Refuge Hunting Permit 2018-2019
Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge

The signing of the permit validates it as your general Refuge hunting permit and must be in your possession while participating in authorized Refuge hunting activities. Expiration Date: August 31, 2019.

I have read and understand these Refuge regulations.

Participant’s Signature ____________________________________________

Date __________________________________________________________
Welcome to Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge

Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is located in the flood plain of Neosho River valley. This 18,500 acre Refuge was established in 1966 as an ‘overlay project’ on the John Redmond Reservoir Project, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control reservoir. Portions of the land and waters are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This Refuge is one of over 565 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters set aside to conserve animals and their habitats for people today and for generations to come.

**Hunting Regulations**

All hunters must possess a Refuge permit. For all 2018 - 2019 Refuge hunts, this brochure, when signed and in your possession, serves as a permit for all Refuge hunts. This brochure is also available online at http://www.fws.gov/refuge/flint_hills.

State hunting regulations apply unless otherwise listed. Additional Refuge-specific regulations are outlined in this brochure and in Title 50 CFR. All commercial activities, including guided hunts, are prohibited.

**Hours**

Hunting hours are the same as those set in State regulations.

**Access**

Only licensed vehicles are allowed on designated Refuge roads, as shown on the map. Parking must not impede traffic. Hunters can park in designated areas and along the shoulder of Refuge roads within one car width from the nearest edge of the road. No parking is allowed in front of gates. Accessing hunting areas from the Neosho River and hunting on the river is prohibited.

**Closed Areas**

All Refuge lands north of the Neosho River are closed to all public entry from November 1 to March 1 to provide sanctuary for migratory birds. Refer to the map for these areas. **All of the Neosho River is closed to hunting and cannot be used to access hunting areas.**

**Game Retrieval**

Reasonable effort must be made to retrieve harvested game. Dogs can be used to retrieve game. Consult State regulations. We prohibit hunters or dogs from retrieving game in areas closed to hunting.

### Specific Hunting Regulations

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**Hunting Regulations (continued)**

**Baiting / Spotlighting / Monitoring Devices**
The distribution of bait or hunting over bait is prohibited. The use of artificial light to locate wildlife is prohibited. The use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices is also prohibited.

**Tree Stands / Blinds / Decoys**
All personal property must be removed daily. The use of permanent blinds, tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree is prohibited. Tree stands and/or blinds that do not harm the tree are permitted, but they must be removed at the end of each day’s hunt. Decoys may not be left unattended.

**Vehicles / Boats**
Only licensed vehicles are allowed on designated Refuge roads. ATVs and UTVs are prohibited on the Refuge. All vehicles and boats must comply with State and Federal regulations. Air-thrust or in-board water-thrust boats are prohibited.

**Firearms / Fireworks**
Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands 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).

Carrying, possessing, or discharging fireworks or explosives on national wildlife refuges is prohibited.

**Alcohol / Controlled Substances**
Possession or consumption of alcohol and controlled substances while hunting is prohibited.

**Camping and Fires**
Camping and fires are prohibited on the Refuge.

**Natural and Cultural Resources**
Only legal take of game in season is allowed. Collecting wild edibles is also allowed. Collecting shed antlers is prohibited on the Refuge. Collecting of artifacts and historic items is also prohibited as they are protected on Refuge lands by Federal law.
Accessibility

Contact the Refuge manager for guidelines to obtain special use access. Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. Dial 711 for a free connection to the State relay service for TTY and voice calls to and from the speech and hearing impaired. For more information or to address accessibility needs, please contact the Refuge staff at 620 / 392 5553, or the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

This blue goose, designed by J.N. “Ding” Darling, is the symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.
**Accessible Waterfowl Hunting Blind**

An accessible waterfowl hunting blind (see map) is available on a first-come, first-serve basis with one hunter possessing a **Special Use Permit (Permit)**. A hunter with disabilities must request and obtain a Permit from the Refuge Manager before hunting and is required to have proof of need for accessible facilities from the State they reside in. No more than two additional hunters or helpers can accompany the Permit holder or enter the designated area without the Permit holder present. The Permit holder and accompanying hunters must hunt from this designated blind, possess the annual Refuge Hunting Permit, and follow all State hunting regulations. The vehicle used to access the blind must be parked inside the locked gate along 19th Lane after dropping off persons and equipment at the blind.

**Signs and Boundaries**

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. Obey all posted signs. The wording of the sign applies to the area located behind the sign, with the exception of parking signs. The signs shown below are only a few of the signs you will see on the Refuge.

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**Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge**

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Hartford, KS 66854  
620 / 392 5553  
flinthills@fws.gov  
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/flint_hills  
For State relay service  
TTY / Voice: 711

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http://www.fws.gov  
For Refuge Information  
1 800 / 344 WILD  
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