

### 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, one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset.**

### 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, except by disabled individuals possessing a refuge special use permit.

### Disabled Access

Refuge areas are open to disabled access. Please check with the refuge office for improved access area.

### 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.

### Closed Area

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, historic and archaeological features are protected by Federal law. Persons disturbing or removing archaeological materials or disturbing any burial site will be prosecuted.

### Camping/Fires

Prohibited.

### Dogs

Dogs are prohibited except when used during small game and migratory bird hunts or during permitted field trails. Contact Refuge Manager for information on field trial permits. Dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address and telephone number.

### General Permits

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

### Quota Deer Permit

Official U.S. postcard and a **(money order or cashier's check ONLY)** \$5.00 application fee per hunter required for drawing. Accepted **July 1-30 ONLY**. See refuge address on leaflet.

Full name and address of each hunter typed or plainly printed. One name on front and one name on back. Limited two names.

No application fee(s), duplicate, incomplete, nonlegible applications and/or on anything other than an official US 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.

Successful applicants will be notified by mail to submit **\$12.50** per hunter **(money order or cashier's check ONLY)**, payable to the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**.

All permits and fees are **nonrefundable and nontransferable**.

Permits not purchased by COB August 31 deadline will be sold **September 3** at Refuge office 8:00 am, \$12.50 each, **Cash ONLY**.

### General Hunting Regulations

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

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 hunter 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 youth supervised.

Treestands left after the season closed will become property of the refuge. 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 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. **Non-Biodegradable trail markers prohibited.**

**NO** hunting within 100 yards of any refuge buildings.

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

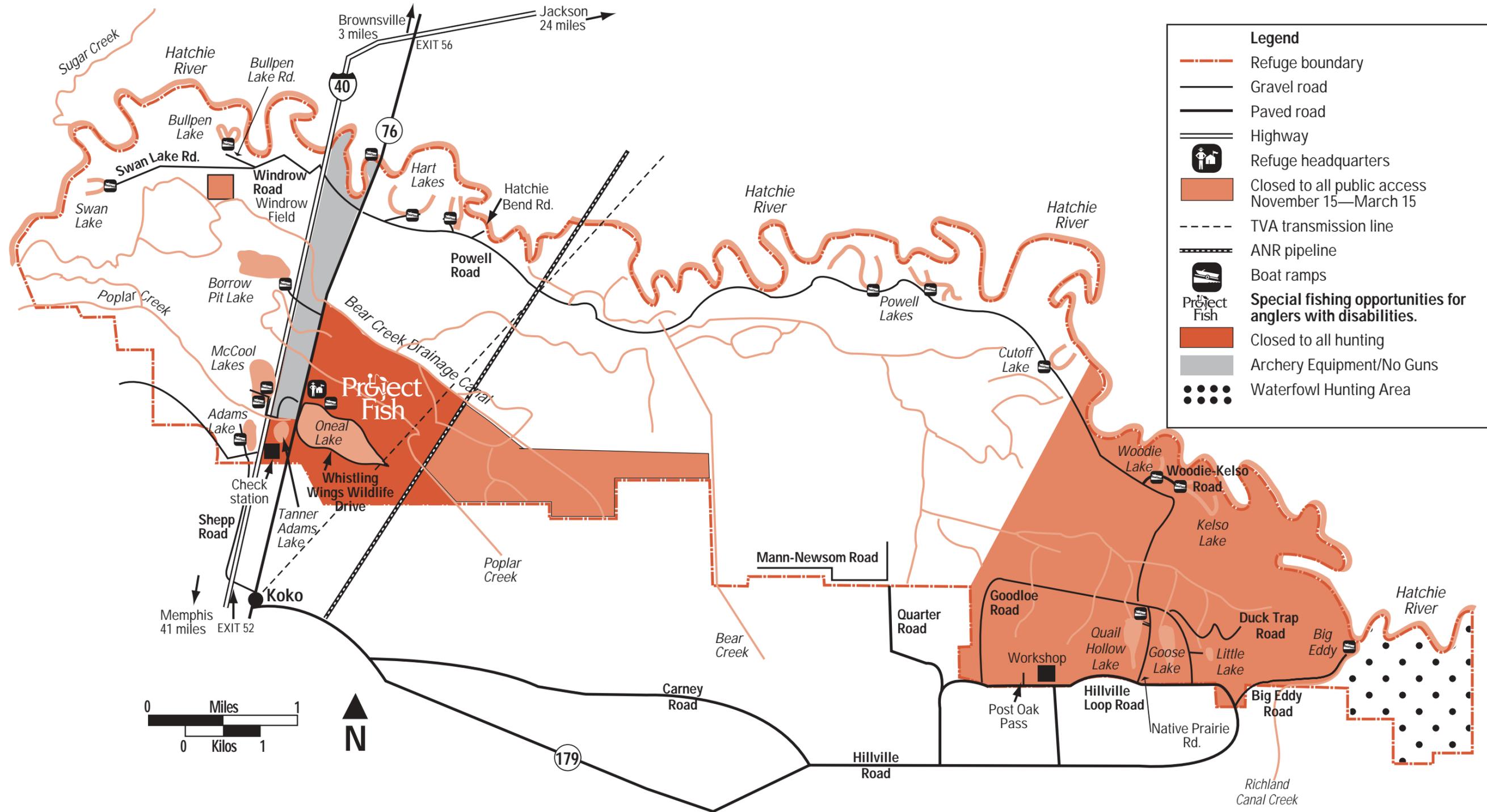
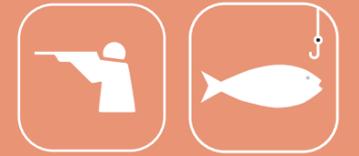
### Firearms

Firearms are permitted on the refuge only during refuge hunting season. The refuge will follow the same requirements as outlined by the state, except for limitations in small game hunts.

Type	Season Dates	2004 - 2005 SEASONS Specific Regulations	Bag	Weapons	Permit Required
<b>Deer-Archery</b>	Sep. 25-Oct. 10, 2004 (First 16 days of Tennessee State Season)	Same as State. Deer taken must be checked at the nearest TWRA check station and specified <b>that deer was taken on the refuge.</b>	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 Permit Section
<b>Deer-Gun (Quota)</b> 225 permits plus 4 permits for wheelchair bound hunters and their aides per hunt	Oct. 16-17, 2004 Oct. 23-24, 2004	Deer must be checked at refuge check station located on Hwy 76 (see map). Hunters must wear on the upper portion of their body and head, a minimum of 500 square inches of Fluorescent Orange, visible front and back. <i>See permit section for application details.</i>	Two deer (either sex may be taken NOT counted in regular season bag.	Same as State.	See Quota Deer Permit Section
<b>Deer-Youth</b>	Not Permitted.	Not Permitted.	Not Permitted.	Not Permitted.	Not Permitted.
<b>Turkey</b>	State Season	Same As State. Turkeys taken must be checked at the nearest TWRA check station and specified <b>that turkey was taken on the refuge.</b>	Counted in regular season bag.	Same as State.	See General Permit Section
<b>Squirrel/Rabbit/Quail</b>	Same as State regulations for each species.	Same as State <b>Fall</b> season, <b>NO</b> Spring Season. All small game hunts are <b>closed during the refuge deer seasons.</b>	Same as State.	Same as State. Non-Toxic Shot ONLY Possession of Lead Shot Prohibited.	See General Permit Section
<b>Raccoon/Opossum</b>	Same as State	The refuge is open at night, sunset til one hour before sunrise, for raccoon and opossum hunting <b>only</b> . Closed <b>only. Closed night before and during any refuge deer seasons.</b>	Same as State.	Same as State. Non-Toxic Shot ONLY Possession of Lead Shot Prohibited.	See General Permit Section
<b>Beaver/Coyote/Armadillo</b>	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 General Permit Section
<b>Mourning Dove/Snipe/Woodcock</b>	State Seasons	Same as State. Refuge access and general hunting regulations apply. <b>Closed during all refuge deer seasons.</b>	Same as State.	Same as State. Non-Toxic Shot ONLY Possession of Lead Shot Prohibited.	See General Permit Section
<b>Ducks/Coots</b>	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the TN State early wood duck and regular duck 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). <b>All other seasons closed in this area during waterfowl season.</b>	Same as State.	Same as State. Non-Toxic Shot ONLY Possession of Lead Shot Prohibited.	See General Permit Section
<b>Ducks - Youth</b>	Saturday only of State season.	See Ducks/Coots regulations.	Same as State.	See Ducks/Coots	See General Permit Section
<b>Geese</b>	See Ducks/Coots	See Ducks/Coots regulations.	Same as State.	See Ducks/Coots	See Ducks/Coots
<b>General Sport Fishing</b>	Open Year-Round	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. <b>Gasoline motors are prohibited.</b> Anglers must use refuge boat ramps launching boats. 14" length limit on all bass in Goose & Quail Hollow Lakes. Goose Lake open to bank fishing <b>only</b> . Bank fishing <b>only</b> on Oneal Lake-Friday and Saturday starting April 2-Sept. 25, 2004, catch & release on all bass.	Same as State. Except where noted on Goose, Quail Hollow and Oneal Lakes.	Same as State	See General Permit Section

# Hatchie

National Wildlife Refuge  
Hunting and Fishing  
Regulations/Permits  
2004-2005



**Legend**

- Refuge boundary
- Gravel road
- Paved road
- Highway
- Refuge headquarters
- Closed to all public access November 15—March 15
- TVA transmission line
- ANR pipeline
- Boat ramps
- Project Fish**
- Closed to all hunting
- Archery Equipment/No Guns
- Waterfowl Hunting Area

**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  
P.O. Box 1031  
Brownsville, TN 38012-1031  
Office hours: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Monday-Friday  
731/772 0501, ext. 227  
<http://hatchie.fws.gov>

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

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**Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge  
General Hunting and Fishing Permit 2004-2005**  
Hunters and anglers 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 and fishing 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 2005**