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Mingo National Wildlife Refuge

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Dates to Remember for Mingo National Wildlife Refuge

PUXICO, MISSOURI – Fall is a busy time of year at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. On November 5-6 the refuge will be hosting its annual Youth Firearm Deer Hunt. During this hunt weekend the refuge will be partially closed to all other public access west of the Swamp Boardwalk. The Swamp Boardwalk, Red Mill Drive and the Public Bow hunting Area will remain open during the hunt weekend. On November 8-9 the refuge will also have a partial closure for a recovering injured soldiers hunt. The hunt is a special hunt offered by the refuge in coordination with Fort Campbell, KY to bring wounded servicemen to the refuge for a deer hunting experience. During the soldiers Hunt, Bluff Road from west of the boardwalk to Mingo Job Corps will be closed to all other visitors. The Swamp Boardwalk, Red Mill Drive, the Ozark Highlands Auto Tour Route and the Public Bow Hunting Area will remain open during the hunt dates November 8-9th.

Nov. 11, 2016 – **Fee Free Days** – In recognition of Veterans Day, the entrance fee for Mingo National Wildlife Refuge will be waived.

Dec. 3-4, 2016 – **Managed Muzzleloader Deer Hunt** - The Muzzleloader Hunt is offered each year for deer hunters who have been selected through the State of Missouri managed draw system. During this hunt weekend the refuge will be partially closed to all other public access west of the Swamp Boardwalk. The Swamp Boardwalk, Red Mill Drive and the Public Bow Hunting Area will remain open during the managed hunt weekends.

Dec. 31, 2016 – **Christmas Bird Count** – This is your chance to join area bird enthusiasts participating in the longest running Citizen Science Survey in the world. Participants will get to identify as many birds as possible by sight and sound on Mingo NWR. The bird count lasts the entire day. Pre-registration is required at 573-222-3589.

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge is located one mile north of Puxico, MO on State Highway 51. For more information contact 573-222-3589 or email the refuge at mingo@fws.gov. Check our website, www.fws.gov/refuge/mingo/, for refuge updates. Like us on Facebook - search for Mingo National Wildlife Refuge.

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