use Permit.



Rely on Signs, Not the Map
To avoid trespass on private property, know the meaning of these signs and area regulations. Authorized activities on refuge land include hunting, fishing, hiking, wildlife observation, canoeing, nature photography, environmental education and interpretation.

Refuge Boundary
These signs mark the boundary of the refuge. It is important to understand they DO NOT prohibit access, only unauthorized uses.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY PROHIBITED
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Public Hunt Area
This area is open to hunting at specific times.

PUBLIC HUNTING AREA
Limited public hunting under Federal and State laws
Consult Manager for current regulations.

Hunting Prohibited

NO HUNTING ZONE

Sanctuary Area
This area is off limits to the public unless otherwise specified.

AREA BEYOND THIS SIGN CLOSED
All public entry prohibited

Vehicles Prohibited

NO VEHICLES BEYOND THIS POINT