General Hunting Regulations  

A Refuge permit is required for all hunting activities. Permits are non-transferable and must be signed by the hunter and included in the possession of hunting gear. A permit is located on the front of this brochure or can be downloaded and printed from the refuge website at http://www.fws.gov/cacheriver. An additional permit is required for the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. 

Hunters/.cn Or Chartruese must be worn in accordance with Arkansas Game and Fish Commission regulations during Quota Gun and Man-made Blind Deer hunts. Portable, pop-up blinds must have 144 square inches of blaze orange or chartruese visible from all sides of the blind during firearms big game season. 

Dog training allowed September 1- April 1. 

Bag limits for all species except deer are the same as state limits unless specified otherwise. 

Stop Poaching Hotline 1 800/482 9262 

Due View and Roundpond Units. Available only to youth of an adult who is 21 years old and has a valid hunting license. Home state hunter education cards will be required for hunting raccoons at night. 

Commercial guiding/hunting. 

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We prohibit leaving any tree stand, ground blind or game hunting from manipulated areas is prohibited. 

Deer and Quail: State seasons* Dogs are permitted. 

Deer Limits and Refuge Legal Buck Definition 

NOTE: Permits are non-transferable and nonrefundable, even in the event of recent deer hunt closures due to flooding. 

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Refuge lands located in Flood Prone Region C will close to all deer hunting when the Carbo Creek gauge at Patterson reaches 10 feet, as reported by the National Weather Service at http://www.nws.noaa.gov/data/LZK/RSVLZK and will reopen when the same gauge reading falls to or below 27 feet. 

Refuge lands located in Flood Prone Region D will close to all deer and turkey hunting when the White River gauge at Clarendon reaches 28 feet, as reported by the National Weather Service. 

NOTE: Only shotguns with slugs, legal pistols, and legal hand guns are allowed on the Dine and Plankent Farm Units during the youth and gobbler hunting seasons.

NOTE: Holders of refuge Quota Gun Deer permits are NOT entitled to camp on State WMAs during the refuge Quota Gun Deer Hunt. 

To apply for a Quota Gun Deer Hunt permit permits are $12.00 and must be purchased from the refuge website at www.fws.gov. Check the website for permit availability. 

Quota Gun permit applications, first served until the quota is reached, or until October 31, 2019. 

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General Introduction

Cache River National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1986, is one of over 565 national wildlife refuges administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The primary objectives of the Refuge is to provide habitat for migratory waterfowl and protect the remaining tracts of bottomland hardwoods in the Cache River Basin. The Refuge is comprised of numerous tracts of land along the Cache and White Rivers and areas in DeWitt in the Arkansas counties of Jackson, Woeofiel, Prairie, and Monroe.

Hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education, and interpretation are priority public use activities of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The refuge-dependent uses are carefully managed on Cache River National Wildlife Refuge to ensure they are compatible with refuge purposes and provide safe, high-quality, low-impact, recreational opportunities.

Users of the Refuge must obey all signs pertaining to variations, access, and public use regulations. All public use, including hunting and fishing, are conducted in accordance with state and federal regulations as supplemented by the following special refuge regulations.

Access and Vehicle Use

Cache River National Wildlife Refuge is in the acquisition phase and the attached maps show the current ownership at the time of printing this brochure. Isolated land tracts that have been purchased are scattered throughout the acquisition area and have been posted with refuge boundary signs or marked with yellow boundary paint. Access to many of these refuge lands is currently through private lands and all refuge visitors must obtain permission from adjacent landowners prior to crossing private land to reach refuge lands.

The Refuge is closed to ALL other entry and public use November 17-19, 2019 during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. Only Quota Gun Deer Hunt permit holders are allowed to enter or use the Refuge during this hunt and only for the purpose of hunting. Use of ATVs or other off-road vehicles is prohibited. ATVs and motor vehicles may not be left unattended overnight on the refuge.

Horses/mules, personal watercraft (e.g., jet-ski, hoover craft, and airboats) are prohibited. All conventional vehicles must stay on maintained roads or established parking areas designated (marked) for ATV use. Access for hunting. ATVs may ONLY be used on roads, trails, or established parking areas designated (marked) for ATV use. An ATV is defined as a vehicle with a maximum low of 15 psi, maximum dry weight of 1500 lbs., and tires having a maximum continual lug depth of one inch. Only these vehicles originally manufactured to be ATVs are allowed, mini-trucks or other modified off-road vehicles are prohibited.

Commercial guiding/hunting.

Camping, including setting up hunting tents or campsites on refuge property.

Littering (including, but not limited to, shotgun shell hulls and cigarette butts).

Building fires.

Cutting or defacing trees, shrubs, or other plants.

Searching for or removal of artifacts.

Use of horses or mules.

Possession or use of fireworks.

Taking or possessing turtles or mollusks.

Possession, use, or manufacturing of illegal drugs.

Use of artificial light to locate wildlife, except as authorized for frogging and races in the possession of the Refuge's owner.

Use of firearms, and possession or use of archery equipment and crossbows, except during refuge hunts that allow their use.

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Searching for or removal of artifacts.

Possession or use of non-biodegradable materials to mark trails.

Fires to remove all marking materials from the Refuge following the hunt.

Use of audio devices, electronic callers, recordings or similar artificial devices for simulating the calls of the Ivory-tailed Woodpecker, or any other bird (except for goose hunters).

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