

## Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge

Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and benefit of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations at a level compatible with its habitat. It also provides recreational opportunities and permits the use of valuable renewable resources.

### General Hunting Regulations

All applicable Federal and State regulations are in effect.

Hunting is allowed in designated areas only. Areas closed to hunting are marked with “No Hunting” or “Seasonally Closed” signs.

Only designated species may be taken.

Hunting gear and vehicles are subject to compliance checks.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

Vehicles and bicycles are restricted to graveled roads maintained for public traffic. No ATV’s allowed.

Parked vehicles must not block roads, gates, or field accesses.

Firearms must be unloaded and either dismantled or encased when transferred in vehicles on the refuge.

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 and quota waterfowl hunts, the adult may supervise no more than two youths. For big game hunts, the adult may supervise only one youth.

### A Refuge Permit is Required for All Hunts!

#### *Permits/Fees*

Permits must be signed and carried along with the appropriate state hunting license or hunters safety course card as required by state law.

For **non-quota hunts** (archery deer, dove, squirrel and rabbit), a permit and a valid state hunting license are required. There is no fee.

For **quota hunts** (youth deer, waterfowl and youth waterfowl), permittees will be selected by random drawing. Applications are available at the Refuge Office and must be returned to the Refuge Office prior to the application deadline. Applications are also available on the refuge website. Successful applicants will be issued a permit for a specific date. A user fee will be charged to each quota hunter. Once notified, the selectee must prepay by check or money order (no cash) made payable to **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** before a permit will be issued.

Permits are nontransferable.

#### *Check Station*

All hunters must report harvest information. Quota hunters will check in and out at a staffed check station; non-quota hunters must log their harvest at either the self-check station in Alabama or Georgia or phone information to refuge office within 24 hours (334/687 4065).

### Specific Hunting Regulations

#### *Archery Deer Non-Quota Hunt*

Only portable tree stands may be used. Stands must be removed from the refuge after each day’s hunt. Safety belt use is required.

It is illegal to hunt from a tree in which a metal object has been driven or screwed.

Hunting by aid of or distributing any feed, salt, or other minerals is prohibited.

Wild hogs may only be taken during refuge deer hunts. No limit.

Hunters may not enter the refuge prior to 11/2 hours before sunrise and remain more than 11/2 hours after sunset.

Still hunting only - no stalking or man drives permitted.

Hunter orange must be worn (size prescribed by each state) when the gun deer season is open in the county the refuge is located and is recommended during the remaining archery season.

During quota waterfowl hunts, only waterfowl permit holders will be allowed to enter the Kennedy and Bradley Units. Archery deer hunting will be permitted in these areas after 12:00 noon.

## Alabama

Archery deer hunting is allowed October 15 - January 31.

The Refuge participates in a Quality Deer Management Program. All bucks taken in Barbour County Alabama must have a minimum of three points on one antler.

State bag limits apply. Either sex may be taken during the entire season.

## Georgia

Archery deer hunting is allowed September 13 - January 15.

The area between Bustahatchee and Rood Creek is not open to archery deer hunting until November 1.

State bag limits apply. Either sex may be taken during entire season above.

#### *Youth Quota Deer Hunt (ages 10-15)*

A special firearm hunt will be held on the Georgia portion of refuge on October 11 and October 18 (10 hunters per day). Apply July 7 - August 15.

Supervising adult must be 21 or older.

State bag limits apply. Special deer tags will be available for two bonus deer harvested on Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge. All other deer will count toward hunter’s season limit.

Hunter orange (500 inches) must be worn as prescribed by state law.

Hunters are required to stay in their assigned areas and to attend a pre- hunt safety briefing the morning of the hunt. Selectees will be notified of a special one-day scouting day. Stands may be brought in the day before the hunt. A \$20.00 fee is charged for each hunter.

#### *Dove Non-Quota Hunt*

Hunt will be held on selected fields on the Alabama portion of the refuge. Hunts will be 12 noon until sunset. The first Saturday hunt is a designated adult/youth hunt. Each youth (ages 10 - 15) must hunt; adult supervisors may also hunt. Hunt dates are October 4 (youth) and 11.

Non-toxic shot is required (no lead shot).

#### *Rabbit and Squirrel Non-Quota Hunt*

Hunting is allowed on the Alabama portion of the refuge during February.

No dogs are allowed.

Shotguns only; no rifles. Non-toxic shot is required (no lead shot)

#### *Waterfowl Quota Hunt (ages 16 and older)*

Hunting will be on Saturdays in the Kennedy Impoundment (Alabama) and Wednesdays in the Bradley Impoundment (Georgia) until noon during state seasons. All other areas within Eufaula Refuge are closed to waterfowl hunting. Apply August 1 - September 15.

Non-toxic shot is required with a limit of 25 shells per hunter.

Only three hunters per blind.

Standby hunters may fill unclaimed blinds by a random draw the morning of each hunt. Those drawn must pay a \$20.00 per hunter fee, payable by check or money order. No cash payment.

#### *Youth Quota Waterfowl Hunt (ages 10 -15)*

A special one day hunt will be held on Saturday during the Georgia and Alabama season. Standby hunters will be allowed. A \$20.00 fee is charged for each youth. Georgia and Alabama hunts apply August 1 - September 15.

Only three hunters per blind.

#### *Adult/Youth Waterfowl Hunt (ages 10 -15)*

A special adult/youth hunt will be held on Georgia and Alabama portions on a selected Saturday during each state’s waterfowl season. Standby hunters will be allowed. A \$20.00 fee is charged for each hunter. Apply August 1 - September 15.

Only three hunters per blind.

#### *Safety*

Hunters are cautioned to identify targets before shooting. Non-hunting refuge visitors may be present and not wearing hunter orange.

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to inquire at the refuge office for hunting opportunities within the refuge.



## Report Wildlife Violations by Calling

Eufaula NWR ..... 334/687 4065

Alabama Game Watch ..... 800/272 4263

Georgia Poacher Hotline ..... 800/241 4113

Georgia DNR Cell Phone ..... \*DNR

### General Fishing Regulations

Fishing is permitted year-round on all refuge waters. State and federal regulations apply.

Lake Eufaula size and creel limits apply in all refuge waters.

Bank fishing is limited to daylight hours.

Frogging, turtle trapping, commercial fishing and boats with motors are not permitted in refuge impounded waters.

Fishing in Lake Eufaula is legal with Alabama or Georgia fishing license; fishing in refuge impounded waters requires a license for the state in which you are fishing.

Firearms are prohibited while fishing all refuge waters.

Fires are not allowed.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

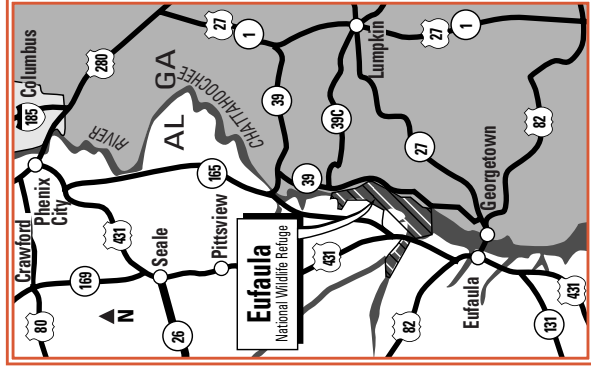
Bank fishing will be closed if litter is not removed at the conclusion of your visit.

### Signs

Please respect the following signs.

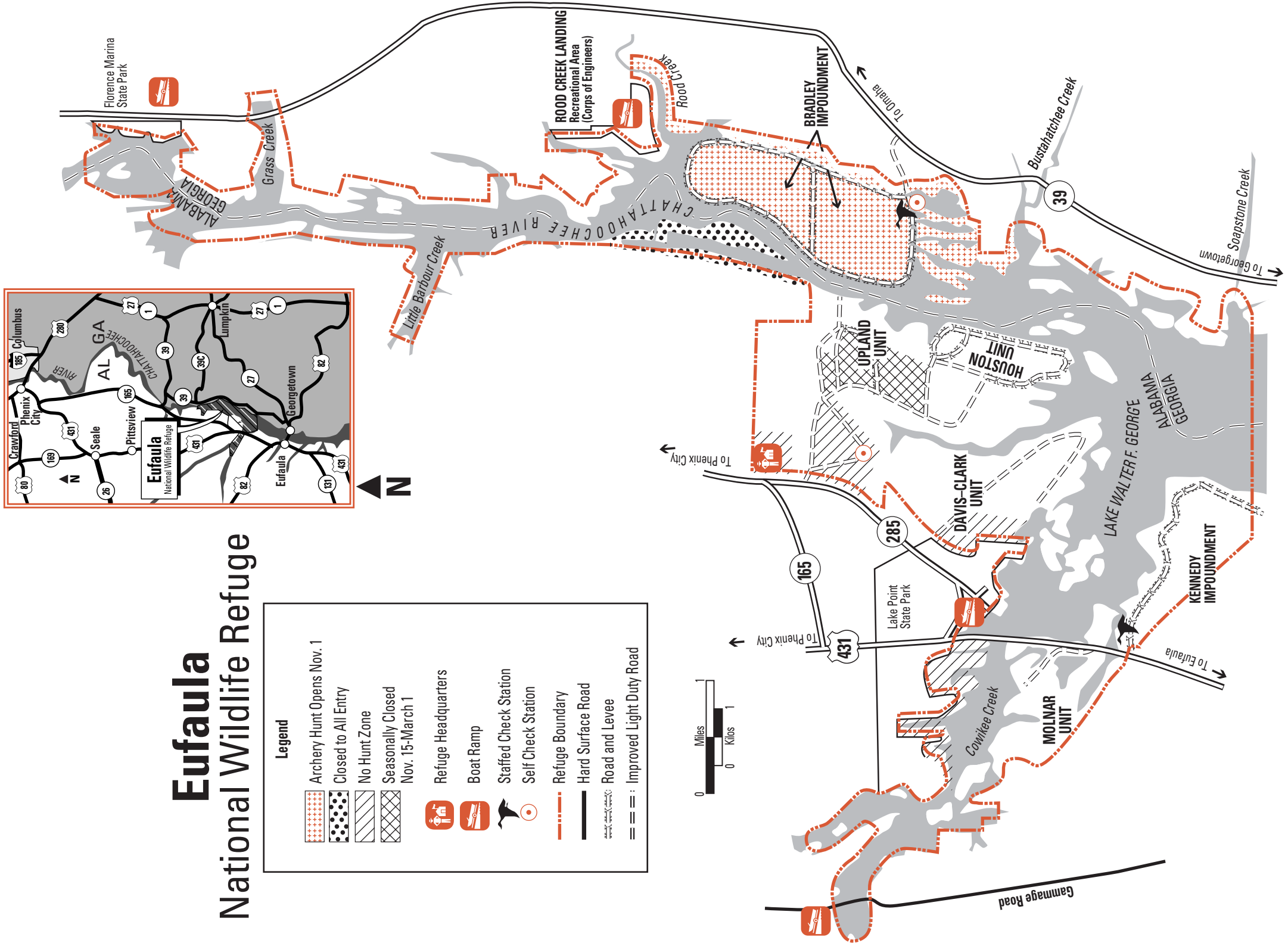
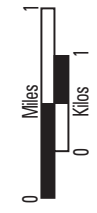


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**Legend**

- Archery Hunt Opens Nov. 1
- Closed to All Entry
- No Hunt Zone
- Seasonally Closed Nov. 15-March 1
- Refuge Headquarters
- Boat Ramp
- Staffed Check Station
- Self Check Station
- Refuge Boundary
- Hard Surface Road
- Road and Levee
- Improved Light Duty Road



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 367 Highway 165  
 Eufaula, AL 36027-8187  
 334/687 4065  
<http://eufaula.fws.gov>

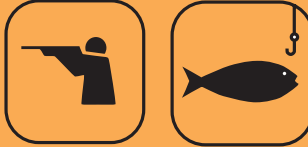
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
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## Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2008-2009



**2008-2009 Hunt Permit**  
 The signing of this leaflet validates it as your general refuge hunting permit and must be in your possession while participating in authorized refuge hunts. Quota hunt permits are issued separately.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

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Hunter's Signature