

**General Information**

**Overflow National Wildlife Refuge** was established in 1980 to preserve one of the remaining bottomland hardwood areas considered vital for maintaining mallard, wood duck and other waterfowl populations. Public hunting is permitted on approximately 13,000 acres during specific times of the year. Special arrangements can be made to accomodate persons with bona fide disabilities by contacting the refuge office.

Individuals utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, vehicles and their contents by refuge or state officers.

To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting Overflow, please take the time to become familiar with the following regulations.

**General Refuge Regulations**

The regulations below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations subject to the following conditions.

**Permits are required for all hunts.** When signed and in your possession, the general hunt permit on the front of this brochure serves as your permit for all refuge hunts.

*Weapons*

Firearms, archery tackle and crossbows are permitted only during designated hunts. Only rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber and shotguns are permitted, except during the muzzleloader hunt when weapons legal for that hunt are also permitted. All weapons transported in or on any land vehicle or boat under power must be **unloaded and encased or dismantled** (loaded is defined as shells in gun or cap on muzzleloader). Archery tackle and crossbows must be uncocked with arrow unnoocked from string.

*Ammunition*

Possession of shot larger than that legal for waterfowl hunting is prohibited; use or possession of lead shot is prohibited refuge wide.

*Exceptions:*

During the muzzleloader deer hunt, lead ammunition legal for taking deer may be used.

Small game, furbearers, feral hogs, beaver, nutria and coyotes may be hunted with rimfire lead ammunition during open season.

*Motorized Vehicles*

All motor vehicles are restricted to roads that are delineated on refuge map.

*Exception:*

Standard manufacturer's high flotation all-terrain vehicles or ATV's are permitted only on trails designated by ATV signs and marked with yellow paint from September 6, 2008 - January 31, 2009. (Refuge closed to ATV use except during these dates). ATV engine size is restricted to 700cc displacement, a width of 63" or less, tire centerline lug depth of one (1) inch or less, ATV flotation type tire with 12 pounds of tire pressure or less and classified as an ATV by the manufacturer. The maximum legal speed for any land vehicle is 35 mph. ATV's are allowed on unmarked levees and field roads in the North Sanctuary from September 6 - October 31, 2008. ATV's are allowed only for wildlife dependent activities. ATV's are not allowed on any improved road open to conventional vehicles.

*Animals/Pets*

Dogs are allowed for hunting migratory birds, squirrel, quail, rabbit and raccoons during designated season only. Other dogs and pets must be confined or on a leash. Horses are prohibited during the muzzleloader deer hunts. At other times, they may be used on designated roads and trails open to ATV's for refuge wildlife dependent activities such as hunting. Firearms transported on a horse must be unloaded and encased.

**Commercial Activities**

No person, including but not limited to a guide, guide service, outfitter, club or other organization shall provide assistance, services, or equipment to any other person for compensation on National Wildlife Refuge lands. For the purposes of this regulation, any fees paid to a person for lodging, meals, club membership or similar services will be considered compensation.

A refuge Commercial Use Permit is required for commercial activities on the refuge including but not limited to trapping, filming, photography, collecting plants or parts of plants, acorns or mussels.

**Specific Hunting Regulations**

State bag limits apply unless otherwise noted.

Legal Buck Definition and Bag Limit: The total number of bucks that can be harvested through a combination of all refuge deer hunts is two (these are not bonus deer). **Legal buck is any male deer.**

For additional information, write or call the address below:  
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Crossett, AR 71635  
870/364 3167  
Office hours: Monday-Friday,  
7 am - 3:30 pm

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National Wildlife Refuge  
3858 Highway 8E  
Parkdale, AR 71661  
870/473 2869  
OVERFLOW@fws.gov  
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http://southeast.fws.gov

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# Overflow

## National Wildlife Refuge

### Hunting Regulations

#### 2008-2009



**Overflow General Hunt Permit 2008-2009**

I have read and understand these refuge regulations. **Zone 490**

Signature of Hunter

This permit is valid only when signed above by the hunter and entire brochure must be carried on hunter's person.

### Waterfowl Sanctuary

Waterfowl Sanctuary areas are marked with “Area Closed” signs and/or purple paint on trees. The North Sanctuary area is closed to all public entry except from September 8 - October 31 when in season hunting is allowed. The South Sanctuary is closed year-round.

Possession of more than 25 shotshells is prohibited for all hunters during waterfowl hunting season.

Only portable deer stands may be used. Stands may be placed beginning September 29 and must be removed no later than February 2. No more than three portable stands allowed per person.

**Youth hunters** are youth less than 16 years at the beginning of the hunt they are participating in. All hunters born after December 31, 1968 must possess a Hunter Education Card. Exception: youth hunters under the age of 16 under direct supervision (within arms reach) of an adult 21 or older. In addition, hunters under the age of 16 (with Hunter Education Card) must be accompanied (in sight and in normal voice contact at all times) by an adult 21 or older. Each adult can supervise only **one** youth during big game hunts and no more than two youths during all other hunts.

### Prohibited Activities

Littering

Spotlighting-artificial light may not be used to locate wildlife

Baiting or hunting over bait, salt or any attraction

Hunting within 150 feet from roads and trails open to motorized vehicles (including ATV trails)

Camping

Fires

Target practice

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting. Consumption of alcohol or possession of opened alcoholic beverage container in parking lots and on roadways is also prohibited.

Taking of wildlife or plants (includes cutting trees or brush) other than listed in this brochure.

**For all deer and turkey harvested on the refuge, the hunter will immediately (prior to moving the animal) complete the hunting license information using 490 as zone of kill and use the same number at official state check stations as zone of kill.**

## Hunting Season 2008-2009

Type	Season Dates	Specific Regulations
Duck, Goose and Coot	State duck season. Geese and coots may be taken during state duck season when state seasons for these species are open.	Hunters may not enter the hunting area until 4:30am. Hunting ends at noon each day. Only portable blinds are permitted. Blinds, boats and decoys must be removed each day, either to a designated area or from the refuge. September Teal Season Closed. <b>Unlawful to possess or discharge more than 25 shotshells per day.</b>
Woodcock	State Season	
Quail	11/1/2008 - 1/31/2009	
Squirrel and Rabbit	9/6/2008 - 1/31/2009	Dogs allowed December 1, 2008 - January 31, 2009
Raccoon and Opossum	Sunrise 11/15/2008 - 1/31/2009	Use of dogs required during hours of darkness.
Deer (Archery/Crossbows) (Zone 490)	10/1/2008 - 1/31/2009	Either sex entire season; state bag limit. See legal buck definition.
Deer (Muzzleloader) (Zone 490)	First State Season for (Zone 12)	Bag limit - one buck and one doe. See legal buck definition.
Deer (Gun)	Closed	
Turkey (Spring) (Archery/Crossbows) (Zone 490)	State Season for Turkey (Zone 9) Fall season closed	Bag limit is two bearded turkey
Turkey Gun	Closed	
Trapping	Sunrise 11/15/2008 - 1/31/2009 refuge office.	Special refuge permit required; available at
Beaver, Nutria, Coyote, Feral Hog	Any refuge hunt	May be taken during any daytime refuge hunt and with weapons legal for that hunt. No bag limits. Live hogs may not be transported.

**Legal Buck Limit and Definition: the total number of bucks harvested through a combination of all refuge deer hunts on Overflow NWR (Zone 490) is two (these are not bonus deer). A buck is any male deer.**

Participate in deer drives

Possession or use of herbicides

No person shall utilize the services of a guide, guide service, outfitter, club, organization or other person who provides equipment, services or assistance on National Wildlife Refuge lands for compensation. Failure to comply with this provision subjects each hunter in the party to a fine if convicted of this violation.

Driving or screwing a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or to hunt from a tree in which such an object has been driven.

Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowhead, pottery or other artifacts.

Blocking gates or roadways with vehicles.

Marking trails with tape, ribbons, or paint. Biodegradeable materials permitted.

Fishing and taking frogs.

Use or possession of any electronic call or other electronic device used for producing or projecting vocal sounds of wildlife.

Use of deer decoys.

Possessing, using or leaving any tree stand, ATV, game camera, or boat on the refuge without owners name and address clearly marked on the outside