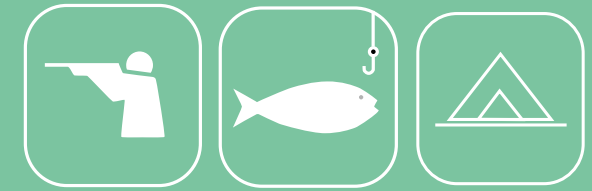


# White River

## National Wildlife Refuge Hunting, Fishing & Camping 1999-2000



### White River National Wildlife Refuge General Hunt Permit 1999-2000

This permit must be completed to be valid. It must be carried by the hunter during the hunts. It is not transferable. **Note:** This permit is not good for the quota permit gun hunts and muzzleloader hunt on the South Unit.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

White River National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1935, contains over 157,000 acres of prime bottomland hardwood habitat located within the floodplain of the lower White River. For management purposes, most of the lands within the refuge have been divided into a North Unit and a South Unit which are separated by Arkansas Highway 1. A few scattered tracts which are isolated from the main body of the refuge are not depicted on the accompanying maps. Public hunting and fishing are permitted on the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations as supplemented by the following special refuge regulations.



Fires are permitted only at camp sites. All fires must be extinguished when the camp is unoccupied.

Cutting or defacing trees is prohibited. Down wood may be used at campsites.

Camping is permitted only in designated camping areas shown on the accompanying map on the entire South Unit, on that portion of the North Unit located south of the Noram Gas Transmission Pipeline, and that portion of the North Unit south of U.S. Highway 79 west of the White River to the mouth of Roc Roe Bayou.

During the quota permit deer hunts on the South Unit, camping is restricted to quota permit holders only.

Electric generators and other disturbing noises at campgrounds are prohibited after 10:00 pm.

### General Hunt Regulations

All forms of man-deer drives are prohibited.

Hunting is prohibited in areas closed to hunting as indicated on the accompanying maps or as otherwise posted.

Hunting from roadways, levees, and maintained utility rights-of-way is prohibited.

Mobility-impaired hunters may apply for a special permit which will allow hunting from an ATV on refuge roads. Issuance of the permit is restricted to persons who are permanently confined to a wheelchair; require the use of mechanical aids (crutches and walkers) to walk or have complete single leg amputations. For more information, please call the refuge at 870-946-1468.

It is illegal to drive or screw any metal object into a tree or to hunt from a tree in which a metal object has been driven or screwed. All hunting stands must be removed from the refuge after each hunt.

The placing of or hunting with the aid of bait, salt or ingestible attractant (i.e. deer cocaine) is prohibited.

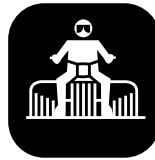
### Access and Vehicle Use

Refuge roads on the South Unit are open to vehicular traffic March 1 through December 15. All other refuge roads are open year around. A locked gate, road closed sign, or other barrier means the road is closed to all vehicle travel but not to foot travel unless signed otherwise. On the South Unit, ATV's may be used only on trails marked with yellow paint; all other vehicles must stay on either gravel roads or those roads marked with yellow paint. On the North Unit, south of the Noram Gas Pipeline, ATV's may be used only on trails marked with yellow paint; all other vehicles must stay on either gravel roads or those roads marked with yellow paint. On lands north of the Noram Gas Pipeline, all vehicles, including ATV's, must stay on established roads. The use of ATV's on gravel roads is prohibited anywhere on the refuge, unless signed otherwise. An ATV is defined as any vehicle with a maximum tire pressure of 5 psi. All other non-licensed vehicles are prohibited on the refuge.

Boats, other than flat-bottomed johnboats 16 feet or less in length, may not be left overnight on the refuge during the period from November 1 through February 28. Boats, ATV's, and Portable tree stands left unattended on the refuge must have the owner's name and address affixed in a conspicuous manner.

### Camping

Camping by the general public is permitted year around on the North Unit and at Jacks Bay, Moon Lake, Hudson's Landing, and the Floodgate campgrounds on the South Unit. All remaining campgrounds on the South Unit are open for camping from March 1 through December 31.



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The use of dogs is prohibited except as may be specified in this brochure.

Beaver, Nutria, Coyote, and Feral Hogs may be taken incident to any daytime refuge hunt with weapons legal for that until the daily limit of game is taken.

State bag limits apply for all hunts unless indicated otherwise in this brochure.

Youth Hunters under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult not less than 21 years old and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. For small game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than two youths. For big game hunts, the adult may supervise only one youth. Anyone born after December 31, 1968 must successfully complete a hunter education course in order to hunt on the refuge.

Only non-toxic shot may be possessed and used by hunters using shotguns to hunt small game.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Only bio-degradable paper flagging may be used and must be removed after use.

**Specific Hunt Seasons and Regulations Deer (Archery/Crossbow)**

*North Unit* October 1, 1999 - January 31, 2000. Quota permit required during quota muzzleloader hunt. See bag limit.

*South Unit* October 1, 1999 - December 31, 1999. Quota permit required during quota muzzleloader and modern gun hunts. See bag limit below.

**Deer (Gun)**

*North Unit* November 13 - 21, 1999. Buck only. See bag limit.

*South Unit* November 13 - 15, Either sex. Quota permit required. See bag limit.

**Deer (Muzzleloader)**

*North & South Unit* October 16 - 18, 1999. Either sex. Quota permit required. See bag limit.

*North Unit* October 19 - 24, 1999. Buck only. General refuge brochure/permit required.

**Deer Bag Limit**

One deer limit refuge wide for the muzzleloader season. One deer limit refuge wide for the modern gun season. State limit of (4) deer for archery hunts. (A legal buck is a deer having a minimum of a two-inch hardened antler). The three point rule does not apply to lands depicted on this map. All big game taken from refuge must be recorded as zone (660). All non-quota hunting closed during quota deer hunts.

*North Unit*

**Duck**

Statewide duck season, and Youth Hunt day(s). Morning hunting only. Coot, Geese, and Woodcock may be taken if in season. Retriever dogs permitted. Only portable blinds are permitted. Waterfowl hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 5 am. Blinds, blind material, and decoys must be removed from the refuge by 1:00 pm. each day.

*South Unit*

Every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday of statewide duck season, and Youth Hunt day(s) in designated areas only. Morning hunting only. Coot, Geese, and Woodcock may be taken if in season. Retriever dogs permitted. Waterfowl hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 5 am. Blinds, blind material, and decoys must be removed from the refuge by 1:00 pm. each day.

(Cutting of holes or other manipulation of vegetation (i.e. cutting bushes, mowing, weed eating, etc.) or hunting in manipulated areas is prohibited).

*North Unit*

**Furbearer Season**

Noon, November 13, 1999 - Noon, January 31, 2000. Dogs permitted.

*South Unit*

Noon, December 1, 1999 - Noon, December 15, 1999. Dogs permitted. Hunters must vacate the refuge by noon on the last day of the hunt.

*North Unit*

**Rabbit**

September 11, 1999 - January 31, 2000. Dogs allowed December 1, 1999 - January 31, 2000.

*South Unit*

September 11, 1999 - December 31, 1999.

*North Unit*

**Squirrel**

September 11, 1999 - January 31, 2000.

Dogs allowed December 1, 1999 - January 31, 2000. Open for statewide spring season.

*South Unit*

September 11, 1999 - December 31, 1999.

*North Unit*

**Turkey (Fall, Archery and Crossbow only)**

October 1, 1999 - January 31, 2000.

*South Unit*

October 1, 1999 - December 31, 1999.

*North Unit*

**Turkey (Spring, Archery/Crossbow and Gun)**

Same as State 2000 spring season.

*South Unit*

Same as State 2000 spring season.

*North Unit*

**Trapping**

November 13, 1999 - January 31, 2000. State regulations apply. (Special Use Permit Required)

*South Unit*

Closed

*Note*

A few scattered tracts not depicted on the accompanying maps are open for hunting in accordance with state seasons and bag limits unless signed otherwise. Dogs are permitted except for deer hunting. (The three point rule applies for all tracts not depicted on the map). Duck hunting is permitted during morning hours only. Only portable blinds, and blind material are permitted. All blinds, blind material and decoys must be removed from the refuge by 1:00 pm. daily. Waterfowl hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 5:00 am. each day. Other provisions in this brochure apply. Consult the Refuge manager for tract locations.

*North Unit*

**Flood Zone Closure Regulations**

Will close to all deer hunting when the White River gauge at St. Charles reaches 23 feet as reported by the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. Will reopen when the gauge reading reaches 21 feet as reported by the said newspaper.

*South Unit*

Will Close to all deer hunting when the White River gauge at St. Charles reaches 23 feet and the gauge at Lock and Dam #1 reaches 145 simultaneously as reported by news release. Will reopen when the gauge reading reaches 21 and 143 feet respectively as reported by news release.



**Weapons**



Firearms, archery tackle, and crossbows are permitted only during designated hunts. Weapons not legal for taking designated game species during refuge hunts are prohibited.

Weapons must be unloaded when within 100 yards of a camp or a designated campground or when carried on land vehicles or boats under power.

Target practice is prohibited.

**Permits**

Permits are required for all refuge hunts. When signed and in possession, the general hunt permit on the front of this brochure will serve as a permit for all refuge hunts. Except, quota hunt permits are required to participate in the muzzleloader hunt on the North and South Units and gun deer hunt on the South Unit. To apply for a quota deer hunt permit:

Print or type the applicants name and address on the front of an official U.S. Postcard. On the back of the postcard, specify the applicants date of birth and the hunt for which you are applying (Muzzleloader or Gun Deer). Separate Postcard applications are required for each hunt, and each person.

**To apply as a group**

To apply as a group, all applicants must be received in the same envelope.

**Applications**

Applications must be submitted in an envelope addressed to White River NWR, P.O. Box 308, DeWitt, AR 72042.

**Muzzleloader Applications**

Muzzleloader applications will be accepted postmarked only during July.

**Modern Gun Applications**

Modern Gun applications will be accepted postmarked only during August.

**Postcards**

Postcards will be returned with notification of selection or non-selection for a hunt permit.

Permits will be issued on the basis of a random drawing. Selected applicants will be required to submit a \$12.50 fee before receiving a hunt permit.