

Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. The primary goal 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 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. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations, except where otherwise stated.

*General Hunt Regulations*

Public hunting on Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on about 42,000 acres. Certain areas (as shown on the reverse map) are closed to hunting. Such areas are conspicuously marked with “No Hunting” or “Closed” signs.

**Any person violating any refuge regulation may be required by the Refuge Manager to forfeit the privilege of hunting on the refuge for the remainder of the hunting season and may be ineligible to apply for permits the following year.**

GTR 1 will be closed to all types of hunting, except waterfowl hunting, on each Saturday morning of the state waterfowl season. At times other than these Saturdays mornings, it will be open to all other types of hunting permitted on the refuge.

GTR's 1, 2 and 4 are steel shot zones. Shotgun hunters in these zones must use and possess only approved non-toxic shot for small game hunts.

During all deer gun hunts, all hunters and scouts (including small game hunters, excepting waterfowl hunters) must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange-colored material above the waistline at all times, even while in a tree stand.

The use or possession of alcohol while hunting is prohibited.

No person may capture, kill or destroy any game bird, game mammal or game fish and remove the head, claws, teeth, hide, antlers or any or all of such parts from the body with the intent to abandon the body.

The use of artificial light, including headlights, to spot or locate any animal, except authorized nighttime hunting of raccoons and opossums, is strictly prohibited.

**All firearms transported on roads within the refuge boundary must be unloaded and either dismantled or cased.**

Target shooting and camping are not permitted on the refuge.

Motor vehicles are allowed on all roads shown on the map on the reverse side unless the road is closed by sign or gate. Vehicles must be parked adjacent to these roadways, and may not block gates.

Beaver and coyote may be taken during any refuge hunt, and feral hogs may be taken by any refuge deer hunter with weapons legal for that hunt.

**PERMITS**

A \$12.50 permit is required for all deer hunting (except during Youth Deer Hunt — see below) on Noxubee Refuge. These permits will be issued beginning September 1, 1999. The permit will allow a hunter to harvest two legal bucks and two antlerless deer during the 1999-2000 season. State law defines a legal buck as having “...antlers of four (4) points or greater...”

Permits may be purchased by mail or in person at the refuge office. Applications must include the following:

Hunter's full name and residence address (including zip code)

Valid 2000 Mississippi hunting license number

*Youth Deer Hunt Permit (no fee)*

\$12.50 permit fee (Certified check or money order; made out to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, is acceptable method of payment when applying by mail. Cash will be accepted when applying in person at the refuge office. **No personal checks will be accepted.**)

Incomplete or illegible applications will be rejected. Only one application per hunter:

Applications accepted October 1–November 14. Youth (ages 10–15) /adult (age 21 or over) combinations must apply. One adult required for each youth. Both adult and youth must be together at all times on the refuge (in sight). Permit application should include name, address and age of the youth and the name of the adult. No limit on number of permits to be issued. **The dates for this year's Youth Hunt will be November 13 & 14.**

*Waterfowl Permit*

Waterfowl hunt permits (\$12.50 each) will allow the permit holder and up to two companions to hunt from a refuge blind until 12 noon on the specified hunt day. Applications, accepted from October 1-31 only, shall include name, address, current hunting license number, and three hunt dates in order of preference. Each application shall be accompanied by a \$12.50 money order made out to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. On the first Monday in November, a drawing will be held, and successful applicants will be notified as to the date(s) they have been chosen to hunt. A permit is required for each day selected, so if selected for more than one day, the selectee will be notified for additional payment. Unsuccessful application deposits will be returned.

*Youth Waterfowl Hunt Permit*

A youth waterfowl workshop and hunt will be held in conjunction with Mississippi State University. Sixty youth hunters, ages 10-17, will be allowed this unique opportunity. Once selected, participants will attend a classroom session on Saturday, October 30, 1999. After completion of the classroom session, special hunts will be held the first two weekends of waterfowl season. Contact Extension Wildlife Specialist, Dept.

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of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 9690, Mississippi State, MS 39762, after September 1, 1999, for further information about this hunt. A small fee is required. **First time applicants will receive preference.**

**SPECIFIC REFUGE REGULATIONS**

All deer must be tagged (with the tags punched) before they are moved, and checked at the refuge check station before leaving the refuge. When tag is removed from permit, it must immediately be used on a deer. Unattached tags are void unless used and are subject to confiscation. Permits must be carried at all times while hunting.

Portable stands only may be placed on the refuge from September 1–January 15. It is unlawful to drive a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or to hunt from any tree in which such an object has been driven.

Special deer hunting blinds for persons who require the use of a wheelchair will be available by permit. Contact refuge office for information.

*Archery*

October 1- November 12. (Fee permit required.) The use or possession of any drugged arrow is prohibited.

*Youth Hunt*

November 13-14. (No-cost permit required.) Youth (ages 10-15) and adults (age 21 or older) make up a hunting party. Only the youth may handle, carry, transport or discharge firearms. Each youth may harvest only one either-sex deer, which will not count against their refuge season bag limit.

*Gun*

November 20-December 1, and December 26-January 1. (Fee permit required.) **Note: First season same as State season.**

*Primitive Weapon*

December 2–15. (Fee permit required.)

*Waterfowl*

(Fee permit required.) Until 12 noon on each Saturday of State waterfowl hunt season, excluding the first two Saturdays which are reserved for youth waterfowl hunts.

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## National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 1999-2000



*Turkey*  
Gobblers Only — March 18–May 1.  
(No-cost permit required.)  
All turkeys must be checked in at the  
refuge headquarters check station the  
day killed and before the hunter  
leaves the refuge.

*Small Game*  
(No-cost permit required.) Weapons  
for small game are restricted to  
shotguns with shot size no larger than  
No.4 or rifles no larger than .22  
standard caliber (.22 magnums not  
allowed). State bag limits apply.

*Squirrel Hunt*  
October 17–February 28. Dogs  
allowed beginning January 2.

*Rabbit Hunt*  
October 17–February 28. Dogs  
allowed beginning January 2.

*Quail Hunt*  
November 26–March 6.  
Dogs allowed.

*Woodcock Hunt*  
State season.

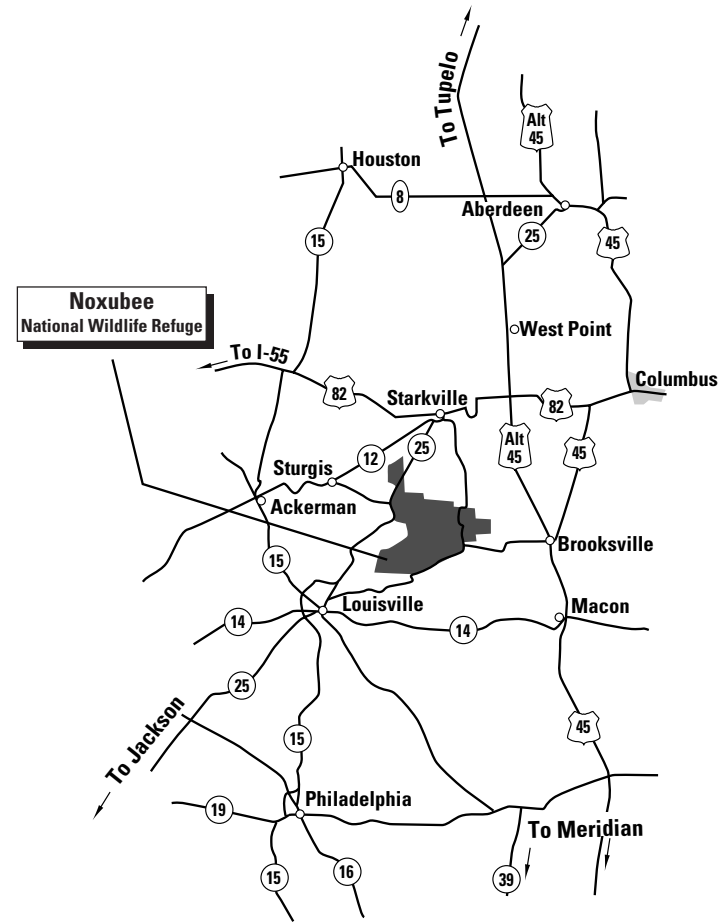
*Raccoon Hunt*  
October 2–February 28.  
Dogs required.



This area is closed to **all** hunting.  
Firearms and archery equipment are  
strictly prohibited. (See map.)



GTR's #1, 2 and #4 have been  
designated as Steel Shot Zones to  
protect waterfowl feeding in these  
areas. All hunters using shotguns in  
these zones may use and possess **only**  
approved non-toxic shot shells. (See  
map.)



**Signs protect visitors and resources**  
This sign delineates the refuge  
boundary. Entry is permitted only  
for authorized uses (hunting,  
fishing, sightseeing, etc.) in  
accordance with refuge regulations.



This area is closed to **all** entry. No  
hunting, fishing or sightseeing is  
permitted. No roads or trails are  
open to the public (See map.)



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Signature on this brochure is required to validate it  
as a permit to hunt all small game and turkey. By  
signing, permittees agree that they have read and  
understand all regulations contained within. Hunters  
are required to keep their signed permit in  
possession at all times while hunting.

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