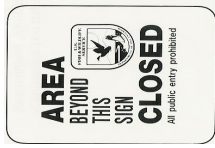


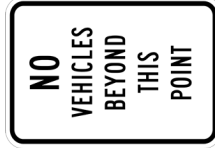
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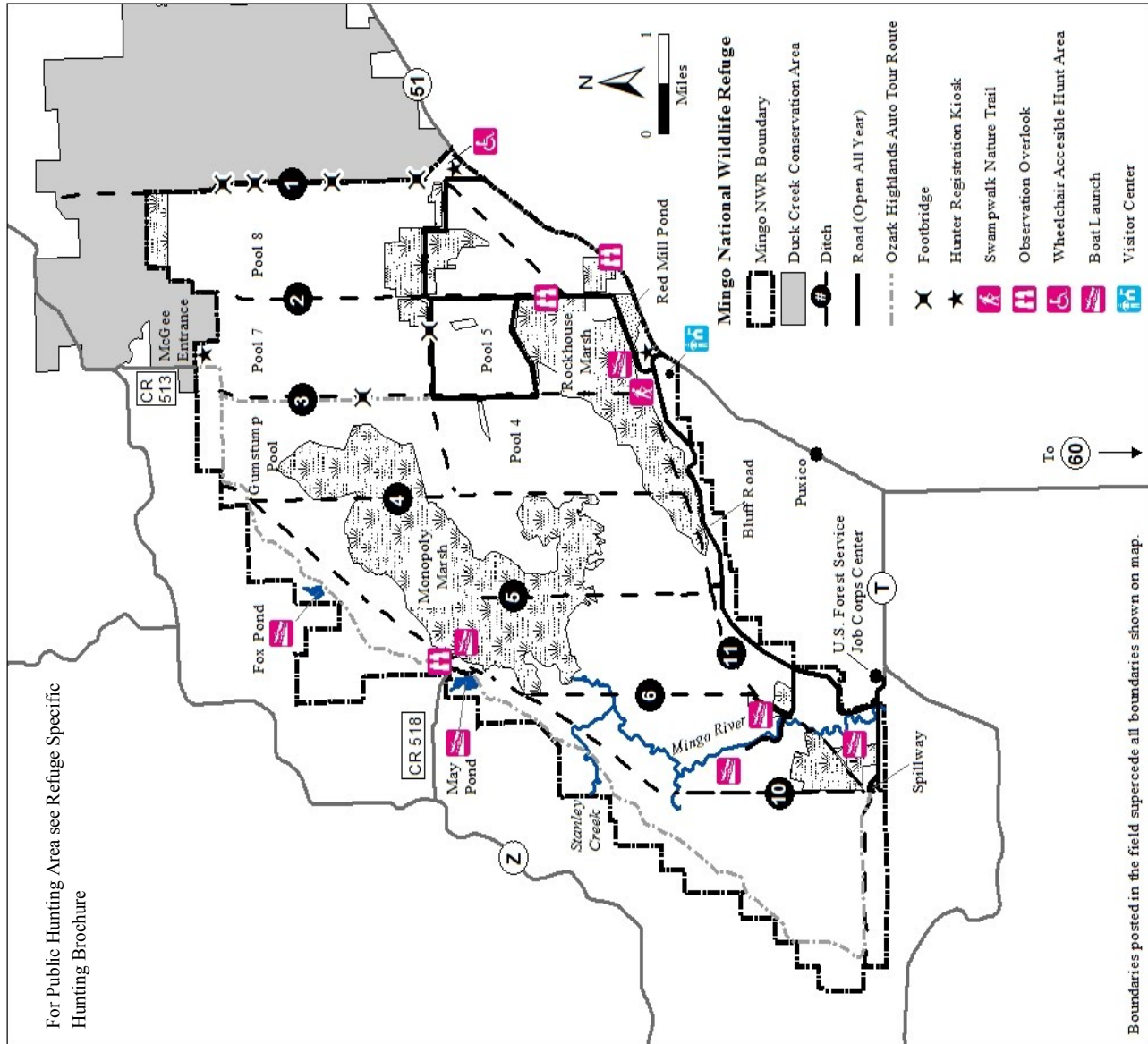
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For Public Hunting Area see Refuge Specific  
Hunting Brochure

Boundaries posted in the field supercede all boundaries shown on map.

**Species and Limits Information**

**Game Fish Species:**

- Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted/Kentucky) Daily Limit: 6  
Length Limit: None; Open all year
- Catfish:  
Channel—Daily Limit: 10  
Blue—Daily Limit: 5  
Flathead—Daily Limit: 5  
Length Limit: None; Open all year.
- Crappie (Black & White)  
Daily Limit: 30  
Length Limit: None; Open all year.
- Pickerel (Chain & Grass)  
Daily Limit: 6  
Length Limit: None; Open all year.
- Goggle-eye (Rock Bass) & Warmouth  
Daily Limit: 15;  
Length Limit: None; Open all year.

**Non-Game Fish Species:**

- Bowfin (Grinnel) Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Carp, Suckers, Buffalo, Drum, and Gar (Except Alligator Gar which must be immediately released when caught).  
Daily Limit: 50 when taken by pole & line, trotline, throwline, limb line, bank line, or jug line; Open all year.

**Note:** No gigging or bow fishing is permitted on the refuge.

Goldfish, Bighead Carp, Common Carp, Grass Carp, and Silver Carp may be possessed in any numbers and do not count in the daily or possession limit.

**Other Species:**

- Common Snapping Turtles:  
Daily Limit: 5; Open all year.
- Soft-shelled Turtles:  
Daily Limit: 5; Open: July 1 – Dec. 31.

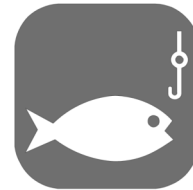
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# Mingo

## National Wildlife Refuge

### Regulations



<i>General Information</i>	Mingo National Wildlife Refuge consists of 21,592 acres of bottomland hardwood forest, cypress-tupelo swamp, marsh, and upland forest ecosystems. Visitors are permitted on the refuge from ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.		popular seasons are spring and fall during the peak bird migrations. A great way to observe wildlife is to drive slowly along our auto tour routes.		<i>Wild Edibles</i>	<b>From March 1 to September 30</b> , gathering of mushrooms, berries, and pokeweed is permitted for personal use only in the area south of Ditch 11, west of Ditch 6 and north of the Ozark Highlands Auto Route to Ditch 4. Harvesting outside this area is prohibited. No ground disturbance is permitted. Harvest limit: two gallon per day of mushrooms and berries and five gallons per day of pokeweed.
<i>Visitor Center</i>	The Refuge Visitor Center is located one mile north of Puxico off Highway 51. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from March through November. From December through February the Visitor Center is open weekdays only from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Visitor Center is closed most Federal Holidays.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bluff Road: This 6-mile tour takes visitors along the southern portion of the refuge (Open year-round).</li> <li>Red Mill Drive: This 7-mile tour takes visitors through the public hunting portion of the refuge (Open year round).</li> <li>Ozark Highlands: This 17-mile tour takes visitors through the west side of the refuge and is open seasonally (check with refuge office).</li> </ul>	<i>Boats/Motors</i>	<i>Hunting</i>	Hunting for squirrel, turkey, deer, and waterfowl are permitted on designated portions of the refuge. For specific information, consult the refuge-specific Hunt Brochure.
<i>Access</i>	<p>Entering the refuge is only allowed at the following designated entrances: Visitor Center Entrance Road, Bluff Road at Highway 51, School House Access, Mingo Job Corps, Rabbit Ridge Road (County Road 518), and McGee Gate (County Road 513).</p> <p>The speed limit on all roads is 25 mph, unless otherwise posted. Only licensed drivers may operate properly registered and licensed vehicles on the refuge. Motorized vehicles must remain on designated refuge roads. All other portions of the refuge, including side roads and levee tops, are closed to vehicles at all times.</p>	<i>Hiking</i>	Hiking is allowed along refuge roads, service roads and in open areas of the refuge. Except between & including Ditch 4 & 6 service road and north of ditch 11 is closed from <b>October 1 to end of February</b> . Maintained hiking trails include the Swampwalk Nature Trail (0.8 mile - Low Intensity), Bluff Nature Trail (0.5 mile - Moderate/High Intensity), Rockhouse Overlook Trail (0.3 mile - Low Intensity), Hartz Pond Trail (0.3 mile - Low/Moderate Intensity), and the Sweet Cabin Trail (1.2 miles - Moderate Intensity)	<i>May and Fox Pond</i>	<i>Commercial Use</i>	Any commercial use of a national wildlife refuge, including hunting guides, commercial fishing and filming are prohibited except as may be authorized by a refuge Special Use Permit.
<i>Entrance Permits</i>	An entrance permit is required year-round for each vehicle entering the refuge. Vehicles are defined as persons on bicycles, horses, foot, or other forms of transportation. One of the following may be used as a permit: Daily Permit (\$3.00), Mingo Specific Annual Pass (\$12.00), Federal Duck Stamp (\$25.00), Interagency Annual Pass (\$80), Interagency Annual Senior Pass (\$20.00), Interagency Lifetime Senior Pass (\$80.00), Interagency Annual Military Pass (free), Interagency Access Pass (free).	<i>Photography</i>	Portable observation/photography blinds may be used in open portions of the refuge, but must be removed daily. There are designated photography blinds on the refuge. Users must reserve blinds and can only access them with a free Special Use Permit. Contact the Refuge Office for more information.	<i>Other Fishing Regulations</i>	<i>Prohibited Activities</i>	<p>The following is a partial list of prohibited activities on Mingo NWR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of a gasoline powered boat motor on all refuge waters.</li> <li>Use or possession of any boat motor in the Mingo Wilderness.</li> <li>Camping, open fires, overnight parking, or any night fishing activities on the refuge.</li> <li>Bow fishing and gigging.</li> <li>Collection or harm to mussels, crayfish and other aquatic species.</li> <li>Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts</li> <li>Shed antler hunting</li> <li>Use of ATVs or UTVs on Refuge</li> </ul>
<i>Wildlife Observation</i>	The diversity of species and habitats attract year-round wildlife viewing opportunities on the refuge. Early morning and dusk are the best times to observe wildlife. The most	<i>Fishing</i>	Fishing is permitted in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of Missouri impounded waters' regulations. Please refer to current publication of the Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.	<i>Turtles</i>		
		<i>Water Closure</i>	<b>March 1 – September 30:</b> All refuge waters are open to fishing and boating. <b>October 1 – End of February:</b> The following refuge waters are closed: Monopoly Marsh, Rockhouse Marsh, moist	<i>Horse-back Riding</i>		



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