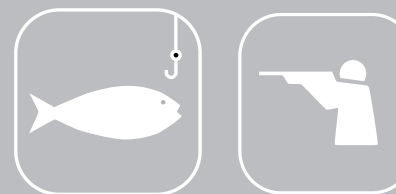


Reelfoot and Lake Isom

National Wildlife Refuges Public Use Regulations 2000-2001



Hunt Permit

The signing of this leaflet validates it as your general refuge hunting permit and must be in your possession while participating in authorized refuge hunts. Quota hunt permits are issued separately.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Hunter's Signature

Send applications to: Refuge Manager,
Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge

Specific Fishing Regulations

Fishing is seasonally permitted from sunrise to sunset (Central time) on the waters of Reelfoot and Lake Isom NWR's (see maps for specific locations and dates of closures). Frogging and Commercial turtleing are prohibited. Visitors must comply with all applicable state fishing and boating regulations.

Only boats with motors of 10 hp. or less are permitted at Lake Isom.

Fishing with bow and arrow is not permitted at Lake Isom.

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording of the sign applies to the area behind the sign. Please respect the following signs:

Refuge Boundary

Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations.

Closed Area

All entry prohibited.

No Hunting Zone

Hunting, weapons, or game retrieval prohibited.

No Vehicles

All vehicle traffic prohibited.

Signs and Boundries



For inquiries about refuge programs and activities contact the refuge manager at:
Reelfoot and Lake Isom
National Wildlife Refuges
4343 Highway 157
Union City, TN 38261
Phone: 901/538 2481

How to obtain a Reelfoot Refuge deer or turkey quota permit

To apply for a permit, submit a stamped, self-addressed U.S. Postal Service post card to the Refuge Manager at the address given above. Applications for deer permits must be postmarked during July and turkey permit applications postmarked during February. Applicants will be notified of the drawing results.

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

Juveniles - Both the juvenile and his/her supervising adult must apply together on the same post card in order 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 deer and 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 defraying the cost of administering the refuge hunts while the remainder is deposited into the Migratory Bird Conservation fund.

Applicants must specify on the post card their choice of hunting area; Long Point or Grassy Island. Hunters chosen for Grassy Island must meet the license requirements for Tennessee while hunters at Long Point must meet the license requirements for Tennessee or Kentucky.

Waterfowl Hunting is prohibited on Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges.

Reelfoot and Lake Isom

Season: August 19-September 28 and October 14-29

Bag limit: same as State

Reelfoot and Lake Isom

Season: October 13-28

Hunting hours: 7:00 pm-12:00 midnight

Bag limit: no limit

Raccoon hunters must check-out and present all bagged raccoons for inspection and tagging at refuge check station.

Reelfoot and Lake Isom

Season:September 23-November 3 and November 6-12

Bag limit: all deer count as bonus deer 4 deer (only 2 may be antlered)

Permits: Kentucky archery hunters must receive bonus kill tags at refuge office during normal business hours (8:00am-4:30 pm)

Reelfoot Only

Season:November 4-5

Bag Limit: All deer count as bonus deer

2 deer (only one may be antlered)

Permits: Quota permits limited to 150 (75 per hunt unit). See quota hunt application procedures. (Hunters must check all harvested deer at the refuge check stations during the gun hunt only.)

Reelfoot NWR Only

Season:Same as Reelfoot Wildlife Management Area

Bag Limit: One (1) bearded turkey counted as a bonus turkey

Permits: Quota permits limited to 50 (25 per unit). See quota hunt application procedures.

Squirrel

Raccoon

Archery Deer

Quota Gun Deer

Quota Wild Turkey

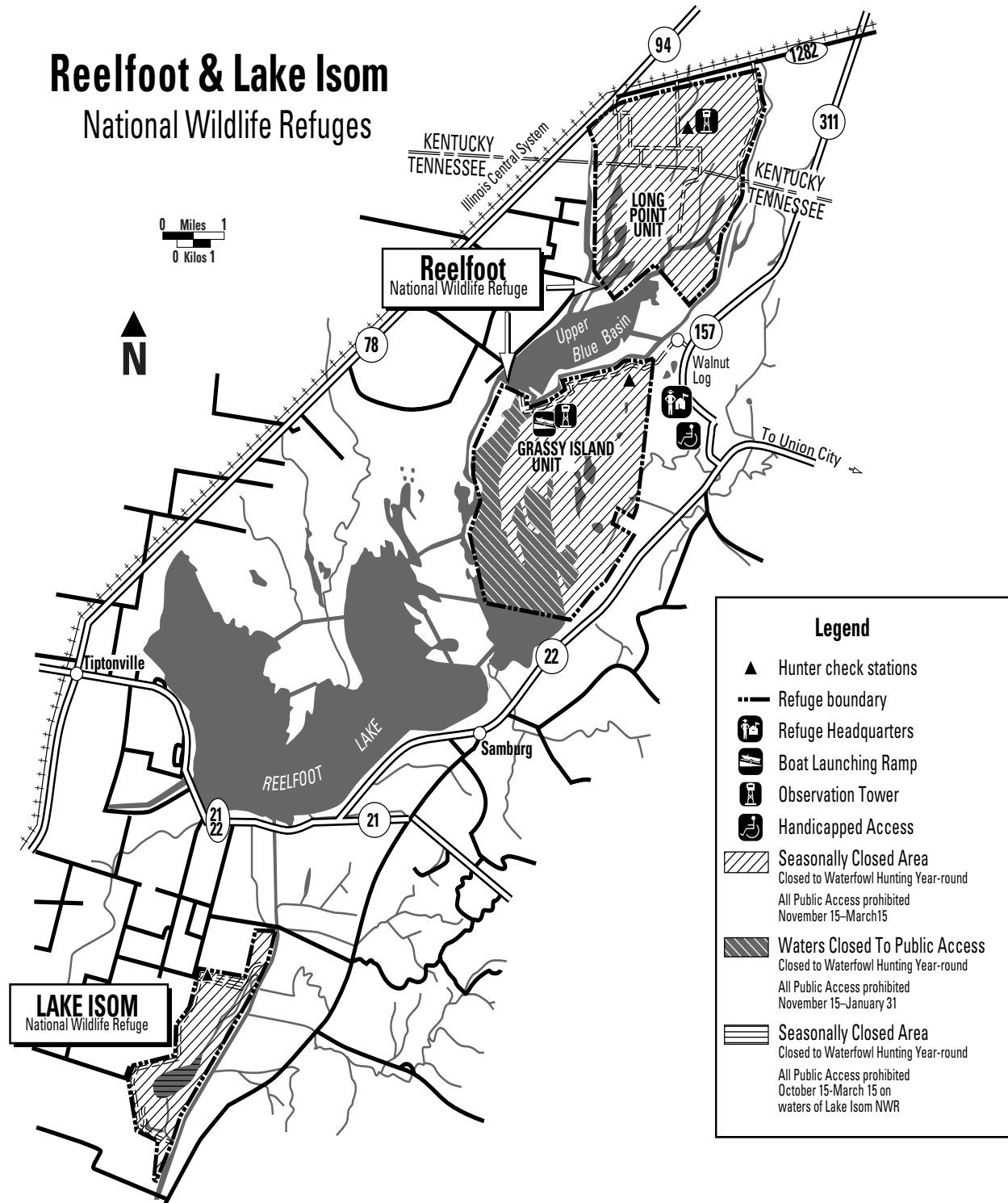
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Reelfoot & Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges



Legend	
	Hunter check stations
	Refuge boundary
	Refuge Headquarters
	Boat Launching Ramp
	Observation Tower
	Handicapped Access
	Seasonally Closed Area Closed to Waterfowl Hunting Year-round All Public Access prohibited November 15-March 15
	Waters Closed To Public Access Closed to Waterfowl Hunting Year-round All Public Access prohibited November 15-January 31
	Seasonally Closed Area Closed to Waterfowl Hunting Year-round All Public Access prohibited October 15-March 15 on waters of Lake Isom NWR

Reelfoot & Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges

Reelfoot and Lake Isom refuges make up an important part of our National Wildlife Refuge System. These areas were 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 and fishing will be in accordance with applicable state laws unless otherwise listed.

General Provisions and Access Regulations

By law, public use activities on National Wildlife Refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other public uses are permitted on most areas of Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges. Contact the Refuge Manager for current regulations and authorized activities.

Access

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. Airboats, jet skies, and hovercraft are prohibited.

Vehicles

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

The Grassy Island Auto Tour is open to the public year-round. However, 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

Camping and fires are prohibited on Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges. Please remove personal litter from the refuge.

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 States of Tennessee or Kentucky.

Dogs

Dogs are permitted for raccoon hunting. All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

Horses

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

Refuge/ Cultural Resources

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

Marking any tree, or other refuge feature, with flagging, reflectors, paint or other substance is strictly prohibited. Such unauthorized marking of trees conflicts with similar markings done by refuge personnel during forest management activities.

Hunter Education

As required by state law, a hunter must possess proof that he/she has successfully completed a hunter education course. All hunters are encouraged to complete a hunter education course.

Youth Supervision

Youths 16 years old or younger hunting in Tennessee must be directly supervised by an adult at least 21 years of age. Youths under 18 years of age hunting in Kentucky must be directly supervised by an 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 big game (deer, turkey) harvested on the refuge must be counted as WMA animals.