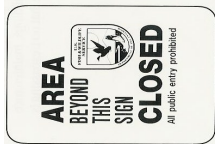


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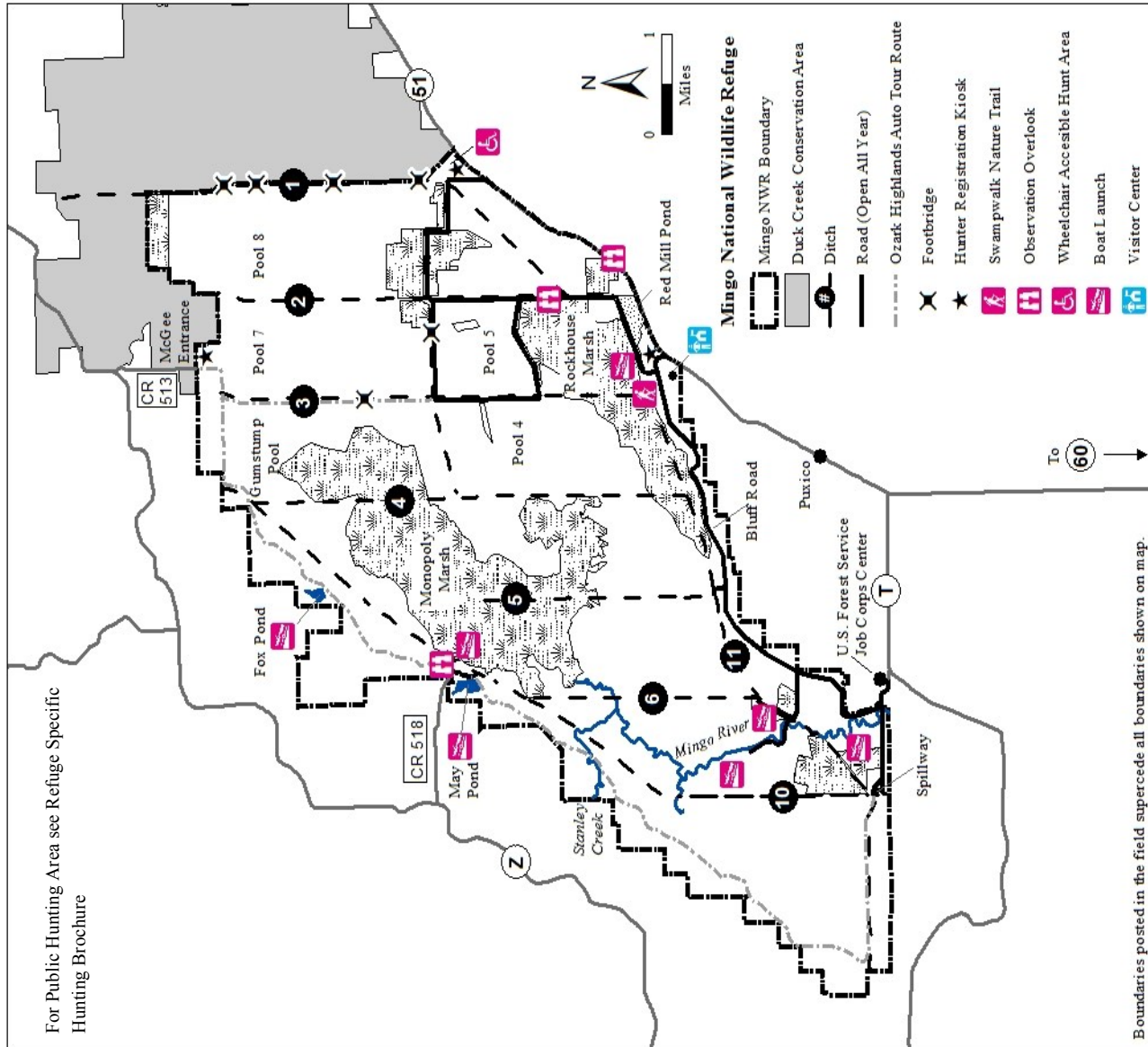
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Sanctuary Area -
Off Limits To
The Public Unless
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For Public Hunting Area see Refuge Specific
Hunting Brochure

Boundaries posted in the field supercede all boundaries shown on map.

Species and Limits Information

Game Fish Species:

- Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted/Kentucky) Daily Limit: 6 Length Limit: None; Open all year
- Catfish:
Channel—Daily Limit: 10
Blue—Daily Limit: 5
Flathead—Daily Limit: 5
Length Limit: None; Open all year.
- Crappie (Black & White)
Daily Limit: 30
Length Limit: None; Open all year.
- Pickerel (Chain & Grass)
Daily Limit: 6
Length Limit: None; Open all year.
- Goggle-eye (Rock Bass) & Warmouth
Daily Limit: 15;
Length Limit: None; Open all year.

Non-Game Fish Species:

- Bowfin (Grinnel) Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Carp, Suckers, Buffalo, Drum, and Gar (Except Alligator Gar which must be immediately released when caught).
Daily Limit: 50 when taken by pole & line, trotline, throwline, limb line, bank line, or jug line; Open all year.

Note: No gigging or bow fishing is permitted on the refuge.

Goldfish, Bighead Carp, Common Carp, Grass Carp, and Silver Carp may be possessed in any numbers and do not count in the daily or possession limit.

Other Species:

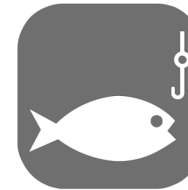
- Common Snapping Turtles:
Daily Limit: 5; Open all year.
- Soft-shelled Turtles:
Daily Limit: 5; Open: July 1 – Dec. 31.

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Mingo

National Wildlife Refuge

Regulations



<i>General Information</i>	Mingo National Wildlife Refuge consists of 21,592 acres of bottomland hardwood forest, cypress-tupelo swamp, marsh, and upland forest ecosystems. Visitors are permitted on the refuge from ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.			<i>Wild Edibles</i> From March 1 to September 30, gathering of mushrooms, berries, and pokeweed is permitted for personal use only in the area south of Ditch 11 and east of the Mingo River. Harvesting outside this area is prohibited. No ground disturbance is permitted. Harvest limit: one gallon per day of mushrooms and berries and five gallons per day of pokeweed.
<i>Visitor Center</i>	The Refuge Visitor Center is located one mile north of Puxico off Highway 51. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from March through November. From December through February the Visitor Center is open weekdays only from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Visitor Center is closed most Federal Holidays.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bluff Road: This 6-mile tour takes visitors along the southern portion of the refuge (Open year-round). Redmill Drive: This 7-mile tour takes visitors through the public hunting portion of the refuge (Open year round). Ozark Highlands: This 18-mile tour takes visitors through the west side of the refuge and is open seasonally (check with refuge office). 	<i>Boats/Motors</i> The use of gasoline powered boat motors is prohibited on all refuge waters. Use of Electric trolling motors is permitted outside the Wilderness Area. Boats may not be left overnight. An approved personal flotation device is required for each person in a boat.	<i>Hunting</i> Hunting for squirrel, turkey, deer, and waterfowl are permitted on designated portions of the refuge. For specific information, consult the refuge-specific Hunt Brochure.
<i>Access</i>	<p>Entering the refuge is only allowed at the following designated entrances: Visitor Center Entrance Road, Bluff Road at Highway 51, School House Access, Mingo Job Corps, Rabbit Ridge Road (County Road 518), and McGee Gate (County Road 513).</p> <p>The speed limit on all roads is 25 mph, unless otherwise posted. Only licensed drivers may operate properly registered and licensed vehicles on the refuge. Motorized vehicles must remain on designated refuge roads. All other portions of the refuge, including side roads and levee tops, are closed to vehicles at all times.</p>	<i>Hiking</i> Hiking is allowed along refuge roads, service roads and in open areas of the refuge. Maintained hiking trails include the Swampwalk Nature Trail (0.8 mile - Low Intensity), Bluff Nature Trail (0.5 mile - Moderate/High Intensity), Hartz Pond Trail (0.3 miles - Low/Moderate Intensity), and the Sweet Cabin Trail (1 mile - Moderate Intensity)	<i>May and Fox Pond</i> Fishing in May Pond and Fox Pond is permitted year round, but only with the use of pole or rod-and-reel fishing. At May Pond; anglers may only take bass greater than 12 inches (30 cm) in length. At Fox Pond, there is no size limit for bass. All other fishing regulations are concurrent with State regulations.	<i>Commercial Use</i> Any commercial use of a national wildlife refuge, including hunting guides, commercial fishing and filming are prohibited except as may be authorized by a refuge Special Use Permit.
<i>Entrance Permits</i>	An entrance permit is required year-round for each vehicle entering the refuge. Vehicles are defined as persons on bicycles, horses, foot, or other forms of transportation. One of the following may be used as a permit: Daily Permit (\$3.00), Mingo Specific Annual Pass (\$12.00), Federal Duck Stamp (\$25.00), Interagency Annual Pass (\$80), Interagency Senior Pass (\$10.00), Interagency Annual Military Pass (free), Interagency Access Pass (free).	<i>Photography</i> Portable observation/photography blinds may be used in open portions of the refuge, but must be removed daily. There are designated photography blinds on the refuge. Users must reserve blinds and can only access them with a free Special Use Permit. Contact the Refuge Office for more information.	<i>Other Fishing Regulations</i> Trotlines, throw lines, limb lines, Yo Yo's, bank lines and jug lines, are allowed from ½ hour before legal sunrise until ½ hour after legal sunset. From March 1st until September 30th, non-game fish may be taken for personal use by nets and seines. Anglers must attend trammel and gill nets at all times and plainly label all nets and lines with the owner's name, address, and phone number. Anglers must remove all fishing lines and nets at the end of each day's fishing.	<i>Prohibited Activities</i> The following is a partial list of prohibited activities on Mingo Refuge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of a gasoline powered boat motor on all refuge waters. Use or possession of any boat motor in the Mingo Wilderness. Camping, open fires, overnight parking, or any night fishing activities on the refuge. Bow fishing and giggering. Collection or harm to mussels, crayfish and other aquatic species. Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts Shed antler hunting Use of ATV's or UTV's on Refuge
<i>Wildlife Observation</i>	The diversity of species and habitats attract year-round wildlife viewing opportunities on the refuge. Early	<i>Fishing</i> Fishing is permitted in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State of Missouri impounded waters' regulations. Please refer to current publication of the Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations.	<i>Turtles</i> Common snapping turtles and soft-shelled turtles may be taken by pole and line only during open season. We require the immediate release of alligator snapping turtles and alligator gar. Collection or harm to mussels, crayfish and other species of aquatics is prohibited.	
	<i>Water Closure</i>	March 1 – September 30: All refuge waters are open to fishing and boating.	<i>Horse-back Riding</i> Equestrian use is permitted year-round on the Ozark Highlands Auto Tour and roads open to vehicular traffic. From March 1 to September 30, horseback riding is allowed on the 6 mile loop of road between Ditch 3 and 4. All other roadways, dike tops, nature trails and levees are closed to equestrian use.	



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