General Introduction Big Lake
Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1913, is one of over 565 national wildlife refuges administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The primary objective of the Refuge is to provide habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds. The Refuge is located in Mississippi County, Arkansas.

Climbing onto and/or fishing from any water control structure is prohibited. Boats may be launched only in designated areas. All entry and public use, including hunting and fishing, from November 1 - February 28 is limited to the Moist Soil Unit. Any time.

Boat access and hunting from November 1 - February 28, Ditch 81 and south of Sand Slough Dam. Boats are prohibited November 1 - February 28, except in Ditch 28.

Hunting from mowed or gravel roads. Possession or use of baits, lures, feed, or other attractant, or other device or structure used for the purpose of hunting that can be permanently affixed to the stand. Hunting with any archery or gun equipment and required license. Only portable stands may be used and the owner's Arkansas Game and Fish Commission license customer ID number must be permanently affixed to each stand.

Prohibited hunting activities include:
- Target practice or non-hunting discharge of firearms.
- Dog field trials and organized training events.
- Fishing tournaments.
- Taking or possessing turbo or multispike.
- Possession, use, or manufacturing of illegal drugs.
- Artificial light may not be used to attract wildlife, except as authorized for frogging and raccoon/ophiopogon hunting.
- Possession or use of non-biodegradable materials to mark trails.
- Failure to remove all marking materials from the Refuge after hunting.
- Use of drones.
- Use of natural scents or lures that contain non-toxic and odorless or other biofluids.

Sport Fishing and Frogging Regulations
Sport fishing is permitted on all refuge waters from March 1 - October 31 and is subject to state and federal regulations as supplemented by the following special refuge regulations.

Prohibited activities include:
- Possession of open alcohol containers on refuge roads, ATV trails, park areas, boat ramps, fishing piers, or observation areas.
- Possession or use of fireworks.
- Littering (including, but not limited to shotgun shell hulls and cigarette butts).
- Searching for or removal of artifacts.
- Horse/mules are prohibited.
- Possession or use of lead shot or buckshot while hunting.
- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages while hunting.

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- Target practice or non-hunting discharge of firearms.
- Dogs are prohibited on the Refuge during any time. No hunting dogs are allowed on designated trails or other administrative need.
- Any use of a motor vehicle. Vehicles equipped with electric trolling motors is permitted in the Sand Slough-Mud Slough area (designated map on and the area by signs) from November 1 - February 28 during daylight hours only.

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2019-2020 General Hunting Permit – Big Lake NWR

This permit must be signed to be valid. It must be carried by the hunter at all times while on the refuge and in possession of hunting gear. Permit expires 6/30/20.

I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations and agree to obey them and agree to allow USFWS and AGFC officers to inspect or search all equipment used during my hunt.

Signature ( Permit not transferable)