

Sequoyah

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2025–2026



Welcome

Public hunting on Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge is allowed only in areas designated as open to hunting. Hunting shall be in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations.

Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge
107993 S. 4520 Rd, Vian, OK 74962
918-773-5251
<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sequoyah>

Accessibility Information

Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs and activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability. For more information please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Equal Opportunity, <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/public-civil-rights>.

The Stoney Point Duck Blind and Pond is accessible and reserved only for hunters with disabilities. Hunters should be prepared to provide documentation of disability as required by Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Safety

Be aware of your surroundings at all times and the location of other hunters in the field. Be cautious while wading in water as the depth may be unknown.

Firearms

Hunters may only hunt waterfowl and upland game with plugged shotguns capable of holding no more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. We also allow .22/.17 rimfire rifles for hunting upland game.

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

Vehicles

Licensed motor vehicles that comply with Oklahoma state law are permitted only on public use roads as shown on the map. Speed limit is 30mph on the tour road. Parking is restricted to established parking areas.

Boats

We allow boats for waterfowl hunting. Hunters may not shoot from any boat that is under power or in motion. All boats must comply with Oklahoma boating laws and regulations. Air driven watercraft are restricted to the navigation channel from September 1 to March 31.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting is permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State of Oklahoma regulations subject to the conditions stated below.

Access

WHEN: The refuge is open to hunting on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday only. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The Sandtown Bottom Unit including Sally Jones Lake, is only open to the public from 5:00 am to one hour after legal sunset. Hunters accessing the Sandtown Bottom Unit may form a line at the refuge headquarters gate at 1 hour after legal sunset the evening prior to the hunt day.

WHERE: Hunters must park in designated parking areas, as identified on the map below, to access the refuge for hunting.

Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Permit 2025—2026

When signed and carried, this serves as your permit for all refuge hunting and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Expires August 31, 2026

Signature (permits are not transferable)

Horses

Horses are not allowed on the refuge.

Tree Stands and Blinds

Tree stands, elevated platforms, and ground blinds may be put up no earlier than the opening day of a controlled hunt and must be removed at the end of each hunt day. Hunters may construct temporary blinds provided that only natural materials (grass, downed logs, cattails, etc.) are used. Materials such as lumber, metal, nails, plastic, wire, etc., may not be used in constructing blinds. Portable blinds may be used.

Signed Brochure Requirement

Hunters must read the refuge regulations and sign the space provided on this brochure. All hunters must possess and carry the free signed refuge brochure with them at all times when hunting. Brochures are available at various entrance points to the refuge, at refuge headquarters, and on our website.

Non-toxic Shot Only

Hunters may possess only legal non-toxic shot while hunting all species of game on the refuge, with the exception of the special deer hunts and .22/.17 rimfire rifles for upland game.

Hunter Etiquette

A responsible hunter respects the rights of other hunters and other refuge users afield. All hunters should keep a safe distance from other hunting parties (at least 200 yards). We allow dogs while hunting waterfowl and upland game, but require they be under close control by their handler and are not allowed to harass wildlife. Neither hunters nor dogs may enter any closed areas of the refuge.

Signs and Boundaries

Please respect the following signs:

- No vehicles: All Traffic prohibited
 - Parking area: Designated areas to park while hunting
- Applies to the area located behind the sign:
- Refuge Boundary: Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations
 - Closed Area: All entry prohibited
 - No Hunting Zone: Hunting, weapons, and game retrieval prohibited

Prohibited Activities

- Camping and Fires
- Searching for or removal of any natural items such as antlers, bison skulls, plants, historic, and archaeological features. They are protected by Federal law.
- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices
- Marking or flagging any tree or other refuge feature with reflectors, paint, or other substance
- Permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree
- Access to the refuge from private property
- Hunting within 200 yards of any public use facility
- Shooting or hunting within 50 feet of public refuge roads, parking areas or from any vehicle.
- Hunters may not use refuge roads, parking areas or boat landings to access off-refuge areas for hunting on non-hunt days or for any species that is not legal to hunt on the refuge
- Leaving any trash and litter, including shotshell hulls from the field and place in marked trash receptacles
- Retrieval of game in closed areas
- To report refuge violations call: 918-774-2832



Activity	Season	Harvest	Hunt Areas	Other Regulations
Big Game: Deer	Youth muzzleloader: Oct. 17–19, 2025 Adult archery: Nov. 10–14, 2025 Adult muzzleloader: Oct. 29–Oct. 31, 2025 Nov. 19–21, 2025 Dec. 3–5, 2025	Youth muzzleloader: one antlerless, one antlered or antlerless. Adult archery: one antlerless, one antlered or antlerless Adult muzzleloader: two antler less	Sandtown Bottom, Cook Bottom, Webber Bottom, Shelby/Hisaw Unit, Girty Bottom, Delta Islands.	Controlled hunt special draw in conjunction with ODWC. Please visit www.wildlifedepartment.com/controlledhunts for information on how to participate in one of these hunts.
Feral Hog	Season dates are the same as deer, turkey, and upland game.	No limit	Sandtown Bottom, Vian Creeks, Cook Bottom, Webber Bottom, Shelby/Hisaw Unit, Girty Bottom, Possum Hollow, Delta Islands, Haskell County Unit.	Incidental take is legal while upland game hunting and during controlled deer and turkey hunts.
Migratory Game Birds: Coot, snipe, mourning dove and woodcock	In accordance with state season.	In accordance with state regulations.	Sandtown Bottom Unit, Vian Creeks, Webber Bottom, Girty Bottom, and a small portion of the Haskell County Unit.	Hunt days Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Plugged shotguns capable of holding no more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. Federally approved non- toxic shot required.
Waterfowl: All ducks, geese, and mergansers allowed by the state	In accordance with state season.	In accordance with state regulations.	Sandtown Bottom Unit, Vian Creeks, Webber Bottom, Girty Bottom, and a small portion of the Haskell County Unit.	Hunt days Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Plugged shotguns capable of holding no more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined.
Upland Game: Cottontail rabbit, swamp rabbit, gray squirrel and fox squirrel	In accordance with state season, but closed from Jan. 31–Sept. 1 Rabbit: Oct. 1, 2025–Jan. 31, 2026 Squirrel: Sept. 1, 2025–Jan. 31, 2026.	In accordance with state regulations.	Sandtown Bottom Unit, Vian Creeks, Webber Bottom, Girty Bottom, and a small portion of the Haskell County Unit.	Hunt days Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Signed refuge brochure. Plugged shotguns capable of holding no more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined and .22/.17 rimfire rifles. Federally approved non-toxic shot required.



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