

### Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge

Eufaula Refuge was established in 1964 through community support and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is located on both banks of the Chattahoochee River in southeast Alabama and southwest Georgia. Named after the city of Eufaula, the refuge offers a variety of wetland and upland habitats for a diverse fauna. A prominent feature of the abundant wetlands is Lake Eufaula (Walter F. George Reservoir) and several feeder streams.

The refuge's primary purpose is to provide habitat for wintering waterfowl, other migratory birds and resident species; to provide habitat and protection for endangered or threatened species; and provide wildlife oriented recreational opportunities for the public.

The "Blue Goose" symbolizes the national system of refuges established for the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, and plants in the United States for the benefit of present and future generations. Eufaula Refuge is one of over 500 refuges nationwide. Each one provides a unique piece of puzzle, securing the necessary habitats needed to protect plants, animals and provide outdoor recreation.

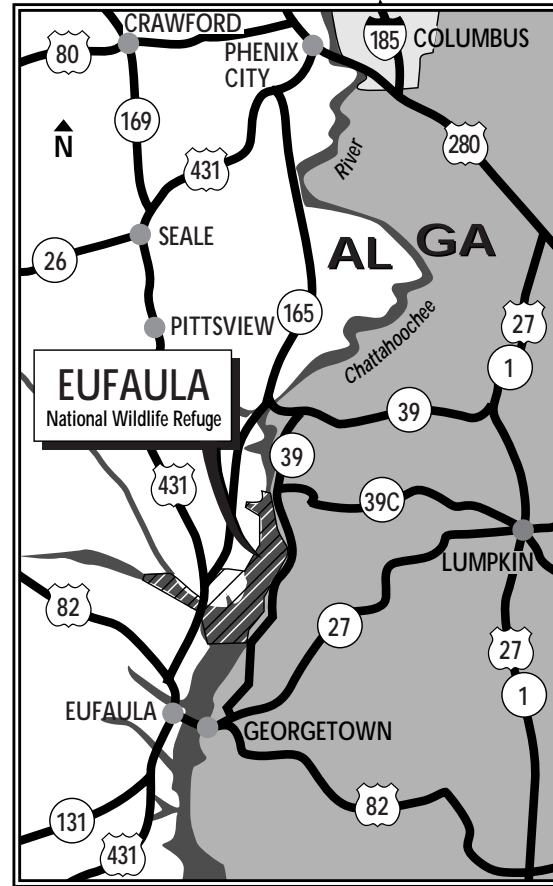
We hope you enjoy your visit to Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge and will visit us again soon.



Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge provides 11,184 acres of land and water for public enjoyment in a wide range of outdoor activities. Federal and state (Alabama and Georgia) laws apply to public uses on the refuge. This document is a summary of recreational opportunities available at Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge.

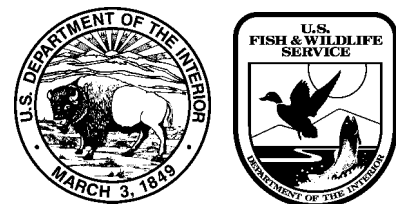
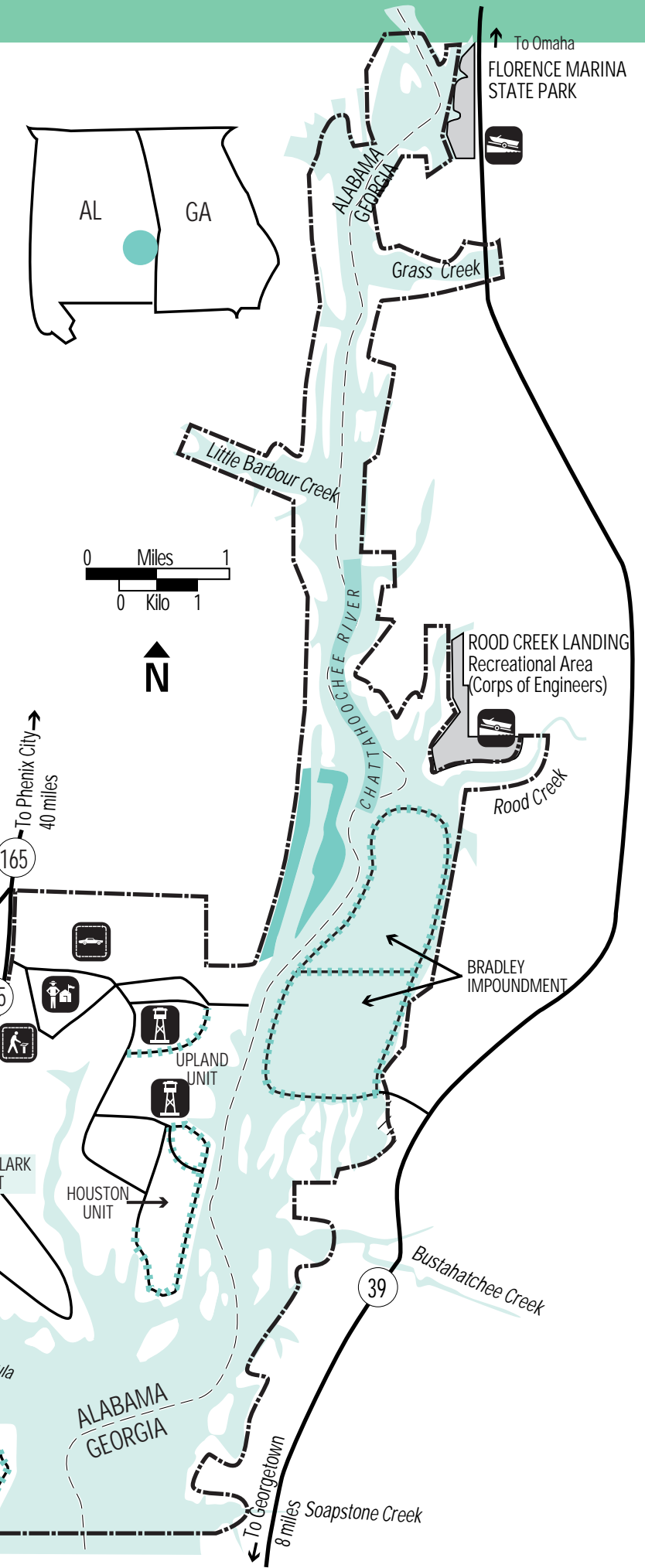
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- Closed to All Entry
- Refuge Headquarters
- Observation Platform
- Boat Ramp
- Wildlife Drive
- Walking Trail
- Refuge Boundary
- Paved Road
- Road and Levee
- Unpaved Road



### Refuge Office

The Refuge Office is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 am. - 4:00 pm. It serves as a visitor contact station providing mounted specimen, maps, leaflets and other items of interests. The office is closed during observed federal holidays.

### Hunting

Hunting is permitted for dove, deer, waterfowl, squirrel and rabbit. State and federal laws apply. Check refuge hunt leaflet/permit.

### Fishing

Fishing is permitted year-round; some restrictions apply in refuge impoundments. State and federal laws apply; Check regulations before fishing.

### Wildlife Observation

The refuge is open during daylight hours, year-round for wildlife viewing and photography. The refuge provides two facilities for site-specific viewing. The Houston Observation Tower overlooks the Chattahoochee River bottom and a year-round wetland; the Upland Waterfowl Viewing Platform offers a panoramic view of the Upland Impoundment and Goose Pen Impoundment. Both are handicap accessible. In addition to these facilities, all dikes and other habitats are available. Some areas are seasonally closed.

### Auto Tour Route

The refuge provides a seven mile summer route for auto touring. A variety of habitats and opportunities to observe wildlife species are offered. During the winter, the tour route is reduced to five miles to provide waterfowl sanctuary in several impounded areas.

### Walking Trails

A one-third mile long walking trail located near the refuge office provides self-guided walks through a variety of habitat types. Several other trails are co-managed with Lakepoint State Park. Dikes and roads are also available for walking, biking and jogging.

### Boating

Boating is a popular activity in Lake Eufaula and the refuge. Several public boat ramps are available throughout the refuge vicinity. Caution should be taken due to shallow waters with submerged stumps. Use of boats in refuge impoundments, air boats and jet skis are restricted. Opportunities for canoeing are also available.

### Other Regulated Activities

#### Camping

Camping is not permitted on the refuge, but is available at nearby Lakepoint State Park and Florence Marina State Park.



### Vehicles

Only licensed vehicles are permitted. Access is limited to graveled roads; some roads are closed seasonally. ATVs are prohibited.

### Firearms

All weapons are prohibited except on managed hunts.

### Horses

Horseback riding is permitted on graveled roads only. Riders are cautioned to watch for vehicles.

### Bicycles

Non-motorized bikes are permitted on graveled roads only. Hunters, fishermen and wildlife observers are encouraged to use bicycles to access remote areas.

### Fires

Fires are prohibited.

### Pets

Pets must be on a leash and under control of owner.

### Littering

Please take your litter home or dispose of it properly.

### Archaeological Resources

All archaeological resources are protected. Surface collecting and digging for objects of antiquity are prohibited.

### Alcohol

Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.



### Calendar of Wildlife Events

This calendar serves as a guide to wildlife events. Weather patterns and fluctuating water levels may cause variations.

#### January

Waterfowl numbers peak in early January. There are a variety of duck species; mallards are usually the most abundant. Canada geese are common with a few snow and white-fronted geese seen. Sandhill crane sightings are possible. Refuge duck hunts and archery-deer hunts are in progress. Fishing activity is slow.

#### February

Waterfowl numbers rapidly decline, resident geese remain in area. Wood ducks begin nesting. Great blue heron and great egrets become active in several rookeries. Rabbit and squirrel hunting available and warm weather initiates interest in fishing.

#### March

Other than wood ducks and low numbers of other duck species, blue-winged teal and shorebirds pass through area. Rookeries are quite active. Fishing fever is rampant. Refuge and Lakepoint State Park host a three-day Watchable Wildlife Weekend. Planting of agricultural fields begin; water levels in impoundments are lowered.

#### April

Neotropical migrant songbirds are migrating through. Rookeries are very active as are other nesting species. Eagles from local nests are busy fishing to feed young. Wild flowers and butterflies are abundant as fresh spring air fills the countryside. Fishing remains good.

#### May

Most wildlife species are busy raising young. Neotropical migrant songbirds are

completing migration with some nesting on refuge. Alligators are really visible and fishing continues good. Mild weather makes transition into warm early summer.

#### June

While wading birds are still active in rookeries, the endangered wood stork makes its summer visit. Deer peak at dropping fawns. Alligators are nesting while fishing slows somewhat. Wood duck broods can be seen.



#### July

This begins the driest months of the year and weather is making a transition to warm nights and hot days. The easiest seen wildlife includes wading birds, raptors, deer, alligators and songbirds; wood storks may be seen.

#### August

Hot weather dominates. The best time to see wildlife is early morning and late afternoon. Blue-winged teal are seen as they begin the long migration to South America. Wood ducks are forming small flocks after nesting season. Low water levels in reservoir provide good feeding for wading and shorebirds.

#### September

Migrant birds begin southward movement. Crops are harvested as the refuge prepares for another waterfowl season. Many animals benefit from agricultural program. Shorebirds, swallows and many neotropical migrants move through. A few early waterfowl arrive; wood storks are still here.

#### October

Waterfowl numbers increase slowly. Wood storks leave the area returning to north Florida. Fall fishing for bass can be good if water levels are stable. A dove hunt, youth deer hunt and archery deer hunt is provided. The refuge participates in a National Wildlife Refuge Week celebration.

#### November

Several thousand waterfowl including resident geese are on refuge by month's end. Sandhill cranes arrive for several months' stay. Wading birds are seen in shallows; raptors are seen perched along roads. Youth deer hunt ends, archery deer hunt continues and waterfowl hunts start.

#### December

Weather fluctuates between cold and mild temperatures. Waterfowl approach peak numbers made up of a wide variety of species. Wildlife viewing at observation towers and auto drive are popular during holidays. Waterfowl and archery hunts continue.