

FELSENTHAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



1989 - 90 HUNTING and FISHING REGULATIONS

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Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge
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SIGNS PROTECT VISITORS AND RESOURCES

Millions of people visit National Wildlife Refuges every year. Millions! In order to both protect wildlands and wildlife and provide visitors with an enjoyable experience on refuges, certain regulations are necessary. Please respect the following signs and help us take care of your refuge.



This sign delineates the refuge boundary. You may enter the area only on designated access routes.



This area closed at ALL public entry.



All hunting and possession of a loaded firearm prohibited beyond this sign.



Entrance to primitive camping area. Camping permitted only in conjunction with on-refuge wildlife oriented activities and in designated areas.



Road open to vehicles. All roads closed unless signed as open.



This sign is used to designate all-terrain vehicle trails for high flotation vehicles with a maximum tire pressure of 5 p.s.i.

THE REFUGE

Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1975, is located in the Felsenthal Basin of south central Arkansas. This extensive and natural depression is crisscrossed by an intricate system of sloughs, bayous and lakes which comprise the majority of Felsenthal's 65,000 acres. These wetland areas in combination with the expansive bottomland hardwood forests and pine forests of the higher ridges support a wide diversity of wildlife.

Public hunting and fishing is permitted on approximately 64,000 acres during specific times of the year. To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting Felsenthal, please take the time to become familiar with the following regulations.

GENERAL REFUGE REGULATIONS

Hunting and fishing regulations are designed to protect the sportsman and wildlife populations. All hunting and fishing will be in accordance with State and Federal regulations. Sportsmen should consult the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission regulations. Special refuge regulations also apply. Only those species listed in this brochure may be taken. All other wildlife is protected. Refuge hunts may be closed due to flooding.

Permits - PERMITS REQUIRED FOR ALL REFUGE HUNTS. The general hunt permit attached to this brochure is required for all hunting. The permit must be carried on the hunter's person and is not valid until signed. In addition, all gun deer hunts require a quota hunt permit.

To apply for a quota deer hunt permit, a special application form, available at the refuge office, must be used. Completed applications must be received at the refuge office or be postmarked by 3:30 pm, September 1, 1989 to be considered. Permit applications will be given out on a first-come, first served basis until the supply is exhausted.

Permits are not required for sport fishing, frogging or taking of turtle and crawfish for personal use. Special permits for furbearer trapping and commercial fishing are available at the refuge headquarters for a \$25.00 fee.

Waterfowl Sanctuary - Closed to all public entry during waterfowl hunting season with the exception of the main channel of the Ouachita River and the borrow pits along U.S. Highway 82, which are open for navigation and fishing (see map).

Closed Areas and No Hunting Zones - Areas posted with "Area Closed" signs are closed to all public entry. Areas posted with "No Hunting Zone" signs are closed to all hunting and possession of a loaded firearm is prohibited (see map).

Firearms - Permitted only during refuge gun hunting seasons. Firearms in campgrounds and being carried in any vehicle (including all-terrain vehicle) or boat under power must be unloaded and encased or dismantled. Target practice is prohibited. Firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, slugs and buckshot are permitted only during refuge deer gun seasons.

Ammunition - Use or possession of shot shells containing lead shot is permitted only while hunting in upland habitat. Upland habitat is defined as any land area consisting primarily of pine timber or open fields and not subject to flooding (see map). Hunting deer with legal ammunition and hunting small game, furbearers or feral hogs with .22 caliber rimfire ammunition is permitted in open areas refugewide.

Motorized Vehicles - All motor vehicles (except certain types of all-terrain vehicles described below) are restricted to roads and campgrounds designated by signing and indicated on the refuge map. ALL ROADS ARE CLOSED UNLESS SIGNED AS OPEN. Standard manufacturer's high flotation all-terrain vehicles or ATV's (such as 3-wheelers, 4-wheelers and "Hustlers") with a maximum tire pressure of 5 p.s.i. are permitted on trails designated by ATV signs and marked with yellow or blue paint. Blue painted trails are open year-round for access to remote fishing areas. Yellow painted trails are open only from October 1 - January 31 during refuge hunting and trapping seasons. ATV's are allowed only to reach areas open to hunting, fishing and trapping. ATV's are not allowed on any improved or gravel road open to conventional vehicles.

Camping - Camping (including overnight houseboat use) is permitted only in designated primitive camping areas and in conjunction with on-refuge wildlife-oriented activities (see map). Camping area entrances are marked by signing and boundaries are marked with

orange paint. Campers may stay no more than fourteen days during any 30 consecutive-day period in any campground. Camps must be occupied daily and disturbances, including the use of generators, is prohibited after 10pm. Camping on the refuge while hunting off the refuge is not permitted.

Fires - Permitted only in camping areas and must be attended. Only downed wood may be used for fires. CAUTION: During periods of high fire danger all fires may be prohibited.

Littering - Laws against littering are strictly enforced!

Animals/Pets - Dogs are permitted for hunting migratory birds, quail and raccoon during designated seasons only. Squirrel and rabbit hunting with dogs is permitted January 1-31. All other dogs and pets must be confined or on a leash.

Horse travel is permitted on designated roads and trails open for motor vehicle travel to reach areas open to hunting, fishing or trapping, except during the refuge deer gun hunts when all horse travel is prohibited.

Baiting - and hunting over bait is prohibited.

Hunting from Roads - and trails that are open to motorized vehicles (including ATV's) is prohibited.

Spotlighting - artificial light may not be used to locate wildlife.

Artifacts - No person shall search for or remove any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts.

Adult Supervision - All hunters under age 16 must be closely supervised (in sight and in normal voice contact) by an adult at least 21 years of age responsible for their conduct. An adult may supervise no more than one youth during big game hunts and no more than two youths during all other hunts.

WARNING - Beware of falling dead timber and floating debris!

Hunter Education - All hunters born on or after January 1, 1969, must have successfully completed an approved Hunter Education Course and have on their person valid proof thereof.

SPECIFIC HUNTING REGULATIONS

Migratory Game Bird

Duck and Coot - State seasons (except special teal season closed). Hunting ends at noon each day. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds, boats and decoys must be removed each day either to a designated area (consult refuge manager) or from the refuge. Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited.

Woodcock - State season through January 31, 1990 except closed during quota permit hunts.

Small Game and Furbearer

Small game hunting is prohibited during all deer gun and muzzleloader hunts. Use or possession of lead shot permitted only while hunting in upland habitat (see map).

Squirrel - October 7, 1989-January 31, 1990. Spring season closed. Dogs allowed January 1-31.

Rabbit - October 1, 1989 - January 31, 1990. Dogs allowed January 1-31.

Raccoon and Opossum - Sunset, December 1 - sunrise, December 31, 1989 with dogs during the hours of darkness only. Bag limit is three raccoons per hunter per night. Both species may also be taken during daylight hours without the aid of dogs through January 31, 1990.

Quail - November 18, 1989-January 31, 1990.

Beaver, Nutria, Coyote and Feral Hog - May be taken without the aid of dogs during any daytime refuge hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. Possession of a hog and dog together prohibited. No bag limits.

Big Game

Only portable stands may be used. Stands may be erected two days before each hunt and must be removed within two days after each hunt. Dogs, crossbows and linear bows are prohibited except as provided below. State bag limits apply.

It is unlawful to drive or screw a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or to hunt from any tree in which such an object has been driven.

Deer (Archery) - October 1, 1989-January 31, 1990 except closed during quota deer hunts. Either sex. Crossbows and linear bows prohibited.

Deer (Muzzleloader) - October 27-28, 1989. Either sex. Quota permit required. Archery and crossbows permitted. Deer must be checked at refuge check station on same day killed.

Deer (Gun) - November 10-11 and November 24-25, 1989. Either sex. Quota permit required. Archery, crossbows and muzzleloaders permitted. Deer must be checked at refuge check station on same day killed.

Possession of any deer or firearms (other than for migratory game bird hunting) on the refuge during a quota deer hunt is illegal without a valid quota deer hunt permit.

SPORT FISHING AND FROGGING REGULATIONS

Sport fishing, frogging and taking of turtles and crawfish permitted in all refuge waters in accordance with State regulations. Fishing, frogging and taking of turtles and crawfish within the waterfowl sanctuary during the waterfowl hunting season is restricted to the main channel of the Ouachita River and borrow pits along U.S. Highway 82. Trotlines must be secured with cotton line which extends into the water.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

For more copies of this leaflet or other specific information write or call the address below. Leaflets are available at refuge headquarters.

Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 1157, Crossett, Arkansas 71635.

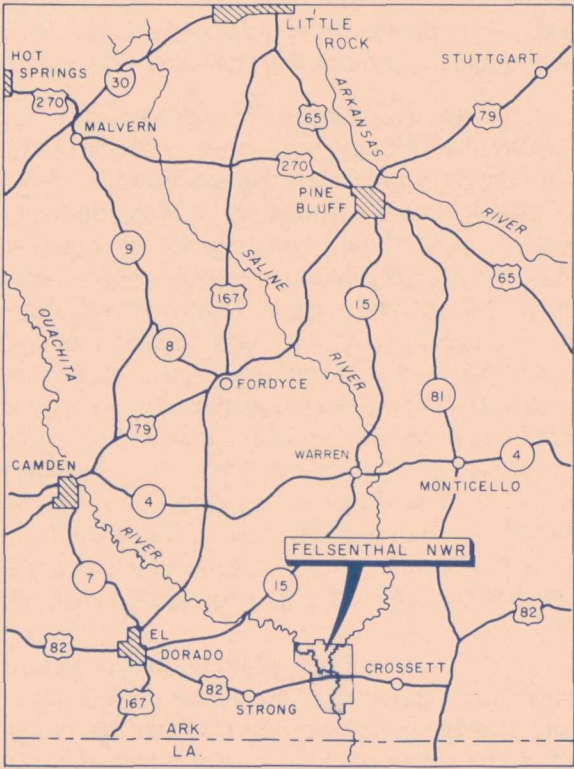
Office hours: Monday - Friday, 7:00AM - 3:30PM, Telephone: (501) 364-3167

**Felsenthal
National Wildlife Refuge
1989-90 General Hunt Permit**

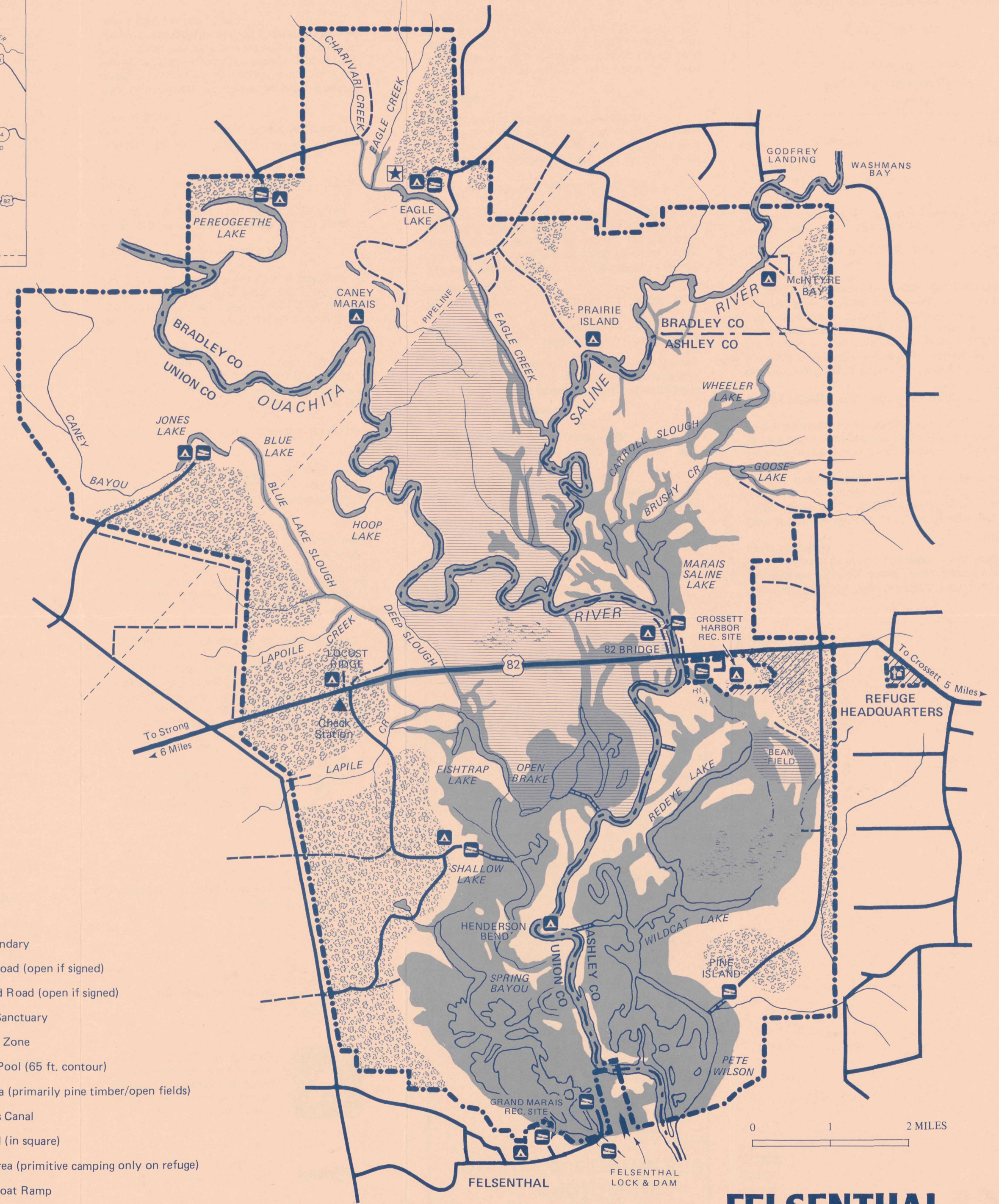
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I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

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- LEGEND**
- Refuge Boundary
 - Improved Road (open if signed)
 - Unimproved Road (open if signed)
 - Waterfowl Sanctuary
 - No Hunting Zone
 - Permanent Pool (65 ft. contour)
 - Upland Area (primarily pine timber/open fields)
 - Boat Access Canal
 - Area Closed (in square)
 - Camping Area (primitive camping only on refuge)
 - Improved Boat Ramp



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