Incidental take of raccoon or bobcat is allowed during the Mingo National Wildlife Refuge's special use program. Other designated access roads are located at Schoolhouse, McGee, Duck Creek, and Rabbit Ridge (Co. Rd. 518). In addition, hunters may obtain access to designated refuge roads along Highway 51. Registered hunters may access the public hunting area from March 1 until late September, 1990. Hunters with special hunting permits may enter the refuge on dates set by the Missouri Conservation Department. Hunters with special hunting permits must be accompanied (in sight and within normal voice contact) by a licensed Missouri Conservation Department employee or person designated for the purpose of conducting public hunts on the refuge. Hunters are not allowed to enter the hunting area after dark. 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.

**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.

**Hunting Permits**

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 hunting activities on the refuge. When signed and in the possession of the hunter, the cover of this brochure is considered valid for all hunting seasons.

**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 along roadsides in a manner that will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Designated parking areas are available. Other than primitive roads, field-access roads, ATV's, and UTV's are prohibited.

**Boats**

Hunters may use boats to access the hunting area on the refuge; however, boats may not be left overnight. During the hunting season, boats are only permitted in Ditches 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, and 12. Access to the south end of Gun Stamp Pool, Monopoly Marsh is closed to boats October 1-15 of March, April, and May. An approved personal flotation device is required for each person in a boat. The use of gasoline-powered boats is prohibited on all refuge waters. The possession of gas motors and use of electric trolling motors is allowed outside the Mingo Wildlife Area. The Wildlife Area includes Ditches 5 and 6 within the Expanded Hunt Area.

**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, 1969, 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. The following hunting seasons are offered on the refuge.

**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 11, 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 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 removed at the conclusion of the season.

**Spring Turkey Season (Firearm)**

Spring turkey season is concurrent with the State season and does include the youth turkey season. Shotgun hunters may only use and possess nontoxic shot on the refuge.

**Spring and Summer Squirrel Season (Firearm)**

Squirrel hunting season is concurrent with the State season except that squirrel hunting closes the evening before the opening day of statewide archery season. Hunters may use a rifle chambered for rim-fire cartridges or shotgun, Shotgun hunters may only use and possess nontoxic shot on the refuge.

**Fall Waterfowl Season (Firearm)**

Waterfowl hunting is allowed within Pool 8 and Pool 7. Archery season is concurrent with the State season. Any waterfowl harvested shall be subject to the bag limits and regulations of the State of Missouri. Any form of decoys is prohibited on the refuge. All refuges are subject to federal laws, Missouri laws, and Mingo National Wildlife Refuge regulations. The signed brochure acknowledges individual and governmental understanding of refuge hunting regulations. This is an annual brochure. To save tax dollars, please use this brochure for the entire season. I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations.
Rely on Signs, Not the Map

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.

- 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.
- NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
- This area is off limits to the public unless otherwise specified.
- Public Hunt Area
- This area is open to hunting at specific times.
- Public Hunting Area
- Vehicles Prohibited

NOTE: Boundaries posted in the field supersede all boundaries shown on this map.

LEGEND
- Road (Open All Year)
- One Way Road (Open all year)
- One Way Road (Seasonal)
- Ditch
- Ditch Numbers
- Headquarters & Visitor Center
- Wheelchair Accessible Trail
- Hunter Kiosk
- Boat Launch
- Footbridge
- General Hunting Area
- Closed Areas Waterfowl Sanctuary
- Duck Creek Conservation Area
- Job Corps Center

Consult Manager for current regulations.