

Welcome

Refuges are located south of State Highway 82 in the South Delta of Mississippi in the Lower Mississippi River Valley. Refuges are located from just south of Greenville, down towards Vicksburg, over to Yazoo City, and back up to Greenwood. TR Complex consists of seven Refuges, Hillside, Holt Collier, Mathews Brake, Morgan Brake, Panther Swamp, Theodore Roosevelt, and Yazoo National Wildlife Refuges. All entry is prohibited at Theodore Roosevelt NWR. Resident species making their home among the woodlands, sloughs, and reforested areas include the American alligator, whitetailed deer, swamp rabbit, wild turkey, squirrel, and various small furbearers.

Visitors are encouraged to explore natural resources by way of birding, canoeing, hiking, photography and wildlife observation. TR Complex continually strives to better provide these opportunities. Most trails are open to foot traffic year round, please consult current Refuge regulations and maps in this brochure. Kiosks, on-the-ground signage, and/or TR Complex FB may contain additional information and updates on closures.



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Theodore Roosevelt

National Wildlife Refuge Complex Public Use Regulations 2021–2022

Hillside, Holt Collier, Mathews Brake, Morgan Brake, Panther Swamp, Theodore Roosevelt and Yazoo

General Regulations

Public use regulations are designed to protect the sportsman and wildlife populations. The regulations below supplement the general regulations which govern all public uses on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. All users are allowed on the Refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations as supplemented by the following special Refuge regulations contained herein. Violation of Refuge or State regulations may result in confiscation of Refuge Permit in addition to prosecution.

TR Complex Annual Public Use Permit (Valid August 1 through July 31 each year)

The TR Complex Annual Public Use Permit process is transitioning to an online only approach this year. TR Complex Annual Public Use Permits are \$15 plus a \$5 processing fee and must be purchased at https://trcomplex.recaccess.com. First time users purchasing a permit through RecAccess will need to create an account. Once an account is set-up, an Annual Public Use Permit can be purchased directly on the RecAccess website. For all technical support, including password resets, contact support@recaccess.com

Each person 16 years of age and older participating in hunting (including calling and/or videoing) or fishing must possess a valid TR Complex Annual Public Use Permit (paper copy or on your electronic device i.e., phone, lpad, etc). This permit is non-refundable, non-transferable, and is required in order to be eligible to apply for Limited Draw Hunts. The permit must be in your possession whenever hunting or fishing on the Refuge, and acknowledges your understanding of refuge regulations.

Daily Visitor Information Card

Individuals that are either hunting or fishing must obtain a Daily Visitor Information Card available at Hunt Information Stations (see maps). This card must be displayed on the vehicle dash for each hunter or angler and submitted prior to leaving the Refuge. All harvested fish and game must be accurately recorded. Visitors that are not hunting or fishing are encouraged to display and submit a Daily Visitor Information Card.

Firearms

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 (50 CFR Part 32).

Closed Areas and Times

Temporary or permanent closure of TR Complex areas may occur due to unforeseen circumstances. Please check for on-the-ground signage, Check Stations, entry points, kiosks, and/or on the TR Complex FB for updates.

All other public activities on TR Complex are prohibited during firearm deer hunts and Limited Draw Hunts. Refer to TR Complex Hunt Season Table below for an updated list of scheduled hunts.



All lands managed under TR Complex, including Refuge roads, parking areas and boat ramps, are closed 1½ hours after sunset until 4 am. Refuge hours do not apply to individuals actively participating in Refuge raccoon and frog hunting seasons.

Where waterfowl hunting is allowed, shooting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to noon. All decoys, blind material and boats must be removed from the hunt area no later than 1 pm each day.

Hillside NWR: All entry into Turkey Point Unit is prohibited from December 15, 2021 through March 1, 2022.

Mathews Brake NWR: In addition to Refuge hours, beginning the day before waterfowl season opens and ending the last day of waterfowl season (State Youth Hunt), Refuge waters are closed to all public use from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. each day. The designated Waterfowl Sanctuary is open to hunting and fishing until the day before waterfowl season opens (see map). Refuge resumes normal hunting hours during Waterfowl Limited Draw Hunts beginning at 1 pm each day (ie, archery and small game).

Panther Swamp NWR: All entry into Lower Twist and Carter Ponds is prohibited from December 15, 2021 - March 1, 2022.

Theodore Roosevelt NWR: All entry is prohibited.

Yazoo NWR: All entry into Cox Ponds is prohibited from December 15, 2021 - March 1, 2022.

Vehicle Access

Vehicles must not obstruct roads, gates, trails, turn rows, field access ramps or fire lanes and may only be operated on designated roads (see maps).

All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are approved for use only on Hillside, Morgan Brake and Panther Swamp NWRs. ATV use is allowed from September 15 through February 28 only on established and designated trails. ATVs are not allowed off trail for any purpose. Hunters may retrieve game with the use of game carts. E-bikes operated in the pedal assist mode shall be allowed where traditional bicycles are allowed.

Boats

Boats left unattended for more than 72 hours will be considered abandoned and will be subject to removal.

Yazoo NWR: Motorized boats are only authorized in Silver Lake Bayou.

General Hunting Information

Hunting License(s) and Regulations

Unless further restricted by Refuge regulations, State bag, possession limits and regulations apply. Please consult current Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Park Regulations at www.mdwfp.com and Refuge regulations posted in this brochure for details.

It is unlawful to hunt from or shoot into open agricultural fields and a 100' zone along either side of pipelines or power line rights-of-way, designated roads, trails or around parking lots (see maps).

Hogs may be taken only during Refuge Big Game season (deer and turkey) with weapons legal for those hunts.

Limited Draw Hunts

The TR Complex is transitioning to an online only application and permitting system processed through RecAccess. Public Use Permits and Limited Draw Hunt information will no longer be mailed out. Permits will be distributed via email and can also be retrieved from each user's RecAccess account. Limited Draw Hunt information will not be provided by Refuge personnel. Applicants can check their status by going to RecAccess Draw Results online.

Limited Draw Hunt applicants must apply online at https://trcomplex.recaccess.com. Purchase of the TR Complex Annual Public Use Permit is required in order to apply. Participants will receive email notification of the final results, and selectees will receive permits via the email address provided in their RecAccess account. Applications for Limited Draw Hunts are accepted August 15 — September 30, 2021 for all Deer Hunts, September 15 — November 1, 2021 for Mathews Brake NWR Waterfowl Hunts and Yazoo NWR Youth Waterfowl Hunt, and January 15 — February 15, 2022 for Hillside NWR Turkey Hunts.

Only selectees are allowed on the Refuge during Limited Draw Hunts. Yazoo Senior Citizen Limited Draw selectees are allowed to have one non-hunter assistant. Yazoo NWR Youth Hunt selectees are required to have an adult supervisor. Selectees must return the Limited Draw Permit with the requested information to be eligible for future Limited Draw Hunts on TR Complex.

Youth Hunters

All persons under 16 years of age, while hunting on TR Complex, must be in the presence and under direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least twenty-one years of age. Youth hunters are not required to possess a TR Complex Annual Public Use Permit, unless participating in a Limited Draw Hunt other than a Yazoo NWR Youth Hunt. A licensed hunter supervising a youth hunter must hold all required licenses, stamps and the TR Complex Annual Public Use Permit and may supervise only one youth per hunt.

Hunter Orange

All deer hunters (including while in the stand) must wear at least 500 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange material visible above the waistline from November 6, 2021 - January 31, 2022.



Ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange visible from all sides.

Rabbit hunters must wear at least 500 square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange material visible above the waistline from February 1-28, 2022.

Tree Stands and Blinds

Hunters are allowed to possess and hunt from one portable stand or blind on each Refuge within TR Complex. Identifiable information must be displayed on all portable stands, tripods and blinds. Stands do not reserve hunting locations. Stands or blinds may be placed 48 hours prior to a hunt. Stands or blinds left unattended for more than 48 hours will be considered abandoned and will be subject to removal. All stands without proper identification are subject to removal.

While climbing a tree, installing a stand that uses climbing aids, or while hunting from a tree stand, hunters must use a fall arrest system that is manufactured to Tree Stand Manufacturers Association Standards.

Deer

Deer hunting within or adjacent to brushy fields and tree plantations less than five feet in height must be from a stand a minimum of 10 feet above ground.

Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of a least 18 inches. **This applies to all hunters including youth.**

Prior to leaving the Refuge, all harvested deer must be checked at a Check Station (see map). Deer jawbones (including deer intended for mounting) must be removed, tagged and placed in drop boxes at Check Stations.

State approved archery equipment is allowed.

Daily bag limit is one buck and one doe per day not to exceed State bag limits.

Deer Muzzleloader

Application period: August 15 - September 30, 2021

Only muzzleloaders loaded with a single projectile and archery equipment are allowed. Breech-loading firearms of any type or caliber are prohibited.

Hillside, Holt Collier and Morgan Brake: open to deer muzzleloader during designated dates.

Panther Swamp NWR: Limited Draw Hunt. Applicants may apply for only one limited draw deer hunt at https://trcomplex.recaccess.com. Up to five applicants per application and must be submitted online by September 30, 2021. Hunt bag limit is one buck and two does.

Yazoo NWR: Limited Draw Hunt. Applicants may apply for only one of the two day muzzleloader hunts at https://trcomplex.recaccess.com. Up to two applicants per application and must be submitted online by September 30, 2021. Hunt bag limit is one buck and two does.

Deer Gun

Application period: August 15 - September 30, 2021

Shotguns with rifled slugs only, muzzle-loading rifles, legal pistols and rifles, and archery equipment are allowed.

Panther Swamp NWR: Limited Draw Hunt. Applicants may apply for only one limited draw deer hunt at https://trcomplex.recaccess.com. Up to five applicants per application and must be submitted online by September 30, 2021. Hunt bag limit is one buck and two does.

Senior Citizen Deer Gun

Yazoo NWR: Limited Draw Hunt. Senior Citizens, 65 years of age and older, may apply at https://trcomplex.recaccess.com. Up to two applicants per application and must be submitted online by September 30, 2021. Selectees are allowed to have one non-hunter assistant. Hunt bag limit is one buck and two does.

Youth Deer Gun

Yazoo NWR: Limited Draw Hunt. Youth may apply at https://trcomplex.recaccess.com. One applicant per application and must be submitted by September 30, 2021. Hunt bag limit is one buck and one doe. Youth may harvest any size antlered deer during this hunt only. Only youth can hunt. All youth hunters and adults must check-in and check-out at the Yazoo NWR headquarters.

Small Game

Raccoon, opossum, coyote, beaver, bobcat and nutria may be taken during Refuge hunts within the State Season and limit for each species with weapons authorized for the specified Refuge hunt. All hunters using shotguns for small game must use approved non-toxic shot.

Dogs are allowed while hunting squirrel and during the February rabbit hunts.

Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) Tracts

Deer and rabbit hunting are allowed on the Brown Tracts (east of the Sunflower River).

Deer Archery: October 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022

Rabbit without Dogs: October 16, 2021 - February 28, 2022

Rabbit with Dogs: February 1-28, 2022

Migratory Birds

Application period: September 15 - November 1, 2021Snow Geese

Yazoo NWR: Snow Geese may be taken beginning February 1, 2022 during the State Light Goose Conservation Order. Contact the Yazoo NWR office for details.

Waterfowl (Duck, Goose, Merganser and Coot)

Shooting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to noon. All decoys and blind material must be removed from the hunt area no later than 1 pm each day. Waterfowl hunters are allowed no more than 25 shotshells per person. There is no early teal season.



Retrievers are allowed while migratory bird hunting (waterfowl and snow geese).

Hillside NWR: State season except closed during Refuge deer muzzleloader hunt December 2-15, 2021. Hunting is allowed only in the designated Waterfowl Hunt Area (see map).

Mathews Brake NWR: State season Monday through Friday, except first two days of season. Limited Draw Hunt: Applicants may apply for the first two days and all weekends of the State season at https://trcomplex.recaccess.com between September 15 - November 1, 2021. The Limited Draw Permit is valid for the applicant, who must be present, and up to three additional guests (maximum four per party). Hunting is allowed only in the designated Waterfowl Hunt Area (see map). One boat per party. All Limited Draw Hunt participants must launch and return to the USFWS boat ramp. Vehicles waiting in line to launch must be attended at all times by a member of the hunt party.

Morgan Brake NWR: State season except closed during Refuge deer muzzleloader hunt December 2-15, 2021. Hunting is allowed only in the designated Waterfowl Hunt Area (see map).

Panther Swamp NWR: State season except Thursdays. Closed during all firearm deer hunts. Hunting is allowed only in Unit 1 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Hunting is allowed only in Unit 2 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on any other area of the Refuge.

Youth Waterfowl (Duck, Goose, Merganser and Coot)

Youth Waterfowl Hunting is allowed only in the designated Waterfowl Hunt Areas (see maps) on Hillside, Mathews Brake, Morgan Brake and Panther Swamp NWRs.

Yazoo NWR: Limited Draw Hunt. Youth may apply for only one youth waterfowl hunt at https://trcomplex.recaccess.com. One applicant per application and must be submitted between September 15 - November 1, 2021. Adults will be allowed to hunt, but they must possess valid license, stamps, and permits. All youth and adult hunters must check-in and check-out at the Check Station.

Spring Turkey

Application period: January 15 - February 15, 2022

Legal hunting weapons include shotguns loaded with non-toxic shot and archery equipment.

Hillside NWR: Limited Draw Hunt. Applicants may apply at https://trcomplex.recaccess.com between January 15 to February 15, 2022. Limited Draw Hunt Applications may have up to two applicants. Hunt bag limit is 2 adult gobblers.

Panther Swamp NWR: Daily bag limit is 1 adult gobbler, and the season bag limit is 2 adult gobblers.

Fishing and Frogging

Bowfishing is permitted on Hillside, Mathews Brake, Morgan Brake and Panther Swamp NWRs during regular Refuge hours.

Trot lines, limb lines, jugs, seines and traps are prohibited.

Hillside NWR: Fishing is permitted March 1 through November 15. The borrow ponds along the north levee are open throughout the year except closed during the muzzleloader deer hunt and spring turkey hunt.

Mathews Brake NWR: Fishing is permitted throughout the year except closed in the Waterfowl Sanctuary one day prior to the beginning of waterfowl season through March 1 (see map).

Morgan Brake NWR: Fishing is permitted throughout the year except closed during the muzzleloader deer hunt, and the Providence Ponds are closed one day prior to the beginning of waterfowl season through March 1. See informational kiosk for creel limits at Providence Ponds.

Panther Swamp NWR: Fishing is permitted throughout the year except closed during limited draw hunts and in Lower Twist and the Carter Ponds from December 15 — March 1. Office Pond is open year round.

Harvesting frogs is permitted on Hillside, Mathews Brake, Morgan Brake and Panther Swamp NWRs in accordance with State regulations.

Prohibited Activities

- Operation of vehicles on "CLOSED" roads
- All commercial activities, including guiding or participating in a paid guided hunt
- Hunting in designated CLOSED or no hunting areas
- The use of artificial light, including vehicle headlights, to locate or take any animal except as authorized for raccoon and frog hunting
- Use or possession of toxic shot, including buckshot
- Use or possession of climbing spikes or hunting from a tree which has metal objects driven or screwed into it
- Use or possession of any drug or device for employing such drug for hunting
- Use of plastic flagging tape or other trail marking devices
- Use or possession of alcohol
- Camping
- Fires
- Horses and mules
- Organized drives for deer or hogs
- Baiting, possession of bait and hunting over bait
- Trail cameras
- Field dressing (skinning or processing) within 300' of any road, trail or parking lot
- Trapping
- Destroying any tree or plant
- Removal of any material, animal, plant or mineral unless otherwise stated





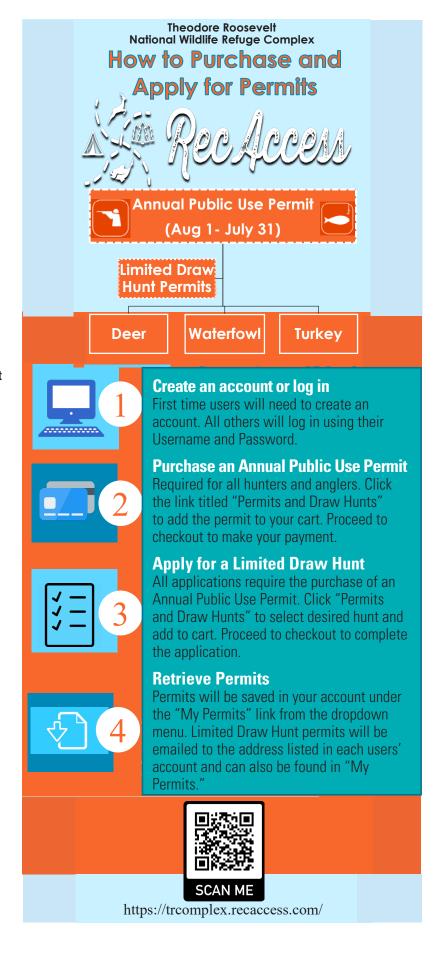
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Panther Swamp NWR 12595 MS Highway 149 Yazoo City, MS 39194 662/836 3004 www.fws.gov/refuge/panther_swamp

Morgan Brake NWR 1562 Providence Road Cruger, MS 38924 662/235 4989 www.fws.gov/refuge/morgan_brake www.fws.gov/refuge/hillside www.fws.gov/refuge/mathews_brake

Yazoo NWR 595 Yazoo Refuge Road Hollandale, MS 38748 662/839 2638 www.fws.gov/refuge/yazoo www.fws.gov/refuge/holt_collier www.fws.gov/refuge/theodore_roosevelt

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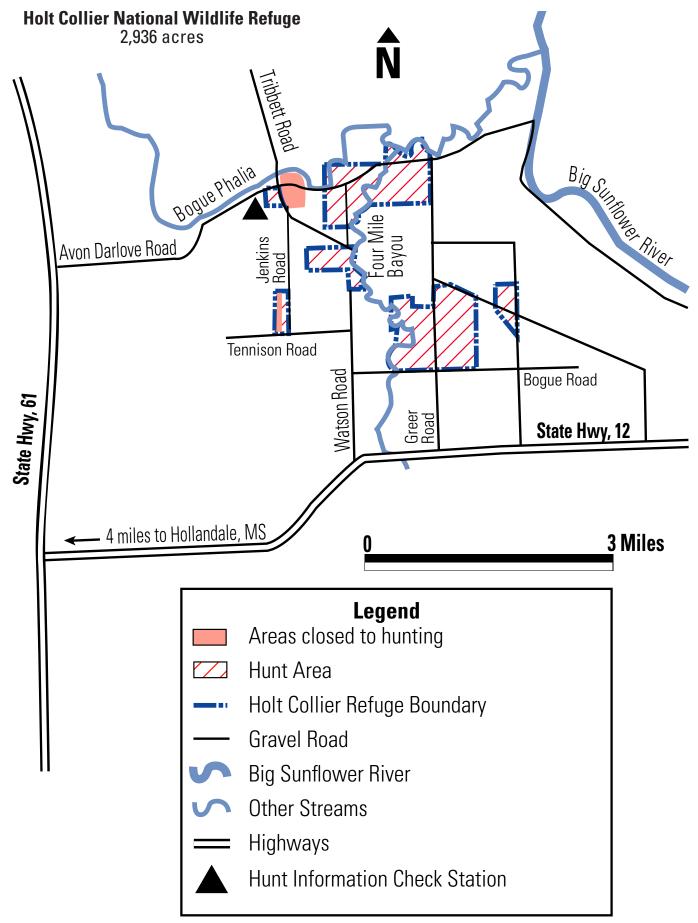


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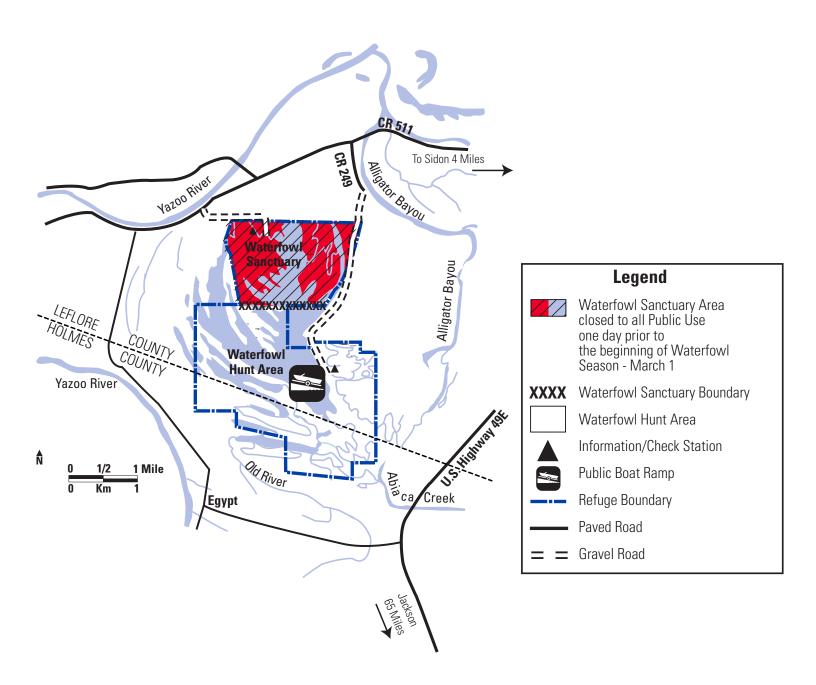
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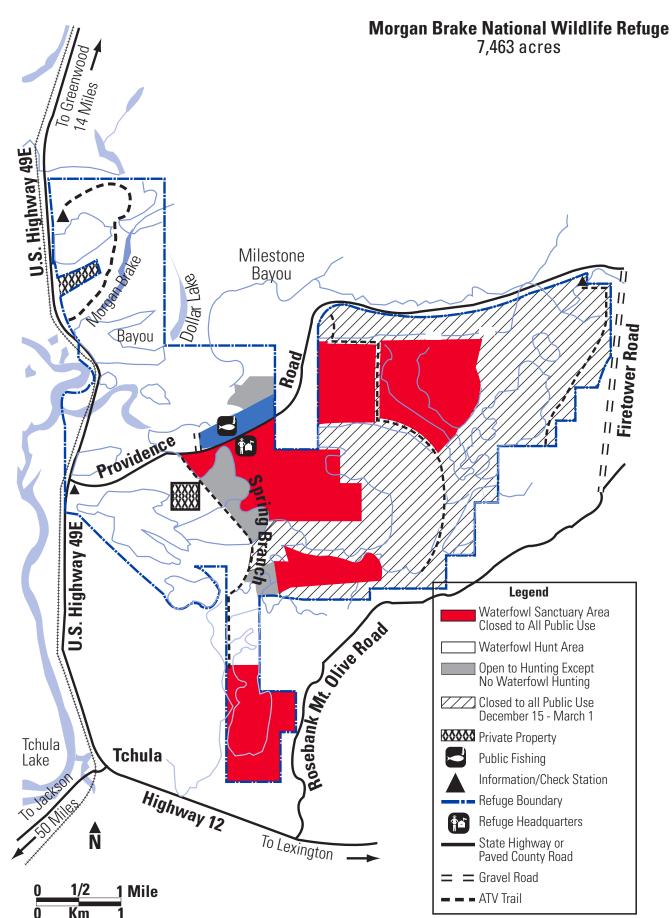


Mathews Brake National Wildlife Refuge 2,414 acres

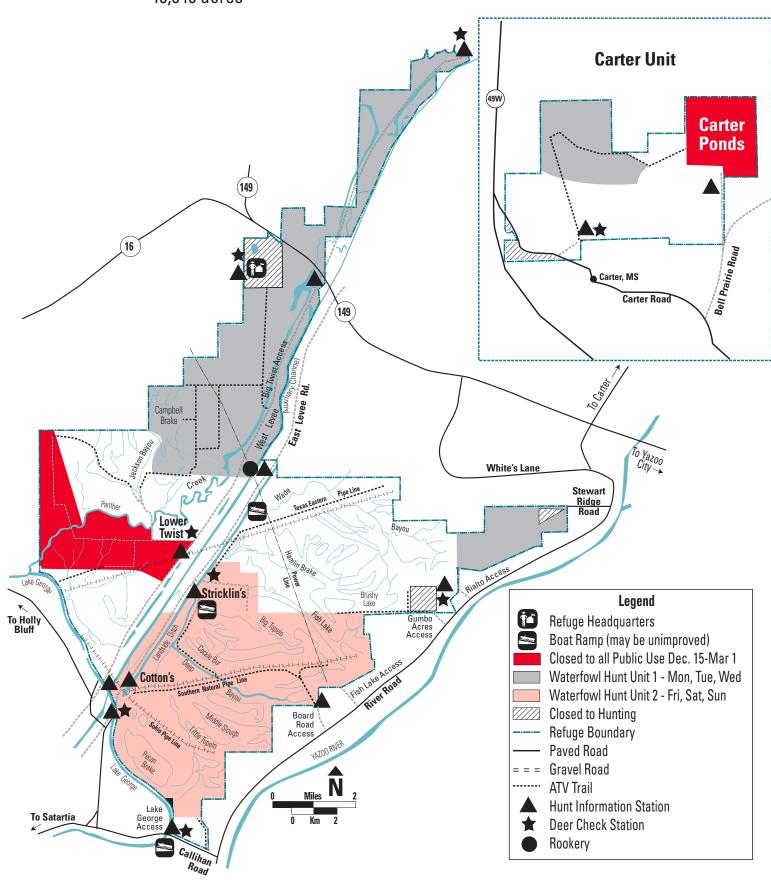






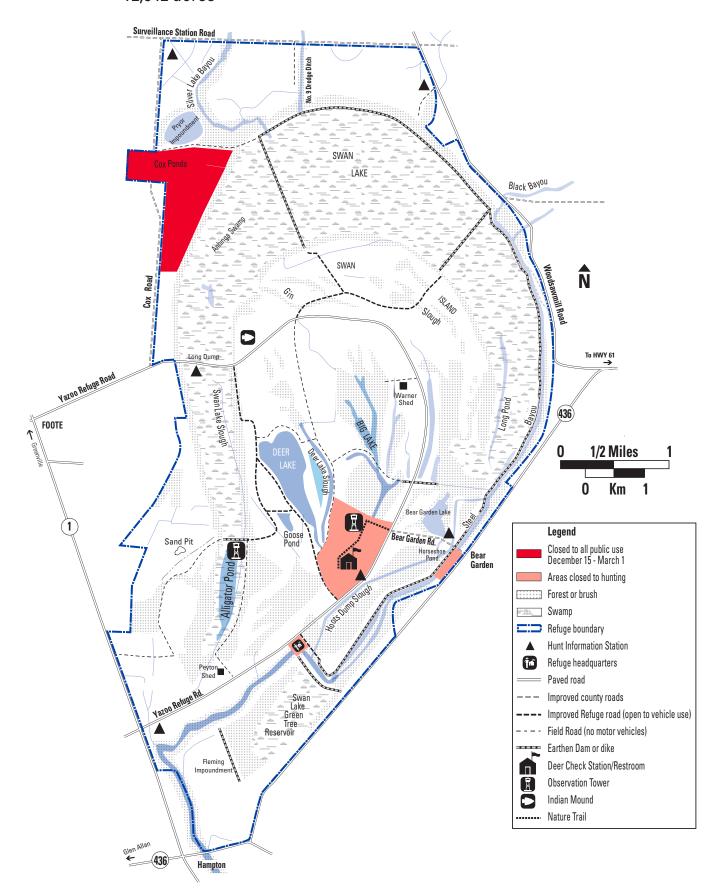


Panther Swamp National Wildlife Refuge 40,649 acres





Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge 12,942 acres





Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge Complex 2021-2022 Hunt Seasons

- TR Complex Annual Public Use Permit Required. Limited Draw Hunts are highlighted.
 Only drawn selectees are allowed on the Refuge on those dates.

Species	Hillside	Holt Collier	Mathews Brake	Morgan Brake	Panther Swamp	Yazoo
Youth – Deer Gun	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11/26/21-11/27/21
Youth – Waterfowl	2/5/22-2/6/22	Closed	2/5/22-2/6/22	2/5/22-2/6/22	2/5/22-2/6/22	1/22/22 1/29/22
Senior Citizen – Deer Gun	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	12/17/21-12/18/21
Deer – Archery	10/1/21-12/1/21 12/16/21-1/31/22	10/1/21-12/1/21 12/16/21-1/31/22	10/1/21-1/31/22	10/1/21-12/1/21 12/16/21-1/31/22	10/1/21-11/19/21 11/23/21-11/30/21 12/14/21-1/31/22	10/1/21-11/19/21 1/2/22-1/15/22
Deer – Muzzleloader	12/2/21-12/15/21	12/2/21-12/15/21	Closed	12/2/21-12/15/21	12/1/21-12/6/21 12/8/21-12/13/21	12/3/21-12/4/21 12/6/21-12/7/21 12/10/21-12/11/21
Deer – Gun	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11/20/21-11/22/21	Closed
Squirrel	10/1/21-12/1/21 12/16/21-2/28/22	Closed	10/1/21-2/28/22	10/1/21-12/1/21 12/16/21-2/28/22	10/11/21-11/19/21 11/23/21-11/30/21 12/14/21-2/28/22	10/12/21-11/19/21 2/1/21-2/28/21
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Turkey	3/25/22-3/27/22 4/8/22-4/10/22 4/22/22-4/24/22	Closed	Closed	Closed	4/01/22-5/01/22	Closed
Waterfowl	11/26/21-11/28/21 12/16/2021-1/31/22	Closed	12/3/21 12/9/21-12/10/21 12/13/21-12/17/21 12/20/21-12/24/21 12/27/21-12/31/21 1/3/22-1/7/22 1/10/22-1/14/22 1/17/22-1/21/22 1/24/22-1/28/22 1/31/22	11/26/21-11/28/21 12/16/2021-1/31/22	11/26/21-11/28/21 12/14/21-12/15/21 12/17/21-12/22/21 12/24/21-12/29/21 12/31/21-1/5/22 1/7/22-1/12/22 1/14/22-1/19/22 1/21/22-1/26/22 1/28/22-1/31/22	Closed
Bobwhite Quail	2/12/22-3/5/22		, · ·	2/12/22-3/5/22	2/12/22-3/5/22	
Frog	4/1/22-9/30/22	Closed	4/1/22-9/30/22	4/1/22-9/30/22	4/1/22-9/30/22	Closed

Mathews Brake Waterfowl – Limited Draw

11/26-11/28; 12/4-5; 12/11-12; 12/18-19; 12/25-26; 1/1-2; 1/8-9; 1/15-16; 1/22-23; 1/29-30

Refuge resumes normal hours beginning at 1 pm during these dates.