

General Provisions

Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations. Carefully managed hunts maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome recreational opportunities and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. State bag limits, arms and ammunition and other applicable state regulations apply.

General Hunt Regulations

Public hunting on Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge is currently permitted on approximately 7,000 acres. All refuge property is clearly marked on the outside boundary with yellow paint hash marks and boundary signs. Some landowners adjacent to the refuge may mark their boundary with blue paint hash marks and no trespassing signs.

To report any violation contact 1-800-874-7217 and leave a detailed message and telephone number.

Clarks River Refuge is a day use area with the exception of raccoon hunting.

Hunters under age 16 must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older; and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. On small game hunts the adult may supervise no more than two youths, on big game hunts no more than one youth.

Hunter orange must be worn as required by state regulations.

Caution: other non-hunting members of the public may be in the areas and not wearing hunter orange during hunting seasons.

It is unlawful to erect a permanent tree stand or hunt from any existing permanent tree stand. If a permanent tree stand is located on refuge property please notify the refuge office of its location. To contact the Refuge office call 270/ 527-5770.

Climbing and lock-on tree stands are permitted. Tree stands must be removed from trees when not in use. Tree stands left attached and unattended will be confiscated.

It is unlawful to damage a tree or to hunt from a tree in which a metal object has been inserted (regardless of who inserted it).

Safety belts are required at all times with the use of tree stands.

Dogs may be used on rabbit, raccoon, quail, waterfowl, squirrel and opossum hunts.

Hunting of deer or any other wildlife by the aid of or distributing any feed, salt or other minerals is prohibited.

No unauthorized person shall use or direct the rays of a spotlight or other artificial light, or automotive headlights for the purpose of spotting locating or taking any animal within the boundaries of the refuge or along right-of-way for public or private roads within the refuge.

It is unlawful to participate in the rallying or driving of deer or to take any deer being rallied by other hunters.

Small game hunts are limited to shotguns no larger than 10 gauge. All shotgun ammunition must meet legal shot size requirements for each species being hunted. The use of rifles and pistols on small game is limited to rimfire only.

Target practice is prohibited on refuge property.

Firearms must be unloaded and encased or dismantled before being transported in a vehicle or boat within the boundaries of the refuge or along right-of-way for public or private roads within the refuge.

Mules and horses are prohibited on all refuge hunts although recreational horseback riding is permitted on refuge property.

Licensed vehicles and bicycles are permitted on open graveled roadways only.

Vehicles blocking refuge gates will be towed.

The use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) are prohibited on all refuge property. Persons who are paraplegic may contact the Refuge office for a special ATV use permit at: 270/ 527-5770.

The possession or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances while hunting is prohibited.

No overnight camping is allowed.

Fires are prohibited on refuge property.

Firearms are prohibited except during refuge hunts.

All deer killed must be reported to the refuge office within 24 hours. To contact the Refuge office call 270/ 527-5770.

In accepting this brochure, the hunter concedes the right of inspection of game bag, hunting coat, etc., as provided by state law, to the Refuge Officers.

Specific Hunt Regulations

Regular statewide seasons apply for all species except for the following:

Quail season:

Opens	Closed after
Nov. 13, 2000	Nov. 27, 2000
Dec. 23, 2000	Jan. 1, 2001

Waterfowl:

Open according to statewide seasons. All waterfowl hunting will cease at 2:00 pm each day of open season.

Millions of people visit national wildlife refuges each year. The impact of human activity, if not regulated, can degrade these wildlands. Signs control recreational activities while protecting natural resources on the refuge. Please respect the following signs.

This sign and yellow paint clearly marks all refuge property. It is your responsibility to know where the property lines are and hunt within the boundaries.

This area is closed to all entry. No hunting or sight-seeing is permitted. No roads or trails beyond this sign are open to the public.

Please respect the following signs

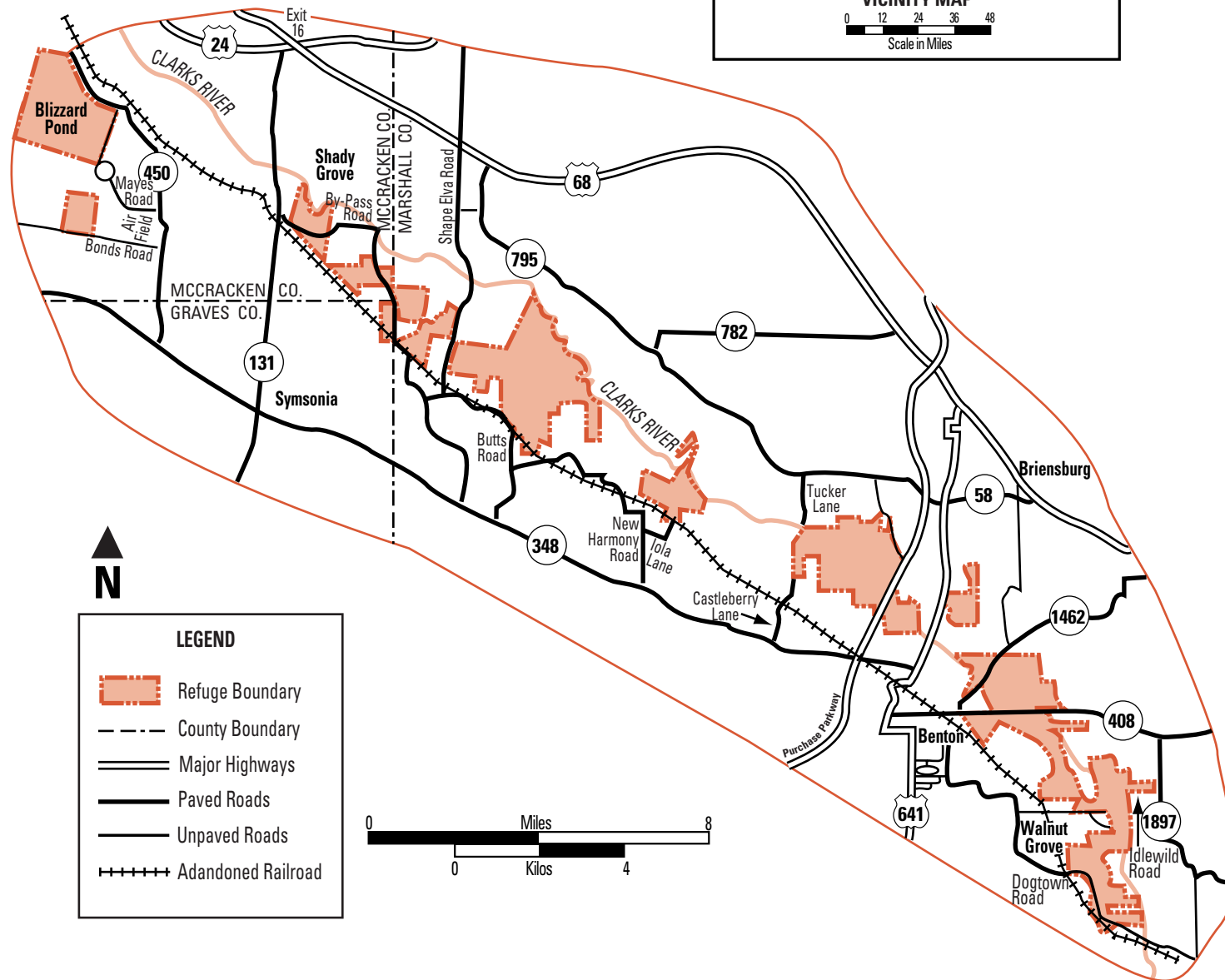
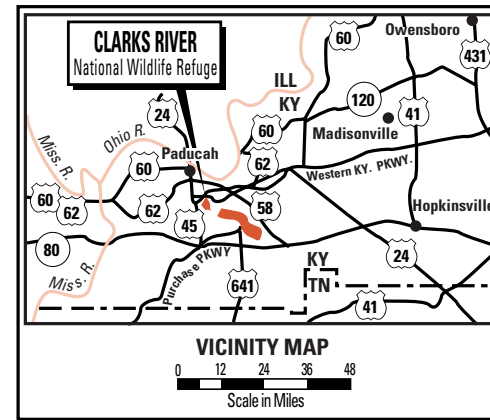


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Keep this signed brochure or signed hunt permit card with you while hunting on refuge property. This brochure does not authorize you to hunt on private land adjacent to refuge property.

When signed and in your possession, this portion of the brochure will serve as your permit, and an indication that you have read, fully understand and will comply with the special regulations of the permit.

Signature

(Valid only when signed)