

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.

Hunters under 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 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 and must be returned to the Refuge Office. 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 will log their harvest at the self-check station in Alabama and Georgia or phone information to refuge office within 24 hours (334/687 4065).

Deer

Only portable tree stands may be used. Stands must be removed from trees 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 be taken during all deer hunts. No limit.

Archery Non-Quota Hunt

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

Alabama

Hunting is allowed October 15 - January 31.

The bag limit is two deer per day, only one can be an antlered buck.

Georgia

Hunting is allowed September 11 - January 9.

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

The bag limit is ten antlerless and two antlered deer (one must have a minimum four points on one side). Either sex may be taken during entire season above.

Youth Quota Deer Hunt (ages 10-16)

A special firearm hunt will be held in Georgia on the following dates: October 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24.

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.

Dove Non-Quota Hunt

Hunt will be held on selected fields on the Alabama portion of the refuge. Hunts will be 12:00 noon until sunset on October 9 and 13. The October 9 hunt is a designated adult/youth hunt. Each youth (ages 10 - 15) must hunt; adult supervisors may also hunt.

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.

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.

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

Standby hunters may fill unclaimed blinds by a random draw the morning of each hunt. Those drawn must pay a \$15.00 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 Saturdays on the Georgia and Alabama portion on a date established by each State. Standby hunters will be allowed. A \$15.00 fee is charged for each youth.

Adult/Youth Waterfowl Hunt (ages 10 -15)

A special adult/youth hunt will be held on Georgia and Alabama portions the first Saturday of each state’s waterfowl season. Standby hunters will be allowed. A \$15.00 fee is charged for each hunter.

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

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.

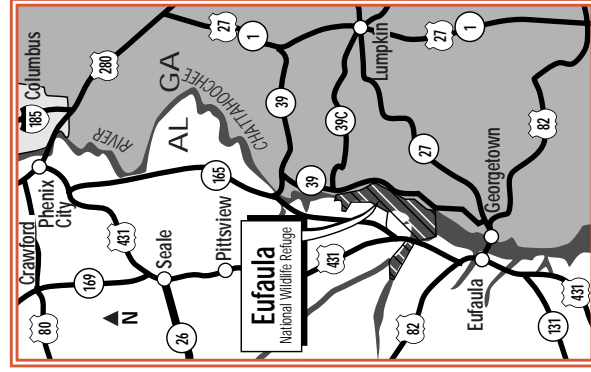
Fishing in Lake Eufaula is legal with Alabama or Georgia fishing license; fishing in refuge impounded waters requires a license for the state in which you are fishing.

Firearms are prohibited while fishing all refuge waters.

Fires are not allowed.

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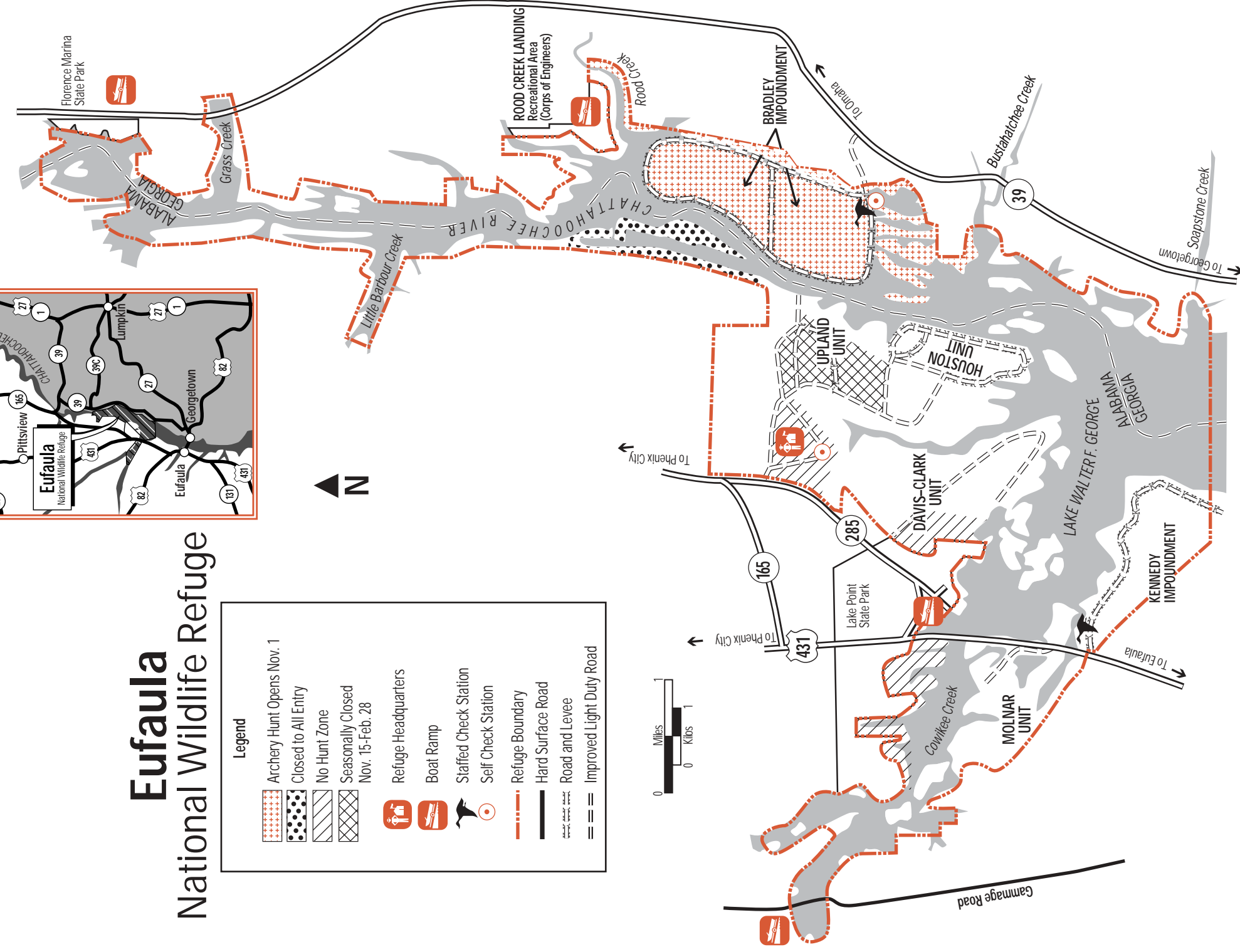
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Legend

- Archery Hunt Opens Nov. 1
- Closed to All Entry
- No Hunt Zone
- Seasonally Closed Nov. 15-Feb. 28
- 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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509 Old Highway 165
Eufaula, AL 36027
334/687 4065
<http://eufaula.fws.gov>

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1 800/344 WILD

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2004 - 2005 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