

Mingo

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations



Mingo National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Permit

When signed and carried, this serves as your permit for all refuge hunts and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Signature (permits are not transferable)

There are multiple hunting opportunities at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. Please pay mind to the season, available hunting area, hunting hours, and the special regulations.

Archery Deer: Follows the statewide season. Hunting area includes the expanded hunt area through October 31st, and the general hunting area. Hunting hours follow state shooting hours. Special regulations: archery deer hunting is allowed during the state fall firearm deer season, but only with a firearm permit.

Archery Turkey: Follows statewide season. Hunting area includes the expanded hunt area through October 31st, and the general hunting area. Hunting hours follow state shooting hours.

Firearm Turkey: Follows spring statewide adult and youth season. Hunting area includes the expanded hunt area and the general hunting area. Hunting hours follow state shooting hours. Special regulations: Shotgun hunters may only use and possess nontoxic shot on the refuge.

Firearm Squirrel: First day of statewide season through the day before the start of archery deer and turkey statewide season. Hunting area includes the expanded hunt area and general hunting area. Hunting hours follow state shooting hours. Special regulations: shotgun hunters may only use and possess nontoxic shot on the refuge.

Firearm Waterfowl: Follows State season, Middle Zone, depending on habitat conditions. Hunting area includes Pool 7 for three days per week, and Pool 8 for seven days per week. Hunting hours start 30 minutes before legal sunrise to 1:00 pm. Special regulations: Hunters are required to go through daily draw process at Duck Creek Conservation Area or online at: <https://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/waterfowl/managed-hunts-waterfowl>. Use of hunting dogs is permitted for waterfowl hunting only.

Managed Deer Hunts: There are two managed deer hunts held on Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. Application period is during the month of July each year. Five spots are available for youth and adult hunters confined to a wheelchair; applicants can apply by directly contacting the refuge.

Managed Youth and Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunt: This hunt is in early November. The hunt area is a designated special hunt area. This hunt follows state shooting hours. Special regulations: Participants are selected through the Missouri Department of Conservation managed draw system.

Managed Muzzleloader and Wheelchair Confined Deer Hunt: This hunt occurs in Early December. The hunt area is a designated special hunt area. This hunt follows state shooting hours. Participants are selected through the Missouri Department of Conservation managed draw system.

Managed Raccoon Hunt: The season will be select times during the statewide furbearer season. The hunt area is the Raccoon Hunt Area. Hunt hours are from legal sunset to legal sunrise. Special regulations: Hunting is by draw only. Special Use Permit is required for hunters.

Welcome

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1944 under the authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to serve as a resting and wintering area for migratory waterfowl and to protect the bottomland hardwood forest in the Mingo Basin. The 21,592-acre refuge consists of 15,000 acres of bottomland hardwood forest, 5,000 acres of marsh and natural streams, 1,275 acres of cropland and moist-soil units, and 700 acres of grassland openings. The western portion of the refuge includes the Federally designated 7,730-acre Mingo Wilderness consisting of primitive upland forest and untrammled bottomland hardwood swamp along Stanley Creek, Mingo River, and Monopoly Marsh.

Firearms

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).

Vehicles

All vehicles are restricted to roads that are delineated on the refuge map. Roads may be closed at any time due to adverse weather or management needs. Vehicles may be parked alongside roads in a manner that will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Designated parking areas are available. Otherwise, do not block gates or field-access roads. ATVs and UTVs are prohibited.

Boats

Hunters may use boats to access the hunt area on the refuge; however, boats may not be left overnight. During the hunt season, boats are only permitted in Ditches 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11, and the lateral ditch on the south end of Gumstamp Pool. Monopoly Marsh is closed to boats October 1–end of February. An approved personal flotation device is required for each person in a boat. The use of gasoline-powered boat motors is prohibited on all refuge waters, but possession of gas motors and use of electric trolling motors is allowed

outside the Mingo Wilderness Area. The Wilderness Area includes Ditches 5, 6, and 10 within the Expanded Hunt Area.

Accessibility Information

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. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/public-civil-rights>

Hunting Regulations

Hunting regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting is permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State of Missouri regulations subject to the conditions stated below. Brochures may be obtained by mail, at the refuge headquarters, or from the refuge website.

Access

Hunters may only access the public hunt area and designated access roads two hours before legal sunrise until two hours after legal sunset. All hunters must enter and exit the refuge only on designated access roads and entry points. The primary access point for hunters is located at the entrance to Red Mill Drive on Bluff Road. Other designated access roads are located at Schoolhouse Access, Job Corps, McGee Access (Co. Rd. 513), Duck Creek Conservation Area, and Rabbit Ridge Access (Co. Rd. 518). In addition, hunters may enter through designated refuge access points along Highway 51.

Hunter Stations

Hunter kiosk stations are located at key hunt area access locations. Before departing the refuge, hunters must complete and provide hunt information on a hunter harvest report located at the hunter kiosks.

General Regulations

The hunting regulations specific to Mingo National Wildlife Refuge are set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Individuals using the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, vehicles, and their contents by refuge and state officers. To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting the refuge, please take the time to become familiar with the regulations, hunting area, and property boundaries; please call the refuge with questions.

Entrance Permits

Persons on foot or one occupant of each vehicle are required to possess a refuge entrance permit upon entry onto the refuge. For the purposes of this regulation, a vehicle is defined as a non-commercial bicycle, equestrian animal, or other mode of transportation.

The following may be used as an entrance permit:

- Daily Entrance Permit (\$3.00)
- Refuge-Specific Annual Pass (\$12)
- Federal Duck Stamp (\$25)
- Interagency Annual Senior Pass (\$20)
- Interagency Senior Lifetime Pass (\$80)
- Interagency Access Pass (free)
- Active Military/Veteran/Gold Star Family Pass (free)
- Every Kid Outdoors Pass (free to 4th Graders)

Entrance permits should be displayed on the dash of automobiles when on the refuge.

In addition to the refuge permit, hunters must sign and possess the front cover of the current hunting brochure when scouting, hunting, or participating in other hunter activities on the refuge. When signed and in

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the possession of the hunter, the cover of this brochure serves as a hunting permit for all refuge hunts except Special Management Hunts.

The signed brochure acknowledges individual understanding of refuge regulations. Hunters must possess all state required licenses and permits when hunting on the refuge.

Hunting Regulations and Seasons

The State of Missouri regulations apply unless otherwise specified in the refuge-specific regulations. Hunting is permitted only in designated areas shown on map. Hunters born on or after January 1, 1967, must show proof that they have successfully completed a Hunter Education Course. Hunters under 16 years of age who are not Hunter Education Certified must be accompanied (in sight and normal voice contact) by a legally licensed hunter over 18 years of age. See Prohibited Activities section for other restrictions and regulations. For a list of hunting opportunities refer to the hunt table.

Fall Deer and Turkey Season (Archery)

Archery deer and turkey hunting are concurrent with the State season, except the Expanded Hunt Area between Ditch 4 and 6, north of Ditch 11 and south of the Ozark Highland Auto Tour Road closes October 31. (Note: Hunt Area west of Ditch 4 is subject to closure during any overlapping Managed Hunts). During the State firearm season, archery deer hunting is allowed only with a firearm permit. Only one portable tree stand per hunter is permitted on the refuge from two weeks before until two weeks after the State archery deer season. In the area between Ditch 4 and 6, north of Ditch 11 and south of the Ozark Highland Auto Tour Road, hunters must remove stands daily. All stands must be clearly marked with owner's state conservation identification number. Incidental take of squirrels, raccoons, and bobcats is allowed during the state archery season by use of archery equipment concurrent with respective statewide seasons until the daily bag limit for that game species is taken. Feral hogs may be taken incidental to legal hunting with archery equipment until the daily bag limit of game is taken.

Other Hunting Opportunities

Incidental take of raccoon or bobcat is allowed during the statewide furbearer season during any refuge hunt by legal means for that game species until the daily bag limit for that game species is taken.

Feral hogs may be taken incidental to any refuge hunt with weapons legal for that hunt until the daily bag limit of game is taken

Public Hunting Area

The Public Hunting Area is 12,649 acres that generally encompasses the area east of Ditch 6 and north of Ditch 11 while excluding such areas as Gum Stump Pool, Rockhouse Marsh (as posted), Monopoly Marsh (to water's edge), Hwy 51 Overlook Area, and the flooded impoundments (See Map).

Schoolhouse Accessible Trail offers paved access to three wheelchair-accessible hunting blinds for large and small game hunting. The trail is available on a first-come, first-served basis for hunters with disabilities and their partners.

Methods

Firearms legally possessed for hunting on the refuge are the same as those prescribed by the state of Missouri. Crossbows may be used by hunters per State regulations.

The discharging of firearms, including air guns or any other weapons, on a national wildlife refuge is strictly prohibited except as authorized for hunters with a valid refuge hunting brochure and permit while engaged in authorized activities during established seasons.

Other Restrictions

Dogs are permitted for waterfowl and raccoon hunting only. Waterfowl hunting dogs must be leashed or under strict voice command at all times. All game harvested must be tagged as prescribed by state regulations and checked through authorized state harvest reporting procedures.

Commercial Use

Any commercial use of a national wildlife refuge, including guided hunts are prohibited except as may be authorized by a refuge Special Use Permit.

To Report Violations

• Refuge Law Enforcement Officer, 573-986-1327

Turn In a Poacher (TIP) Line: 1-800-POACHER

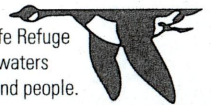
Signs and Boundaries

To avoid trespass on private property, know the meaning of these signs and area regulations. Authorized activities on refuge land include hunting, fishing, hiking, wildlife observation, canoeing, nature photography, environmental education, and interpretation. Please respect the following signs:

- No Hunting Zone: Hunting Prohibited
- Refuge Boundary: These signs mark the boundary of the refuge; it is important to understand they DO NOT prohibit access, only unauthorized uses
- Area Beyond this Sign Closed All Public Entry Prohibited: Sanctuary Area; This area is off limits to the public unless otherwise specified
- No Vehicles Beyond This Point: All Motorized Traffic prohibited

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.

This is a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.



Prohibited Activities

- Trapping
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting
- Leaving boats, decoys, temporary blinds, and blind materials brought onto the refuge for waterfowl hunting outside of legal hunt hours
- The construction or use of permanent blinds, stands, or scaffolds for waterfowl hunting
- The use of paint, non-biodegradable flagging, reflectors, tacks or other manmade materials to mark trails or hunting locations
- The use of climbing spikes, nails, wires, screws, bolts, or any item driven into a tree
- Distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait including, but not limited to, grains, feeds, salts, mineral blocks, meats, fruits, and other ingestible attractants
- Spot-lighting to locate wildlife or for hunting of wildlife
- Taking of any wildlife or plants (including cutting trees or brush) other than specified in this brochure
- Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts
- Blocking of gates or roadways with vehicles
- Camping/overnight parking and open campfires
- Shed antler hunting
- Leaving game cameras or other items out during refuge closed hours

