Birds

Snipe. State season and bag limits apply except closed during youth, gun, and muzzleloader deer hunts. Only approved nontoxic shot may be used.

Small Game

Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail, Raccoon, and Opossum. State season and bag limits apply except squirrel, rabbit, and quail closed during youth, gun, and muzzleloader deer hunts and spring squirrel season closed. Only approved nontoxic shot allowed when using a shotgun.

September 23-November 3.

Archery Only Deer

Total Bag: 4 (four) deer, either sex. All deer count in Unit A bag limit. November 4-5. Only persons ages

Youth Gun/ Archery Deer

10-16 are allowed to hunt. One nonhunting adult must supervise each vouth. Total Bag: 1 (one) deer, either sex, counts in Unit A bag

Muzzleloader/ Archery Deer

First Season: November 6-12. Total Bag: 1 (one) deer, either sex.

Second Season: December 4-10. Total Bag: 2 (two) deer, either sex. All deer during both seasons count in Unit A bag limit.

November 18-December 3. Gun/Muzzleloader/ Archery Deer Total Bag: 2 (two) deer, bucks only. All deer count in Unit A bag limit.

Quota Turkey

First Season: April 7-8. Total Bag: 1 (one) bearded turkey. Counts as a bonus turkey.

Second Season: April 21-22. Total Bag: 1 (one) bearded turkey. Counts as a bonus turkey. Quota turkey hunt permit required. Permits will be limited to 25 per hunt, successful applicants are not eligible for both hunts. See Quota Hunt Permit Application Procedures.

Coyotes and beaver may be taken during all refuge hunts. Only weapons legally authorized for the specific hunts may be used.

Quota Hunt Permit Application Procedures

To apply for a quota hunt permit, submit a stamped, self-addressed U.S. Postal Service postcard to the Refuge Manager at the address on the back of this brochure. Applications must be postmarked during February. Applicants will be notified of the drawing results.

A total of two (2) hunters may apply on the same postcard (print both names and addresses on the card). No more than one card will be accepted for each person or party; submission of more than one application will disqualify the applicant(s).

Juveniles

Both the juvenile and his/her supervising adult must apply together on the same postcard to be selected for a quota hunt. If selected, the juvenile must be under direct supervision by the adult during the hunt.

Successful applicants for the turkey quota hunts will be assessed a fee of \$12.50 (payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) for the quota hunt permit. Of the total revenues collected, 30% are applied to defraving the cost of administering

the refuge hunts while the remainder is deposited into the Migratory Bird Conservation fund.

Specific Fishing Regulations Chickasaw NWR

Sport fishing (using pole and line or rod and reel only) is permitted from sunrise to sunset (Central time) on Chickasaw NWR (see map for specific locations and dates of closures).

Possession of unauthorized fishing gear (trotlines, limblines, juglines, vo-vo's, nets, gigs, and associated equipment) is prohibited while fishing on Chickasaw NWR.

Visitors must comply with all applicable state fishing and boating regulations.

Prohibited

Frogging and Turtleing

For inquiries, contact the refuge:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge 1505 Sand Bluff Road Ripley, TN 38063 Phone: 901/635 7621 or 287 0650

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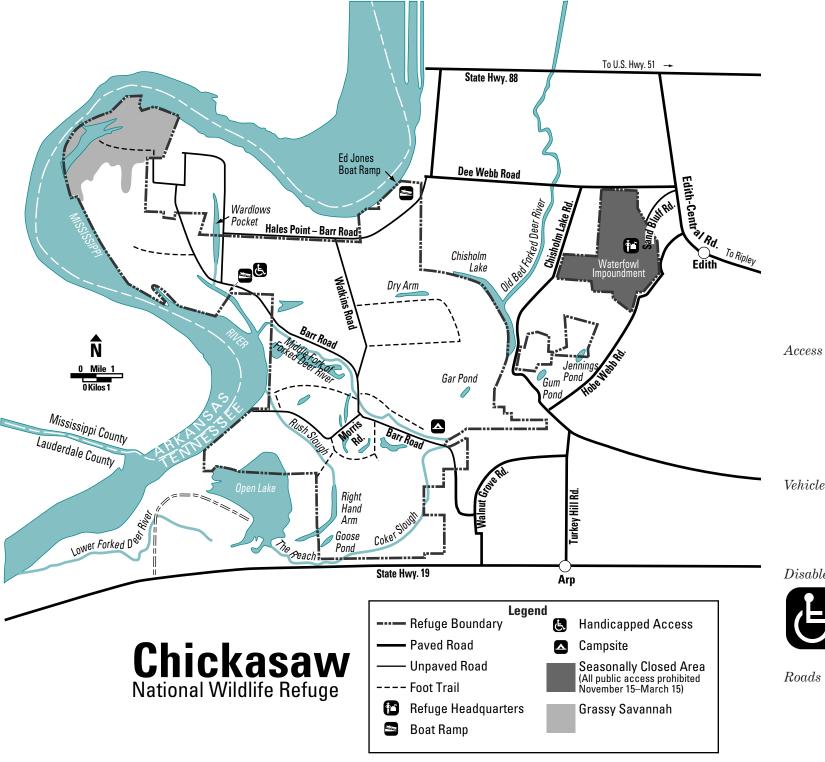


Refuge Hunting Permit 2000-2001

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

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Hunter's Signature



Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge plays an important role in our National Wildlife Refuge system. This area was established to provide essential habitat for migratory birds in the Lower Mississippi Valley. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the refuge system and is responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing the nation's fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for the continuing benefit of people.

The provisions listed below supplement the general regulations which govern public use on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50. Code of Federal Regulations. When permitted, hunting, fishing, and other public uses will be in accordance with applicable state laws unless otherwise listed.

General Provisions and Access Regulations

By law, National Wildlife Refuges are closed to all public use activities unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other public uses are permitted on most areas of the refuge. Contact the Refuge Manager for current regulations and authorized activities before entering these greas.

Only legally licensed vehicles are allowed on the refuge. ATC's and ATV's are prohibited, except by disabled individuals possessing a refuge special use permit.

Disabled Access

Most refuge areas are handicapped accessible. Disabled persons are encouraged to participate in refuge hunts and other activities. Contact the refuge manger for guidelines to obtain special use access.

Roads

Vehicles

Roads may be closed at any time due to adverse weather conditions or management needs. Vehicles must remain on established roads as indicated on the maps on this leaflet. Vehicles may be parked alongside open

roads in a manner that will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Please avoid driving on refuge roads during wet conditions as damage to the roads will result.

Closed Areas

Designated areas will be closed to hunting, fishing, and all other public access during fall and winter months to provide resource protection (see map for specific locations and dates of closures). Other areas may be closed for special management or safety reasons. All refuge access is prohibited after dark unless specifically authorized by the refuge manager.



Camping and fires are permitted on Chickasaw NWR only at the campsite on Barr Road (see map) during refuge hunts. Please remove all litter from the refuge.

BoatsBoats used for any recreational activity (i.e. hunting, fishing and wildlife

viewing) must be removed from Chickasaw daily.

Weapons



Carrying, possessing, or discharging firearms, fireworks, or explosives on national wildlife refuges is prohibited unless specifically authorized. Firearms must be unloaded and either dismantled or encased when transported in vehicles and boats while on the refuge. The use or possession of cross bows, bows and arrows, air guns, spears, gigs, or other weapons on national wildlife refuges is prohibited except as may be authorized by the refuge manager. Weapons legally possessed for hunting are the same as those prescribed by the State of Tennessee.

Dogs

Dogs are permitted for small game and migratory bird hunting or during permitted field trial activities. Contact the refuge manager for information on field trial permits. All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

Horses

Horses are permitted only on roads open to motorized traffic. Riding off roads into fields, woods, or on foot trails is prohibited unless specifically permitted.

Refuge/ CulturalResources

All government property including natural, historic, and archaeological features are protected by Federal Law. Searching for or removal of objects of antiquity or other value is strictly prohibited.

 $Tree\ Stands$

All tree stands must be removed from the refuge daily. The use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a tree stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

Tree Marking

It is unlawful to mark any tree or other refuge feature with paint or similar substance. Please remove all flagging tape and other marking material upon leaving the refuge.

HunterEducation

Hunter's born on or after 1/1/69 must possess proof that he/she has successfully completed a hunter education course.

Youth Supervision

Youths 16-years-old or younger must be directly supervised by an adult at least 21 years of age while hunting. During youth-only hunts the juvenile must be supervised by a non hunting adult.

Specific Hunting Regulations

Big game killed on the refuge must be checked at the nearest State Checking Station on date of kill. Please specify that the game was taken on the refuge. All deer harvested on the refuges must be counted toward the Unit A bag limit.

 $Nontoxic\ shot$

All hunters using shotguns for hunting small game, opossum, raccoon and migratory game birds on Chickasaw NWR must use and possess ammunition containing nontoxic shot only.