

*Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge
General Provisions*

Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a National Wildlife Refuge system is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one method used to manage wildlife populations. Carefully managed hunting helps maintain wildlife populations at levels compatible with their habitat, provides wholesome recreational opportunities, and permits the use of a valuable renewable resource.

Accessibility

Those requiring special assistance to participate in all refuge activities are encouraged to contact the refuge manager.

A person with a disability, may be given permission to use a vehicle to gain access to areas normally closed to this use.

General Hunting Regulations

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50, "Code of Federal Regulations":

All U.S. Coast Guard and State boating regulations will be enforced.

Only designated game species may be taken; all other wildlife may not be molested in any manner.

No cutting of trees and no fires or camping are permitted on the refuge.

Camping facilities are available at Corps of Engineer's Lenoir Landing, or Hwy. #84 Service Area.

Boats may not be left on the refuge overnight.

Hunting will be in accordance with State regulations subject to this permits special conditions

Driving directions

General Hunting Regulations

One permit good for all 1999 - 2000 Choctaw NWR Hunts for entire season as listed herein.

From Coffeerville, Alabama take Highway 84 across Tombigbee River going West. Take County Road 21 to Barrytown. Turn right on County Road 14 to refuge road. Watch for refuge signs from Highway 84 on to the refuge.

Permits are required for all hunts and for all hunters regardless of age.

Youth hunters, anyone under the age of 16, must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with that adult.

This regulation sheet must be signed and carried on each person while hunting to serve as a permit.

Permits are non-transferable and must accompany proper state hunting license.

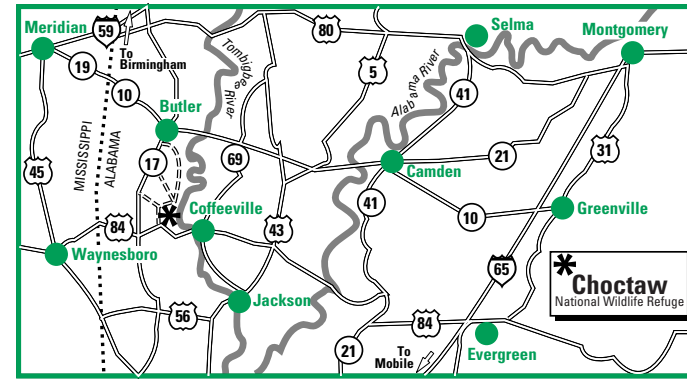
Hunters who fail to abide by all applicable regulations will also be considered to be hunting without permission.

Last day 1999 hunting permitted is November 30. Refuge becomes yearly waterfowl sanctuary December 1 - March 1.

Only permitted firearms are allowed during refuge small game hunting seasons. No loaded weapons are allowed in land vehicles and weapons must be unloaded, and disassembled or cased, while boats are in motion.

Possession of toxic shot (ie. lead, copper coated), shotgun shells or shot sizes not permitted is prohibited.

Hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven or



screwed to support a hunter and all permanent stands are prohibited.

Cutting or trimming branches or brush for clear shooting lanes is prohibited.

Possession or use of any drug for hunting is prohibited.

The middle section of the refuge is accessible only by boat from the waters of Okatuppa Creek, Turkey Creek, or the Tombigbee River.

Hunting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Hunting will not be permitted within 100 yards of either the fenced-in Refuge Work Center Area or the Refuge Boat Ramp.

Tree stand users are required to use a safety belt or harness when climbing.

Flagging tape and reflective tacks are not allowed.

All hunters harvesting refuge wildlife must record harvest data at one of the checkout stations before leaving the refuge.

Check-out stations and scales are available at the following boat ramps:

Bobby's Fish Camp (HWY #84)

Refuge Work Center (Womack Hill)

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Choctaw NWR 1999-2000 Hunts

Big game, by bow and arrow, spear
White-tailed deer and feral hogs
Open day of State season (Oct. 15 through Nov. 30, 1999.

Bow and arrow and hand thrown spears (state regulations), stalk hunting only (no dogs) **Hunters are required to extract, clean, tag, and deposit deer jaw bone at checkout station before leaving the refuge.**

Small game by bow and arrow
Rabbits, squirrels, raccoon, opossum, nutria, and coyote
Oct.15 through Nov. 30, 1999.
Bow and arrows (state regulations) Dogs are not permitted in the Middle Swamp, between Turkey and Okatuppa Creeks for either archery or gun small game hunting (see map)

Small game - Gun (Daytime Hunting Only)

Squirrels and rabbits, raccoon and opossum, nutria and coyote
Nov. 13 through Nov. 30, 1999
Shotguns and non-toxic shot (No. 4 shot or smaller) Only - State regs.

Small Game - Gun (Nighttime Hunting Only)

Raccoon and Opossum
Feb. 12 through Feb. 29, 2000
Shotguns with non-toxic (No. 6 shot or smaller) or 22 Caliber rimfire rifles (State Regulations)
No hunting or running of dogs before sunset, or after 3:00 am

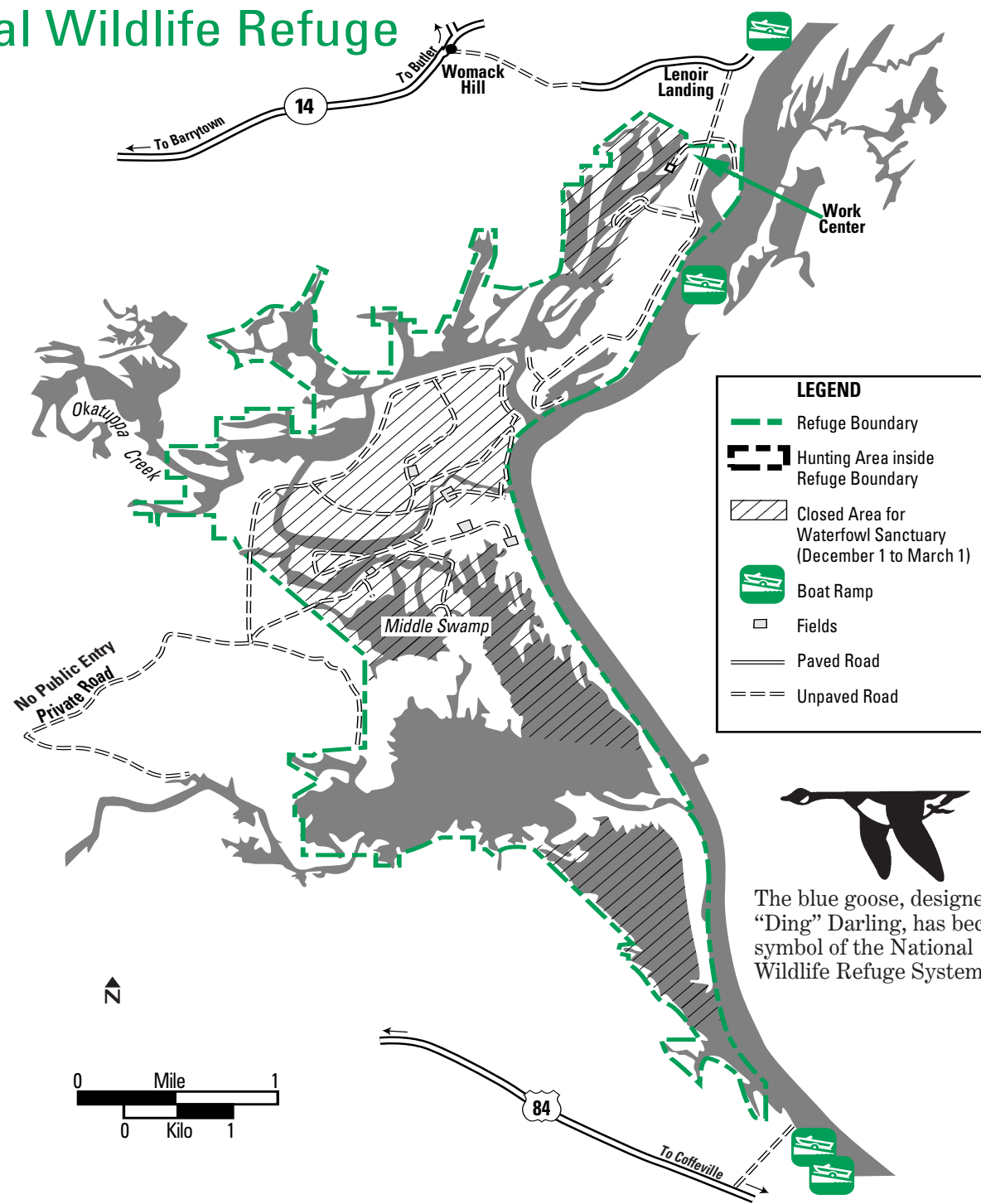
Big game - Archery and spear
Feral swine (wildhogs) only
March 11 through March 27, 2000

Bow and arrow or hand thrown spear

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 The blue goose, designed by "Ding" Darling, has become a symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge Hunt Permit 1999-2000

Name _____

Address _____

I have read the regulations governing hunting and will abide by them.

Signature of Hunter _____ Date _____

Name of other people hunting in same party for raccoons:

This permit is valid only when signed by the hunter listed above for the current season.