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National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2024–2025







Hours of Public Use

Where applicable, refuge lands are open for fishing and general use from ½ hour before legal sunrise to ½ hour after legal sunset. For authorized hunting activities, the refuge is open to access two hours before legal sunrise until one hour after legal sunset and in accordance with state seasons and regulations.

Public Use Information

- Hiking allowed on refuge roads and trails, unless otherwise posted. ATVs/UTVs not allowed on the refuge.
- Dogs must be on a leash except for hunting purposes (where hunting allowed).
- Berry and mushroom gathering allowed for personal consumption only, not for resale or other commercial use.
- Collecting shed deer antlers not allowed.
- Camping or fires not permitted.
- Gas boat motors prohibited on refuge with the exception of Bryants Creek. Electric motors and non-motorized watercraft allowed in designated areas for hunting and accessibility.

Firearms

- Allowed only during authorized hunting activities. Must be unloaded & either dismantled
 or cased when transporting on refuge roads or waters, unless in compliance with state
 concealed/carry regulations.
- Target shooting or any non-hunting discharge of firearms prohibited.

Accessibility Information

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Fishing Regulations

- The taking of any mussel, clam, crayfish, leach, frog and turtle species is prohibited.
- Allowed by boat in Bryants Creek ONLY

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Prohibited Activities

By law, recreational activities on national wildlife refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted.

- Possession of alcoholic beverages
- Camping and Fires
- Searching for or removal of any natural items such as antlers, plants, historic, and archaeological features, are protected by Federal law.
- Marking or flagging any tree or other Refuge feature with reflectors, paint, or other substance.
- Permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree.
- Construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, scaffolds, or platforms prohibited.
- Target shooting or any non-hunting discharge of firearms prohibited.
- Hunting is prohibited within 200 yards of any public use facility
- Gas boat motors prohibited on refuge unless in Bryants Creek.

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Activity	Season Dates	Harvest	Regulation
Migratory Bird Hunting	Closed to migratory bird hunting.	None	None
Upland Game	Closed to upland game hunting.	None	None
Turkey Hunting	Closed to turkey hunting.	None	None
Deer Hunting	Allowed ONLY during state-managed hunts	See Missouri Department of Conservation for more information.	Requires a refuge permit
Trapping	State season dates	Muskrat, beaver, and raccoon trapping permitted on all refuge lands	Special regulations apply and requires a Refuge Special Use Permit.

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