

The Refuge

The 8,862-acre Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1962, is located along the rolling hills, high rocky bluffs and fertile bottomlands adjacent to the Cumberland River in the northwest part of middle Tennessee in Stewart County. Rich bottomlands, hardwood forests, croplands, brushy fields and open water provide an ideal setting for a wide diversity of wildlife.

Public hunting is permitted on approximately 2,670 acres during specific refuge seasons. To ensure hunter safety and continued sport hunting on Cross Creeks, please take the time to become familiar with the regulations in this leaflet.

For more information, contact Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge at (931) 232-7477 or come by the refuge office located three miles east of Dover off Highway 49.

General Regulations

The following regulations apply to all refuge hunts. Sportsmen are also encouraged to consult the Tennessee hunting pamphlets for State regulations before hunting on the refuge. All hunting will be in accordance with State and Federal laws.

Hunt permits may be voided at any time if rules and regulations are not properly followed. All permittees must produce proper licenses and personal identification upon request.

Permits

The permit on the front of this brochure serves as your season permit for all refuge hunts and is valid when signed. This permit is required by all hunters participating in refuge hunts.

Hunt Area

Hunting is permitted within the shaded area as indicated on the map in this brochure. The entry points of the hunt area

are marked on the ground with public hunting signs. It is the responsibility of the hunter to remain within the refuge hunt area as shown on the map and as marked on the ground by hunt area signs, refuge boundary signs and yellow boundary paint. Hunting elsewhere on the refuge is prohibited.

Disabled Hunters

Contact the refuge office for information.

Youth Hunters

All hunters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older, who must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the person supervised. For small game hunts, the adults may supervise no more than 2 youths. For big game hunts, the adults may supervise no more than one youth. All hunters born after January 1, 1969, must have completed a hunter safety course as demonstrated by card or certificate.

Licenses

Appropriate Tennessee hunting licenses are required.

Camping/Fires

These activities are not permitted on the refuge.

Vehicles

All vehicles must remain on maintained roads and parked so as not to interfere with other traffic. Vehicle travel around or through a closed gate is prohibited. Off-road vehicles are not permitted on the refuge.

Big Game Deer Hunting (Archery)

Archery hunting of deer on Cross Creeks is permitted according to State regulations, September 25—October 31, 1999. (Check State

regulations for any bag limit changes.) Deer taken on the refuge count as WMA deer.

Required (See General Regulations). It is unlawful to drive deer or to hunt deer from a tree in which a nail, spike or other metal object has been driven.

Turkey Hunting

Turkey hunting on Cross Creeks is permitted according to state regulations. The bag limit is one bearded turkey. Season is same as state season. Required (see General Regulations).

Small Game Squirrel Hunting

The hunting of squirrels is permitted according to State regulations August 28-October 31, 1999. Bag limit is 10 per day. (Check State regulations for any bag limit changes.)

Required (see General Regulations). The use of dogs is permitted.

Safety

Deer and squirrel hunters are encouraged to wear a fluorescent orange outer garment while hunting.

Hunters are cautioned to identify their targets before shooting. In addition to other hunters, non-hunting visitors are present on the refuge throughout the year and may be in the woods at any time. Careful adherence to these regulations and due respect for others will help assure the future of hunting.

Protect Visitors and Resources

Human impact upon refuge lands must be regulated in part to ensure protection of wildlands and wildlife and to provide quality public use opportunities for all visitors.

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Our national emblem, the endangered bald eagle, began nesting in this area in 1983 after a 22-year absence from Tennessee. Please learn to identify both adult and immature eagles and do your part to protect them.

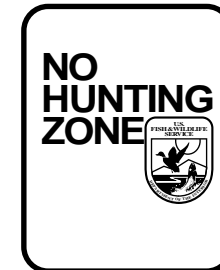
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the following signs*



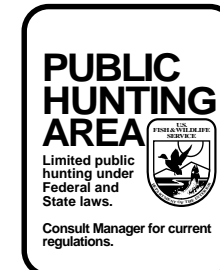
Enter the area **only on designated access routes during open season**. Consult refuge office for use regulations.



This area is **closed to all** public entry.



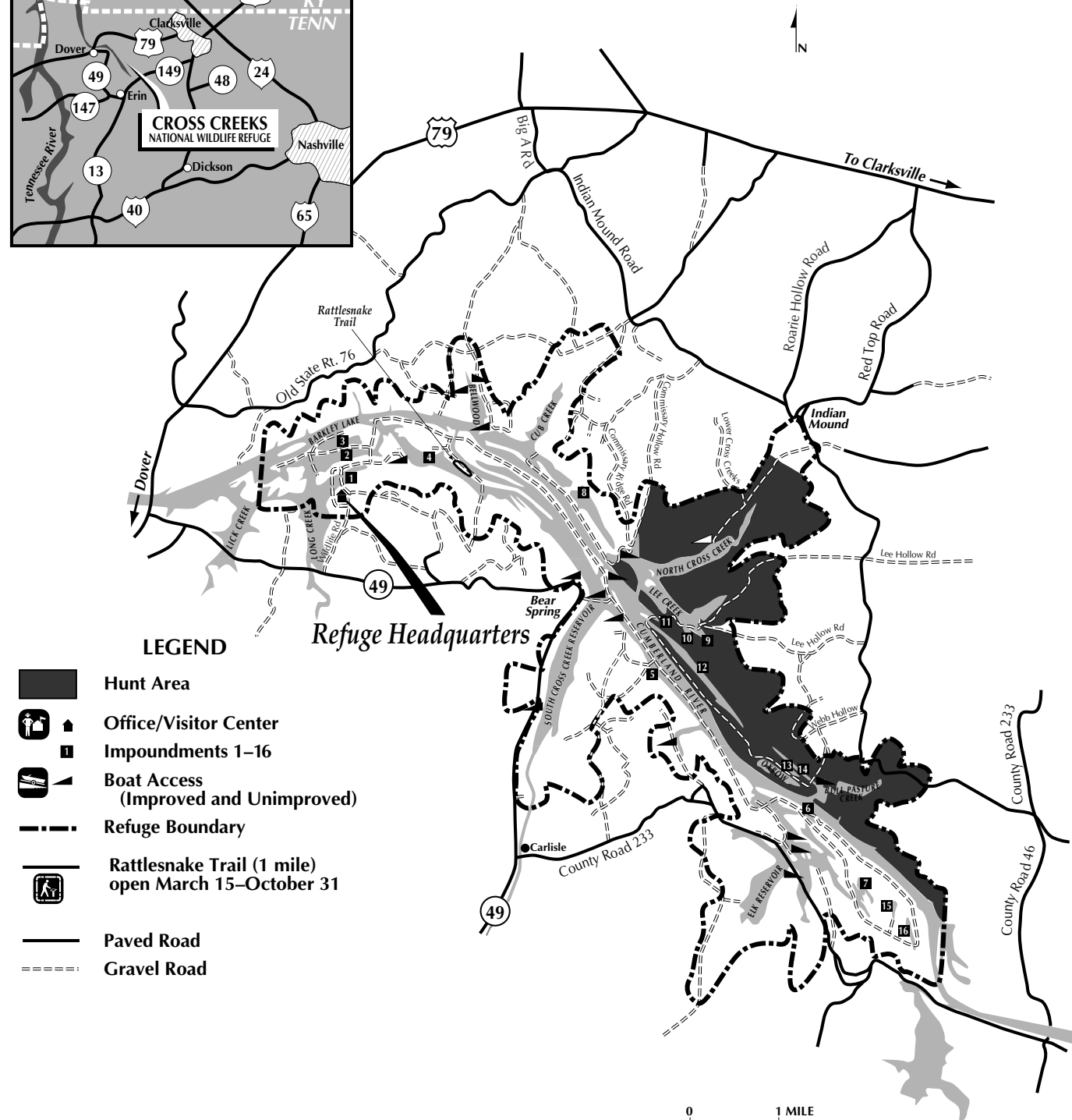
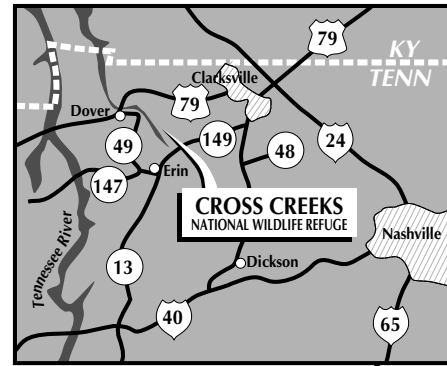
The area beyond this sign is **closed to public hunting**. Guns must be unloaded and encased or dismantled.



This area beyond this sign is **open to public hunting** according to refuge regulations.

Cross Creeks

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 1999-2000



LEGEND

- Hunt Area
- Office/Visitor Center
- Impoundments 1-16
- Boat Access (Improved and Unimproved)
- Refuge Boundary
- Rattlesnake Trail (1 mile) open March 15–October 31
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road

Cross Creeks
National Wildlife Refuge
643 Wildlife Road
Dover, Tennessee 37058
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<http://www.fws.gov/~r4eao>
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
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1999-2000 Season Hunt Permit

I certify that I have read, understand and will abide by all regulations within this brochure as well as all applicable Federal and State regulations.

Hunter's Signature