

General Provisions

Hatchie 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 protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations. Carefully managed hunts maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting and fishing on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable State regulations.

Access Regulations

Access for hunting, fishing, and other public use is permitted on the 11,556 acres of Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge, except as may be regulated by other provisions, such as special closures for sanctuaries or by signs on the area. **Public access is allowed during daylight hours only, with the exception of other legal hunting activities.**

Roads

Roads may be closed at any time due to adverse weather conditions or management needs. While on the refuge, **vehicles must remain on established roads as designated on the map on the reverse side.**

Vehicles

Only legally licensed vehicles are allowed on refuge roads as shown on map. **ATV's are prohibited.**

Parking

Vehicles may be parked alongside refuge roads as shown on map in a manner that will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. No parking or access through Oneal Lake area for any hunting.

Closed Areas

Designated areas are closed to hunting, fishing, and all public access from November 15 through March 15 to provide sanctuary for waterfowl. (See map for areas closed).

Cultural Resources

All natural, historical, and archaeological features are protected by federal law. Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts is prohibited.

Camping/Fires

Prohibited

Dogs/Pets

All dogs used for hunting on refuge lands must wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number. All other dogs/pets must be kept under control while on refuge lands.

General Hunting Permit

This general permit is required for all hunting on the refuge. Permit, identification, and valid TN hunting license must be shown upon request by any refuge or Tennessee Wildlife Officer. The signing on the designated line on the front of this leaflet validates it as your general hunting permit.

Quota Deer Permit

An official U.S. postcard is required for the drawing. Official postcards will be accepted between **July 1-31** and must be received by COB July 31. Mail official postcard to:

Attention: Refuge Manager
Hatchie NWR
6772 Highway 76 South
Stanton, TN 38069

The drawing will be held on August 1, at 9 am at the refuge office. Applicants are welcome to participate in the public drawing.

Please type or plainly print the full name and address of each hunter. One name on the front of the postcard and up to two names on the back. Limit of three names per hunting party. Clearly state your hunt date choice(s) (i.e. 1st choice Nov and 2nd choice Oct or Oct hunt only or Nov hunt only).

Duplicate, incomplete, nonlegible applications and/or on anything other than an official U.S. postcard will not be considered for the drawing.

Youths up to 16 years of age must list the name of the person supervising them on the postcard when applying, stating whether they are supervising only or a supervising hunter.

Only successful applicants will be notified by mail to submit \$12.50 per hunter (Money Order or Cashiers Check only), payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

All quota permits are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

General Hunting Regulations

All hunters using shotguns for small game and migratory game birds must use and possess only shells containing approved **non-toxic shot**. Deer and turkey hunters may use lead.

Hunters may access the refuge no more than 2 hours before legal sunrise and no more than 2 hours after legal sunset.

Hunters born after 01/01/69, must possess proof that they have successfully completed a hunter education course. All hunters are encouraged to complete a hunters safety course.

Youths up to 16 years of age must be supervised by an adult 21 years old or older. An adult **may supervise only one youth under** 16 years of age, **except** two may be supervised in a hunting blind during waterfowl hunts. The adult must be in sight and normal voice contact of the youth supervised.

Treestands, temporary blinds, etc. must be removed daily! The use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. **Bark penetrating tree stands are prohibited.**

It is unlawful to mark any tree or other refuge feature with paint or similar substance. Please remove all flagging tape and other marking materials upon leaving the refuge.

Only species listed in this regulations leaflet as open to hunting may be taken.

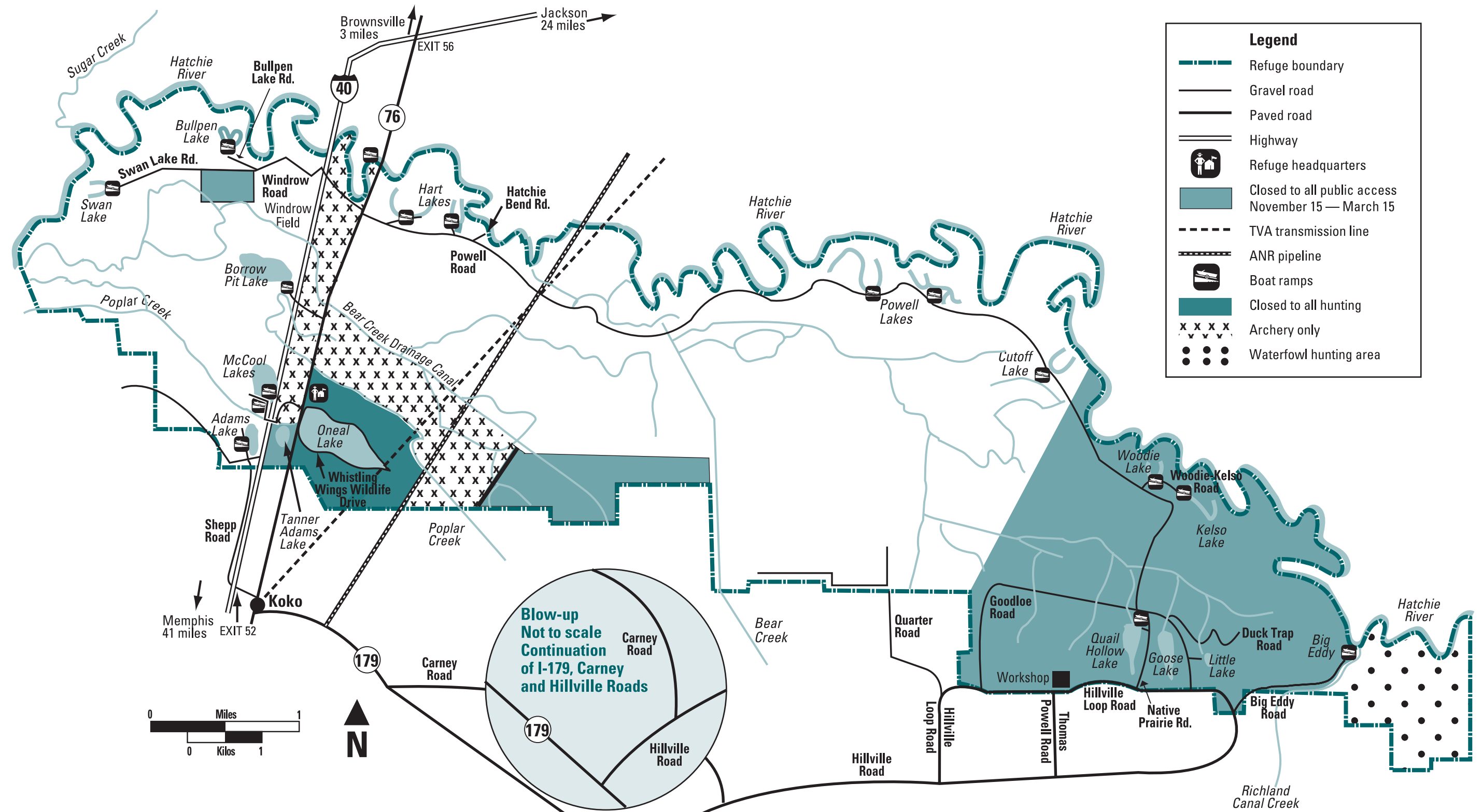
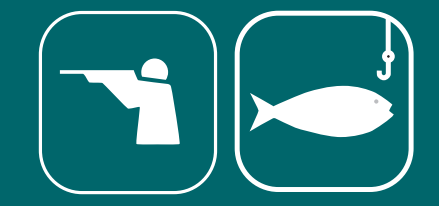
Firearms

Firearms are permitted on the refuge only during refuge hunting season. Firearms being transported in vehicles must be unloaded and encased or dismantled.

Type	2008-09 Season Dates	Specific Regulations	Bag	Weapons	Permit Required
Deer - Archery	Sep. 27-Oct. 19, 2008 (First 23 days of Tennessee State Season)	Same as State. Deer taken must be checked at the nearest TWRA check station and specified that deer was taken on the refuge.	Counted in regular season bag.	Use/possession of any firearms, pod arrows, any pod device or any chemical used in pod arrows are prohibited.	See General Hunting Permit Section
Deer - Gun (Quota) 250 permits per hunt	Oct. 25-26, 2008 Nov. 08-09, 2008	Same as State. Deer taken must be checked at the nearest TWRA check station and specified that deer was taken on the refuge.	Two deer (either sex may be taken) not counted in regular season bag.	Same as State	See Quota Deer Permit Section
Deer - Youth Hunt	Not Permitted.	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
Turkey and Turkey - Youth Hunt	Spring Season Only Spring Hunt Only	Same As State. Turkeys taken must be checked at the nearest TWRA Check station and specified that turkey was taken on the refuge.	Counted in regular season bag. 1 bearded turkey only.	Same as State Non-Toxic Shot ONLY Possession of Lead	See General Hunting Permit Section
Squirrel/Rabbit/Quail	Same as State Fall Season. No Spring Season.	All small game hunts are closed during the refuge deer archery and quota hunts. See attached Refuge map for areas opened to hunting.	Same as State	Same as State. Non-toxic shot ONLY. Possession of Lead Shot Prohibited.	See General Hunting Permit Section
Raccoon/Opossum	Same as State regulations for each species.	The refuge is open at night, sunset til one hour before sunrise, for raccoon and opossum hunting only. Closed night before and during any refuge deer archery and quota hunts.	Same as State	Same as State. Non-toxic shot ONLY. Possession of Lead Shot Prohibited.	See General Hunting Permit Section
Beaver/Coyote	During any other open refuge season.	Permits and legal weapons apply as for the current refuge season.	Same as State.	See Specific Regulations to the left.	See Gen. Hunting Permit Section
Mourning Dove/Snipe/Woodcock	State Seasons	Same as State. Refuge access and general hunting regulations apply. Closed during all refuge deer archery and quota hunts.	Same as State.	Same as State. Non-toxic shot ONLY. Possession of Lead Shot Prohibited.	See General Hunting Permit Section
Ducks/Coots	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the TN State early wood duck and regular waterfowl seasons.	1/2 hour before sunrise until 12 noon. Only portable blinds and blinds made of natural vegetation may be used. Portable blinds and decoys must be removed daily. Hunting allowed only in designated area (see map). All other seasons closed in this area during waterfowl season.	Same as State.	Same as State. Non-Toxic Shot ONLY Possession of Lead Shot Prohibited.	See General Hunting Permit Section
Ducks - Youth	Saturday only of State season.	See Ducks/Coots regulations.	Same as State.	See Ducks/Coots.	See General Hunting Permit Section
Geese	See Ducks/Coots	See above Ducks/Coots regulations.	Same as State.	See Ducks/Coots.	See Ducks/Coots.
General Sport Fishing	Seasonally opened	All refuge waters open except designated areas are closed Nov. 15-Mar. 15 to provide sanctuary for waterfowl (see map). Pole & Line or Rod & Reel use only. Electric motors allowed. Gasoline motors prohibited. Anglers must use refuge boat ramps to launch boats. Oneal Lake Fishing Dates: Mar. 16-May 31, Sat. & Sun. only. June 1-Nov. 14, daily. Boats must be 16' or less in length.	Same as State except Oneal Lake - Bass Mar 16 - May 31: Catch & Release June 1-Nov 14: Bass Creel limit 2. All pickeral caught should be removed from the lake.	Same as State.	Valid TN fishing license

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National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Permit and Fishing Regulations 2008-2009



For more information
Further information may be obtained at the Refuge Office,
located between I - 40 Exits 52 and 56 on State Highway 76
at Oneal Lake.

Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge
6772 Highway 76 South
Stanton, TN 38069
Office hours: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Monday-Friday
731/772-0501, ext. 227
<http://hatchie.fws.gov>

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Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge General Hunting Permit 2008 - 2009
Hunters must have a signed permit in their possession while participating in these activities. The signing of this leaflet validates it as your general refuge hunting permit. Applicable Tennessee Licenses are required for all activities.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Signature (valid only when signed)

Valid thru May 2009