



# The Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## Visitor Information

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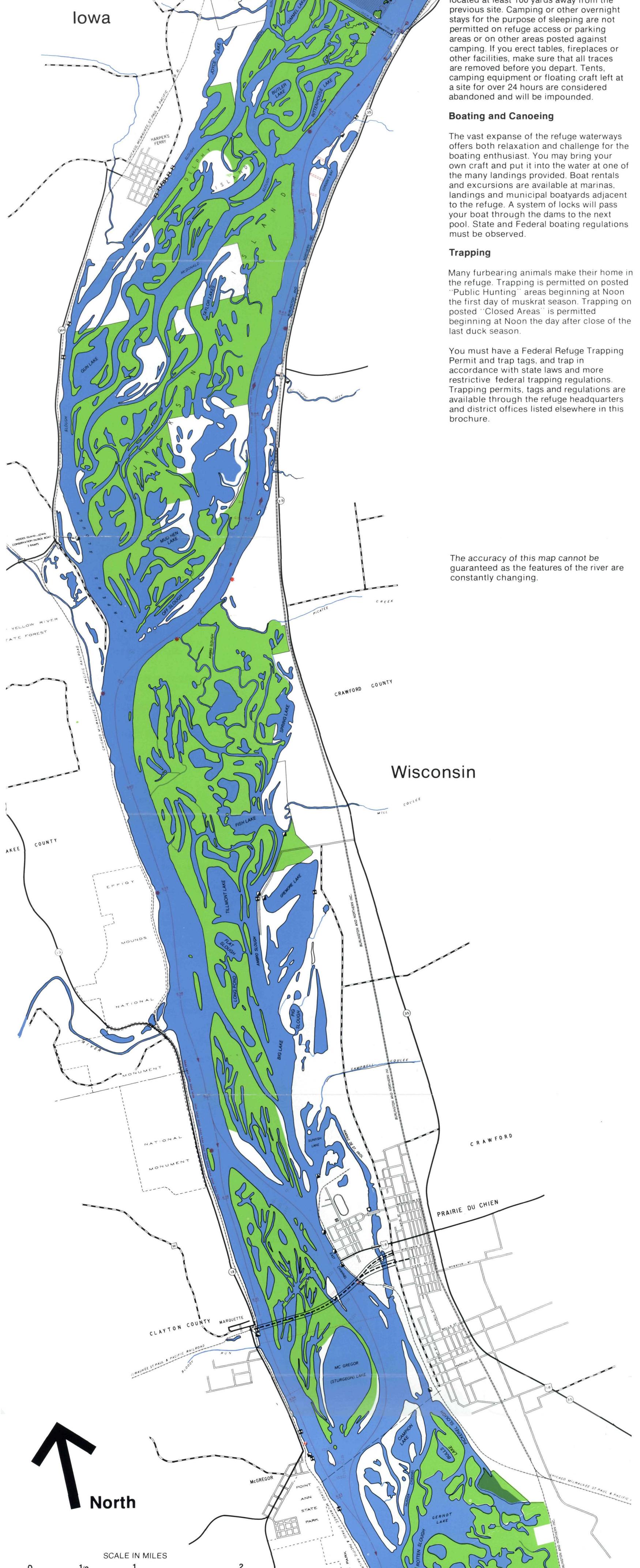
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## Key



- SMALL BOAT HARBOR, MARINA, BOAT CLUB
- PRIVATE NAVIGATION LIGHT
- RIVER GAGE
- ★ GOVERNMENT LIGHT
- ◆ GOVERNMENT DAYMARK
- ◆ GOVERNMENT LIGHT-DAYMARK
- ◆ GOVERNMENT LIGHTED BUOY
- MOORINGS
- MILEAGE ABOVE OHIO RIVER
- MIDCHANNEL SAILING LINE
- CURRENT
- SUBMERGED WING DAM
- SUBMERGED BANK PROTECTION
- SUBMERGED FEATURE
- SUBMERGED PIPE OR CABLE

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The Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge was established on June 7, 1924. Original acreage for the project was acquired through purchase, donation and by withdrawal from public domain. The area was later enlarged by additional land acquisitions of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for navigational improvements. These additional tracts are managed as part of the refuge.

Today, the Upper Mississippi Refuge consists of about 195,000 acres of wooded islands, sandbars, waters and marshes extending 284 miles southward along the river bottoms from Wabasha, Minnesota to Rock Island, Illinois. Winding through the midst of a settled, busy midwestern landscape, this refuge remains largely untouched by modern civilization.

Although the refuge is primarily managed for wildlife, it also offers unsurpassed opportunities for sightseeing, outdoor recreation and nature study. It accommodates some three million visitors annually for such activities as wildlife observation, environmental education, fishing, hunting, picnicking and boating.

This map-brochure has been prepared to familiarize you with this portion of the refuge and its recreational opportunities. It is one of 10 brochures providing information about this river refuge from Lake Pepin to Lock and Dam 14.

## General Information

Recreational use of the refuge is regulated to maintain a balance between human enjoyment of the area's natural resources, and the fragile relationships of the wild plants and animals that make up this unique river bottom environment.

The regulations that have been established are mostly "common sense" rules designed to protect both the visitor and the refuge. If you have any questions concerning any regulations, check with the nearest refuge office.

## Wildlife Observation and Photography

There are excellent opportunities for enjoying natural life on the river. The refuge, containing differing life zones and climatic conditions, has 270 species of birds, 50 species of mammals, 45 species of amphibians and reptiles and 113 species of fish. Lists of the refuge wildlife are available at refuge offices.

## Fishing

Year-round fishing for walleye, sauger, bass, perch, crappies, sunfish and catfish is popular below the dams, in sloughs and in channels between islands. A state fishing license is required and state laws apply.

## Hunting

The refuge harbors vast numbers of migratory waterfowl as well as deer and other mammals, and much of the refuge is open to public hunting. Hunters must comply with all applicable state seasons and regulations. You may hunt all legal species in posted "Public Hunting" areas, except during the period from March 1 until the fall hunting season begins. During this period when the wildlife young are raised, the discharging of guns of any kind is prohibited on refuge lands or waters. In posted "Closed Areas" there is no hunting during the duck hunting season, but beginning the day after the duck season closes until March 1, all legal species may be hunted except geese.

## Camping and Picnicking

Modern campgrounds are available off the refuge at various state, municipal and commercial parks on both sides of the river.

Primitive camping on refuge beaches is permitted for periods not exceeding 14 days. A new site can then be chosen if it is located at least 100 yards away from the previous site. Camping or other overnight stays for the purpose of sleeping are not permitted on refuge access or parking areas or on other areas posted against camping. If you erect tables, fireplaces or other facilities, make sure that all traces are removed before you depart. Tents, camping equipment or floating craft left at a site for over 24 hours are considered abandoned and will be impounded.

## Boating and Canoeing

The vast expanse of the refuge waterways offers both relaxation and challenge for the boating enthusiast. You may bring your own craft and put it into the water at one of the many landings provided. Boat rentals and excursions are available at marinas, landings and municipal boatyards adjacent to the refuge. A system of locks will pass your boat through the dams to the next pool. State and Federal boating regulations must be observed.

## Trapping

Many furbearing animals make their home in the refuge. Trapping is permitted on posted "Public Hunting" areas beginning at Noon the first day of muskrat season. Trapping on posted "Closed Areas" is permitted beginning at Noon the day after close of the last duck season.

You must have a Federal Refuge Trapping Permit and trap tags, and trap in accordance with state laws and more restrictive federal trapping regulations. Trapping permits, tags and regulations are available through the refuge headquarters and district offices listed elsewhere in this brochure.

The accuracy of this map cannot be guaranteed as the features of the river are constantly changing.

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