

Reelfoot and Lake Isom

National Wildlife Refuges Public Use Regulations 2008-2009

youth hunter may be supervised during big game hunting activities). Hunters under 10 years old can participate during the statewide youth hunts if accompanied by an adult 21 years of age and older.

Specific Hunting Regulations

Big game killed on the refuge during spring turkey (quota hunt), and archery deer season must be checked at the nearest State Checking station on the date of kill. Please specify that the game was taken on the refuge. All deer taken by Tennessee hunters during the quota gun hunt must be checked at a State-approved check station. Kentucky hunters should turn in the bonus deer tag to the refuge office.

Non-Toxic Shot

All hunters using shotguns for hunting on Reelfoot and Lake Isom NWRs must only use and possess ammunition containing non-toxic shot.

Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges.

Check Stations

Hunters participating in non quota refuge hunts are required to check out at self service hunter check stations (see map for locations).

Reelfoot and Lake Isom NWRs

Squirrel

Season:

Reelfoot: August 23 - October 31, 2008

Lake Isom: August 23 - November 9, 2008

Bag limit: same as State

Raccoon

Season: October 3-18, 2008

Bag limit: no limit

Hunting hours: 7 pm to 12 midnight

Raccoon hunters must check out at refuge check stations

Archery Deer

Season:

Reelfoot: September 27 - October 24, 2008

October 27 - 31, 2008

November 10-14, 2008

Lake Isom: September 27 - October 24, 2008

October 27 - 31, 2008

November 8 - 14, 2008

Deer Bag Limit: State bag limits apply, all deer count towards season bag limits.

Reelfoot NWR Only

Quota Deer Gun

Season: November 7-9, 2008

Bag Limit: 2 deer (only one may be antlered)

All deer count as bonus deer.

Permits: Quota hunt, limited to 200 permits (100 per hunt unit). See quota hunt application procedures.

Quota Wild Turkey

Season: April 10 - 12, 2009

Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey, counts as bonus turkey.

Permits: Quota hunt, limited to 50 permits (25 per hunt unit). See quota hunt application procedures.

Coyotes and beaver may be taken incidentally during scheduled refuge hunts.

Reelfoot Quota Hunt Permit Application Procedures

To apply for a permit, applicants must submit a stamped, self-addressed U.S. Postal Service postcard to the Refuge Manager. A party of up to three hunters may apply on the same postcard. On the back of the card provide the following information **for each applicant:**

- **Hunt Unit (Long Point or Grassy Island)**
- **Name**
- **Address**

Incomplete or duplicate applications will be disqualified. Applications will be accepted during the month of July for the deer hunt and February for the turkey hunt. All permits will be selected by random computer drawings. *Juveniles* - Both the juvenile and their supervising adult must apply together on the same postcard in order to be eligible for a refuge permit. If selected, the juvenile must be under direct supervision of the adult during the hunt.

Successful applicants will be assessed a fee of \$12.50 (**cashiers check or money order only**, payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) for the permit. Fees are not refundable and the permits are not transferable. Of the total revenues collected, 80% are applied to defray the costs of administering refuge hunts, while the remainder is deposited into the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund.

Hunters on the Grassy Island Unit must meet the license requirements for Tennessee, and hunters on the Long Point Unit must meet the license requirement for either Tennessee or Kentucky.

Specific Fishing Regulations

Fishing is seasonally permitted from sunrise to sunset (Central time) on the waters of Reelfoot and Lake Isom NWR's (see maps for specific locations and dates of closures). Frogging and Commercial turtleing are prohibited. Visitors must comply with all applicable state fishing and boating regulations.

Only boats with motors of 10 hp. or less are permitted at Lake Isom.

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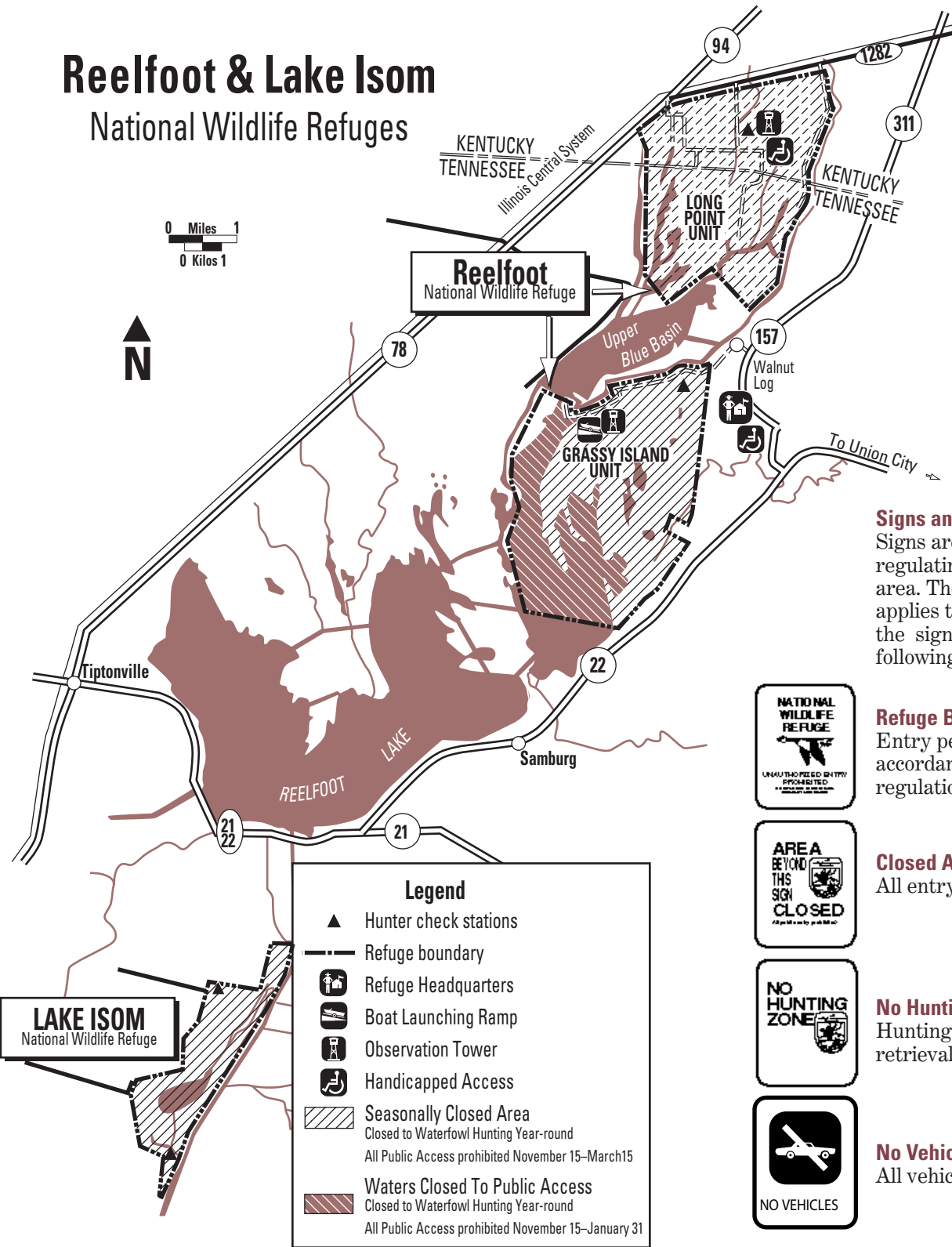
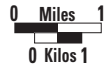
Hunt Permit

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.

Hunter's Signature

Reelfoot & Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges



Legend

- ▲ Hunter check stations
- Refuge boundary
- 🏠 Refuge Headquarters
- 🚤 Boat Launching Ramp
- 🗼 Observation Tower
- ♿ Handicapped Access
- ▨ Seasonally Closed Area
Closed to Waterfowl Hunting Year-round
All Public Access prohibited November 15–March 15
- ▩ Waters Closed To Public Access
Closed to Waterfowl Hunting Year-round
All Public Access prohibited November 15–January 31

Signs and Boundaries
Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording of the sign applies to the area behind the sign. Please respect the following signs:



Refuge Boundary
Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations.



Closed Area
All entry prohibited.



No Hunting Zone
Hunting, weapons, or game retrieval prohibited.



No Vehicles
All vehicle traffic prohibited.

Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges
Reelfoot and Lake Isom refuges make up an important part of our National Wildlife Refuge System. These areas were established to provide essential habitat for migratory birds in the Lower Mississippi Valley. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the refuge system and is responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing the nation's fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for the continuing benefit of people.

The provisions listed below supplement the general regulations which govern public use on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in *Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations*. When permitted, hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable state laws unless otherwise listed.

General Provisions and Access Regulations

Access
By law, recreational activities on National Wildlife Refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other recreational uses are permitted on most areas of Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges. Contact the Refuge Manager for current regulations and authorized activities.

Vehicles
Only legally licensed vehicles are allowed on the refuge. ATC's and ATV's are prohibited, except by disabled individuals possessing a refuge special use permit. Airboats, jet skies, and hovercraft are prohibited.

Disabled Access
Most refuge areas are universally-accessible to the disabled. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate in refuge hunts and other activities. Contact the refuge manager for guidelines to obtain special use access.

Roads
The Grassy Island Auto Tour route is open to the public year-round. However, roads may be closed at any time due to adverse weather conditions or management needs. Vehicles must remain on established roads as indicated on the maps on this leaflet. Vehicles may be parked alongside open roads in a manner that will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Please avoid driving on refuge roads during wet conditions as damage to the roads will result.

Closed Areas
Designated areas will be closed to hunting, fishing, and all other public access during fall and winter months to provide resource protection (see map for specific locations and dates of closures). Other areas may be closed for special management or safety reasons. All refuge access is prohibited after dark unless specifically authorized by the refuge manager.

Camping and Fires
Camping and fires are prohibited on Reelfoot and Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuges. Please remove personal litter from the refuge.

Weapons
Carrying, possessing, or discharging fireworks, or explosives on national wildlife refuges is prohibited. Firearms are permitted only during authorized hunts and must be unloaded and either dismantled or encased when transported in vehicles and boats while on the refuge.

The use or possession of air guns, spears, gigs, or other weapons on national wildlife refuges is prohibited. Weapons legally possessed for hunting are the same as those prescribed by the States of Tennessee or Kentucky.

Dogs
Dogs are permitted for raccoon/squirrel hunting. All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

Horses
Horses are permitted only on roads and trails open to motorized traffic. Riding off roads into fields, woods, or on foot trails is prohibited.

Refuge / Cultural Resources
All government property including natural, historic, and archaeological features are protected by Federal Law. Searching for or removal of objects of antiquity or other value is strictly prohibited.

Tree Stands
All tree stands must be removed from the refuge daily. The use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a tree stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

Tree Marking
Marking any tree, or other refuge feature, with flagging, reflectors, paint or other substance is strictly prohibited.

Monitoring Devices
The use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices is prohibited.

Hunter Education
Hunters must comply with the hunter education requirements for the state in which license is issued.

Youth Supervision
An adult hunter 21 years of age or older must remain in sight of and in normal voice contact with all youth hunters 15 years of age and younger. One adult hunter may supervise no more than two youth hunters (only one