

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 accommodate 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

Motorized Vehicles

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.

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 (3,4-wheelers and "Hustlers") are permitted only on trails designated by ATV signs and marked with yellow paint from **September 29, 2004 - January 31, 2005.** (Refuge closed to ATV use except during these dates). ATV's are allowed on unmarked levees and field roads in the North Sanctuary from September 29 - October 31, 2004. ATV's are allowed only for wildlife dependent activities. ATV's are not allowed on any improved road open to conventional vehicles. ATV engine size is restricted to 700cc displacement. ATV tires are limited to those having a centerline lug depth not greater than 1 inch. The maximum legal speed for any land vehicle is 35 mph. ATV's may be used on unimproved roads (see map).

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 or on 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

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For additional information, write or call the address below:
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National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2004-2005

Overflow General Hunt Permit 2004-2005

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Signature of Hunter

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

New regulations highlighted

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.

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); these may be male deer with a total of 4 points or less on both sides including the main beam OR have a minimum of 4 points on one side including the main beam. Points must be at least one inch long.

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 29 - 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 erected two days before each hunt and must be removed within two days after each hunt.

All hunters born after December 31, 1968 must possess a Hunter Education Card. Also, hunters under 16 years of age must be accompanied (in sight and in normal voice contact) at all times by an adult 21 or older. Each adult may supervise only one youth during deer hunts and no more than two youths during all other hunts.

Specific Hunting Regulations

Waterfowl Sanctuary

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 2004-2005

Type	Season Dates	Specific Regulations
Duck, Goose and Coot	State Duck Season	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. Unlawful to possess or discharge more than 25 shotshells per day.
Woodcock	State Season	
Quail	11/1/2004 - 1/31/2005	
Squirrel and Rabbit	10/2/2004 - 1/31/2005	Dogs allowed 1/1-31/2005
Raccoon and Opossum	Sunrise 11/12/2004 - 1/31/2005	Use of dogs required during hours of darkness.
Deer (Archery/Crossbows) (Zone 490)	10/1/2004 - 1/31/2005	Either sex entire season; state bag limit. See legal buck definition.
Deer (Muzzleloader) (Zone 490)	October State Season (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 Spring Turkey Zone 9	Bag limit is two bearded turkey
Turkey Gun	Closed	
Trapping	Sunrise 11/12/2004 - 1/31/2005	Special refuge permit required; available at refuge office.
Beaver, Nutria, Coyote, and Feral Hog	Any refuge hunt	May be taken during any daytime refuge hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. No bag limits. Live hogs may not be transported.

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 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.

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. Biodegradable materials permitted.