

# Overflow

## National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2014-2015

### Overflow National Wildlife Refuge

Overflow National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) was established in 1980 to preserve one of the remaining bottomland hardwood areas considered vital for maintaining mallard, wood duck and other waterfowl populations. Public hunting is permitted on approximately 13,000 acres during specific times of the year.

### General Regulations

Public use regulations are designed to protect the sportsmen and wildlife populations. The regulations below supplement the general regulations which govern all public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. All users are permitted on the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations as supplemented by the following special refuge regulations contained herein.

Individuals with fish and wildlife related violations may be denied permits for any refuge activity.

### Permits

**Refuge access permits are required for all refuge users.** When signed and in your possession, the cover section of this brochure serves as your permit for all permissible refuge activities and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

### Commercial/Special Use Activities

No person including but not limited to a guide, guide service, outfitter, club or other organization shall provide assistance, services, or equipment on the refuge to any other person for compensation. For the purpose of this regulation, any fee paid or services rendered to a person for lodging, meals, club membership or similar services will be considered compensation.

Violation of this regulation subjects each hunter in the party to a fine if convicted of this violation.

A Refuge Special Use Permit is required for all commercial activities on the refuge. Permits may be obtained by contacting our Refuge Headquarters with a formal request. All Special Use Permit applications will be subject to a two week turn-around time and applicable fees.

### Motor Vehicles

All motor vehicles are restricted to normal passenger vehicle roads. Roads and trails may be closed to vehicle use due to periods of high water, during wildfire occurrences or other natural events that may pose a hazard to public safety. All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) are allowed on roads, trails and levees designated by ATV signs and are marked with yellow paint. The uses of ATV/UTV are restricted to wildlife-dependent recreation only. Trails marked by yellow paint are open Sept. 1 through Jan 31. We define an ATV and a UTV as an off road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: engine size not to exceed 700cc displacement, a width of 63" or less and tires with maximum 1" lug height and maximum allowable tire pressure of 6 psi. Bicycles are permitted on roads and designated ATV trails. The maximum legal speed for any land vehicle is 25 mph.

### Firearms/Ammunition

Persons may only use (discharge) firearms during authorized hunting seasons while attempting to take game species. All hunting weapons used on the refuge must comply with state regulations for each game species. Possession of shot larger than that legal for waterfowl hunting is prohibited. Lead shot is prohibited refuge-wide except during the Muzzleloader Deer Hunt where lead ammunition legal for taking deer may be used. Only rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber and shotguns are permitted except during the Muzzleloader Hunt when hunting equipment legal for these hunts is also permitted.

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of state and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

### Animals/Pets

Dogs are allowed for hunting migratory birds and small game during designated seasons only. Dogs and other pets not being utilized for wildlife-dependent recreation must be on a leash. Horses may be used on roads open to vehicles and trails and levees that are open to ATV's/UTV's for on-refuge, wildlife-dependent activities only. Horses are prohibited during the Muzzleloader Hunt.

**This is an annual permit. To save tax dollars, please use this permit for the entire season.**

**Overflow National Wildlife Refuge  
2014-2015 Refuge Access Permit  
Expires May 2015**

When signed and in your possession, this portion of the brochure will serve as your permit for all permissible refuge activities, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Permits are not transferable and are valid only when signed.



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## Waterfowl Sanctuary

This area is posted with "Area Closed" signs and/or purple paint on trees.

The gravel waterfowl sanctuary road is closed Nov. 1 - April 1 and July 1-Aug 31. When open, vehicles must remain on this established road as indicated on the map of this brochure. Vehicles may be parked alongside the open road in a manner that will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic or park no more than 20ft off the graveled road. NEW

### The following activities are prohibited on Overflow NWR:

- Littering.
- Spotlighting: Artificial light may not be used to locate wildlife.
- Possession, placement or hunting over bait, salt or any ingestible attractant.
- Use of deer decoys.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting; consumption of alcohol in parking lots and on roadways.
- Taking of wildlife or plants (including cutting trees or brush) other than specified in this brochure.
- Fishing and the taking of frogs.
- Possession or use of herbicides.
- Marking trails with tape, ribbons, paint or any other substance or materials. NEW
- Use or possession of any electronic call or other electronic device used for producing or projecting vocal sounds of wildlife.
- Drive or screw a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or to hunt from any tree in which such an object has been driven.
- Conducting or participating in deer drives. A deer drive is defined as a deliberate action by one or more persons (whether armed or unarmed) whose intent is to cause deer to move within firearm range of one or more participating hunters.

■ Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts.

■ Leaving any tree stand or game camera on the refuge without owner's name and address clearly marked on the outside. It is prohibited for an individual to have more than one (1) deer stand or more than one (1) game camera on the refuge at the same time.

■ Pursue, take, or attempt to take hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited

■ Blocking gates, boat ramps or roadways with any vehicles.

■ Target practice with any firearms, archery tackle and crossbows or any non-hunting discharge of firearms.

■ Firearms, including state-permitted, concealed-carry handguns are prohibited in all refuge offices and buildings.

### Physically Challenged Hunters

Physically challenged users are encouraged to consult with refuge staff at the refuge Headquarters for available options and alternatives that may make their visit more enjoyable. Refuge Mobility Impaired Access permits are available and are required to gain special access due to disabilities.

### Specific Hunting Regulations

■ State bag limits apply unless otherwise noted. Only those species listed in this brochure may be taken.

■ For all deer and turkey harvested on the refuge, the hunter will immediately (prior to moving the animal) complete the hunting license information using 490 as the zone of kill and use the same number at the official state check station as zone of kill.

■ Areas posted with "No Hunting Zone" signs are closed to all hunting.

■ Hunting within 150 feet of roads, trails and pipelines open to motor vehicle use (including ATV/UTV trails) is prohibited.

■ Hunting from an area where a shooting lane has been cut is prohibited.

■ A hunter born after 1968 must carry a valid Hunter Education Card. Hunters under 16 years old do not need to have a card if they are under the direct supervision (within arms reach) of a holder of a valid hunting license of at least 21 years of age. Youth hunters under the age of 16 who have a valid Hunter Education Card must also be supervised by an adult not less than 21 years old but must only remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. An adult may supervise only one youth for big game hunting and up to two youths for waterfowl and small game.

### Deer

■ Legal Buck Definition and Bag Limit: the total number of bucks that can be harvested through a combination of all refuge deer hunts is two (these are not bonus deer). Legal buck is any male deer.

■ Deer stands and cameras may be placed on the refuge starting on the opening day of archery season and must be removed by January 31. Limit is one deer stand and one camera per person. Marking stands with name and address still applies. NEW

■ Portable, pop-up blinds, must have 144 square inches of blaze orange or chartreuse visible from all sides of the blind during firearm deer seasons on the refuge. NEW

■ In cooperation with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Feral Hog Control Program, Feral Hogs may only be taken on the refuge during the Muzzleloader Deer Hunt. NEW

### Waterfowl

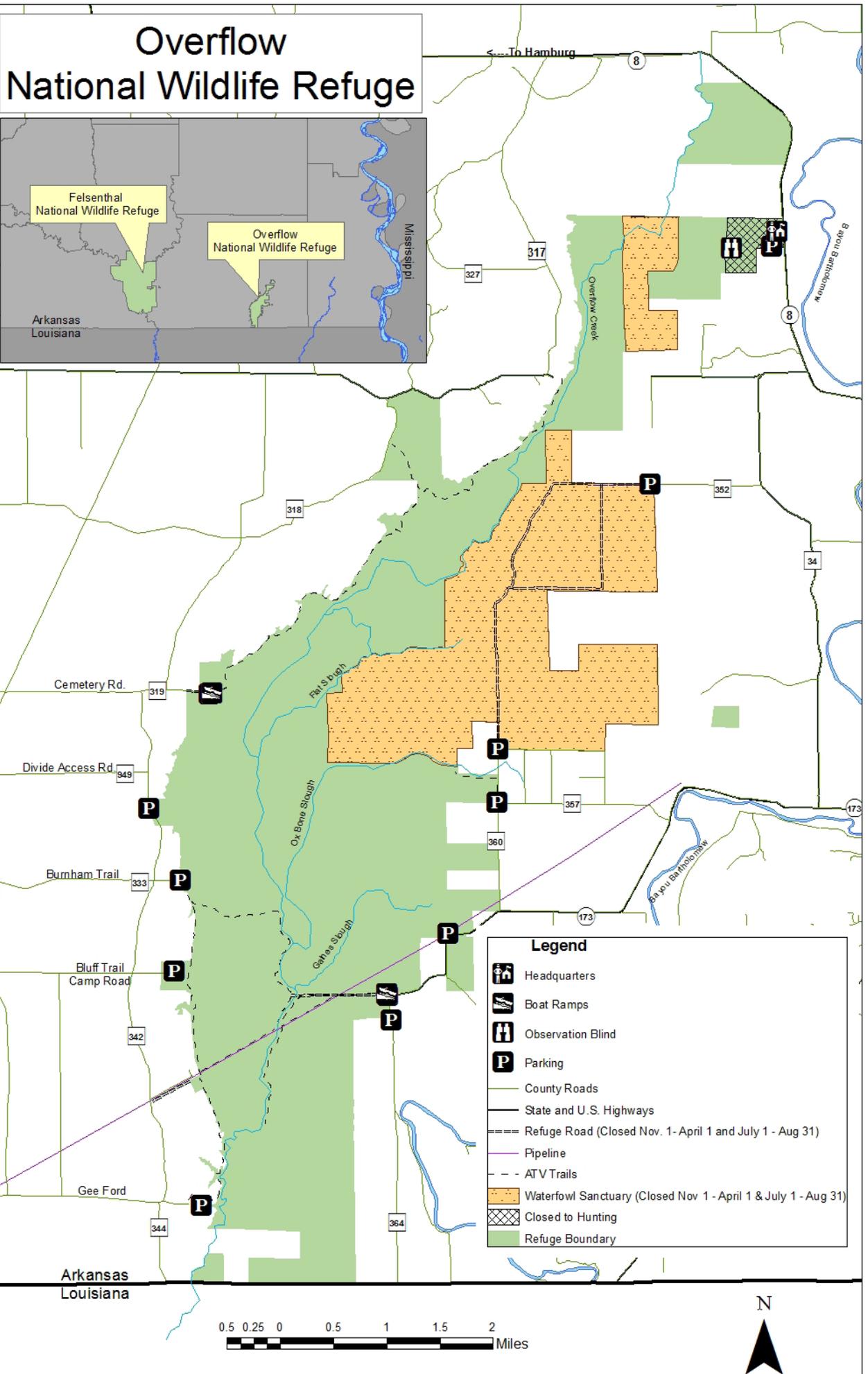
■ Possession of more than 25 shot shells on persons or in vehicles is prohibited for all hunters during waterfowl hunting season.

■ All boats are prohibited on the refuge between the hours of 1:30 pm and 4:00 am during the waterfowl season to minimize disturbance.

## 2014 – 2015 Season Dates - Overflow NWR

For all deer and turkey harvested on the refuge, the hunter will immediately (prior to moving the animal) complete the hunting license information using 490 as zone of kill and use the same number at official state check stations as zone of kill.

Type	Season Dates	Specific Regulations
Duck, Goose and Coot	State Duck Season. (including the State Youth Hunt) Geese and Coots may be taken during state duck season when state seasons for these species are open	Hunters may not enter the refuge until 4:00am; with the exception of designated parking areas. Hunting ends at noon each day. Only portable blinds are permitted. All duck hunting equipment (blinds, boats, guns, decoys, ammunition, etc.) must be removed by 1:30 pm each day, either to a vehicle or off the refuge. September Teal Season Closed. Unlawful to discharge or possess more than 25 shot shells per person, per day(except during the State Youth Hunt). Boat motors larger than 25 HP are prohibited. Mud motors are allowed. All boats are prohibited on the refuge between the hours of 1:30 pm and 4:00 am during waterfowl season to minimize disturbance.
Squirrel and Rabbit	Sept. 1, 2014-Jan. 31, 2015 (Spring Squirrel Season Closed)	Dogs allowed December 1-January 31. <b>ATTENTION: Feral Hogs may only be taken on the refuge during the Muzzleloader Deer Hunt.</b>
Woodcock	State Season	State bag limit applies
Quail	Nov 1, 2014 – Jan. 31, 2015	State bag limit applies.
Raccoon and Opossum	Sunset Nov. 12, 2014-Jan.31, 2015	Use of dogs required during hours of darkness.
Deer Archery/Crossbows	Sept. 27, 2014-Jan. 31, 2015	Either sex for entire season. State bag limit. See legal buck definition. <b>ATTENTION: Feral Hogs may only be taken on the Refuge during the Muzzleloader Deer Hunt.</b>
Deer Muzzleloader	First State season for (Zone 12)	Bag limit-One buck and one doe. See legal buck definition. <b>ATTENTION: Feral Hogs may only be taken on the refuge during the Muzzleloader Deer Hunt.</b>
Turkey - Spring Archery/Crossbows	State Season for Turkey (Zone 9) Fall Season Closed	State bag limit applies. <b>ATTENTION: Feral Hogs may only be taken on the refuge during the Muzzleloader Deer Hunt</b>
Turkey (Spring Quota Gun-Youth) <b>NEW</b>	State Youth Turkey Hunt Weekend	Quota Permit Required. Youth hunt restricted to youths, 15 years of age and younger (age at opening of state-wide youth turkey season 2015) accompanied by one adult 21years or older. Turkeys must be checked in accordance with state turkey hunt regulations. Bag limit is one (1) bearded turkey. <b>ATTENTION: Feral Hogs may only be taken on the refuge during the Muzzleloader Deer Hunt.</b>
Trapping	Sunrise Nov. 8, 2014-Jan. 31, 2015	Refuge Special Use Permit required and available at refuge office.
Beaver, Nutria, Coyote	Any refuge Hunt	May be taken <b>incidental</b> to any <b>daytime</b> refuge hunt ( <b>without the use of dogs</b> ) with legal hunting equipment and ammunition allowed for that hunt. No bag limit. Live hogs may not be transported or possessed.
Feral Hog	Muzzleloader	Feral hogs may be taken during the deer muzzleloader hunt with weapons legal for deer hunting ( <b>without the use of dogs</b> ). Live hogs may not be transported or possessed. <b>ATTENTION: Feral Hogs may only be taken on the refuge during the Muzzleloader Deer Hunt.</b>



**For additional information contact**  
 Overflow National Wildlife Refuge  
 Office hours:  
 Monday – Friday  
 7:00 am - 3:30 pm  
 Follow us on  
 Facebook, South  
 Arkansas  
 Refuges Complex.  
 Take pride in your  
 refuge. Don't litter.  
 Report violations.

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