



Big Muddy

National Fish and Wildlife Refuge

Welcome



Refuge Lands are open to hunting and fishing

Regulations

Hunting

Hunting is subject to all applicable state and federal laws. Be aware that some units of the refuge are open for archery hunting only, others are open for archery and shotgun only with shot no larger than a BB. Restriction will be posted on map on reverse side or on map on information kiosk at specific unit. Generally only applies to units in St. Louis area.

You may use and possess only approved non-toxic shot while in the field; this includes turkey hunting.

Distributing or hunting over bait, including salt or other minerals, is prohibited.

Target shooting is prohibited.

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Trapping

Trapping is prohibited on all areas of the refuge.

For Deer Hunting

Only portable tree stands may be placed or used between September 1 and January 31.

Use of nails, screws-in steps or any material that would damage the tree is prohibited.

Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on durable material with the owner's full name and address or their Missouri Conservation I.D. number.

For Other Hunting

Decoys and portable blinds are permitted during the prescribed hunting season but must be removed from the area daily.

Fishing

Fishing is allowed year round and is subject to all applicable state and federal laws.

Aircraft

Launching, landing, or disturbing of wildlife by aircraft (drones) is prohibited on the refuge.

Vehicles

Access is by foot only. All vehicles are restricted to designated roads and parking areas.

Vehicle speed limit shall not exceed 25 mph except as otherwise legally posted.

Camping

Camping and unauthorized overnight use on the refuge is prohibited.

Public use of sandbars below the ordinary high water mark of the Missouri River are managed by the state and camping is usually allowed.

Animals and Plants

Harvest of berries, mushrooms, and nuts for non-commercial use is allowed. Otherwise, disturbing, injuring, and damaging any plant or animal, except fish and game taken in season, is prohibited.

Collecting of other objects including shed antlers is prohibited.

Domestic Animals

Horseback riding is prohibited.

Pets must be leashed except when under control of hunter during appropriate hunting season.

Fires and Fireworks

Building or setting fires is prohibited. Fireworks are prohibited.

Historical Artifacts

Artifacts and historical items are protected; collecting them is prohibited.

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