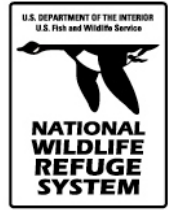


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Trempealeau NWR to Hold Auction for 2008-09 Trapping Units

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge will offer trapping units for muskrat and beaver during the Wisconsin 2008-09 trapping season.

Bidding for the units will take place Tuesday evening, October 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Refuge Maintenance Complex. There are twelve muskrat units and four beaver units available for bid. Trappers must show a current Wisconsin state trapping license when registering to bid. Bids will start at \$40.00 per unit. Trappers must be present at the auction to bid. Payment for units is due at the close of the auction.

Muskrat units are also available for bid for both Youth (18 years of age and younger) and Senior Citizen (65 years of age and older), free of charge. If you would like to enter in the drawing for these units, you must be present for bidding and provide a current Wisconsin trapping license and proof of age.

Interested trappers may inspect the trapping units prior to the bidding on October 1. Please stop at the refuge office to pick up a map and unit history. Additional information on the trapping program may be found on the web at www.fws.gov/midwest/trempealeau, or by calling the refuge headquarters at-608/539-2311, ext. 16, (TTY users may reach Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge through the Wisconsin State Relay Service at 1-800-947-3529). To write, send a note requesting "Trapping Program" information to: Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Road, Trempealeau, Wisconsin 54661.

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1936, lies within the Mississippi River flyway. This 6,226-acre Refuge contains rolling prairies, rich wetlands and bottomland forests, which support a variety of wildlife species. It is an isolated backwater, providing needed resting and feeding areas for waterfowl and other birds. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.