

Canaan Valley

*National Wildlife
Refuge*

Hunting



General Refuge Regulations

Hours

The refuge is open from 2 hours before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset. Camping or overnight parking is prohibited.

Vehicles

Vehicles are permitted only on county roads and refuge access roads. No ORVs are permitted on the refuge.

Hunter Information Boxes

Information boxes have been placed at refuge parking areas. Please take the time to fill out an information card following your hunt. This information is very important to the management of the refuge hunting program. Thank you for your time.

Pets

Pets are allowed if on a leash or under close control.

Weapons

Shotguns, rifles, muzzleloaders and bows are permitted on designated hunting areas during the hunting seasons. Guns or other hunting weapons may be transported through the refuge in vehicles ONLY when unloaded and cased, or dismantled.

Alcoholic Beverages

To prevent accidents, the possession or use of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited on all National Wildlife Refuges.

Prohibited Activities

Littering, fires, fireworks or collecting objects of antiquity, including Native American artifacts is prohibited.

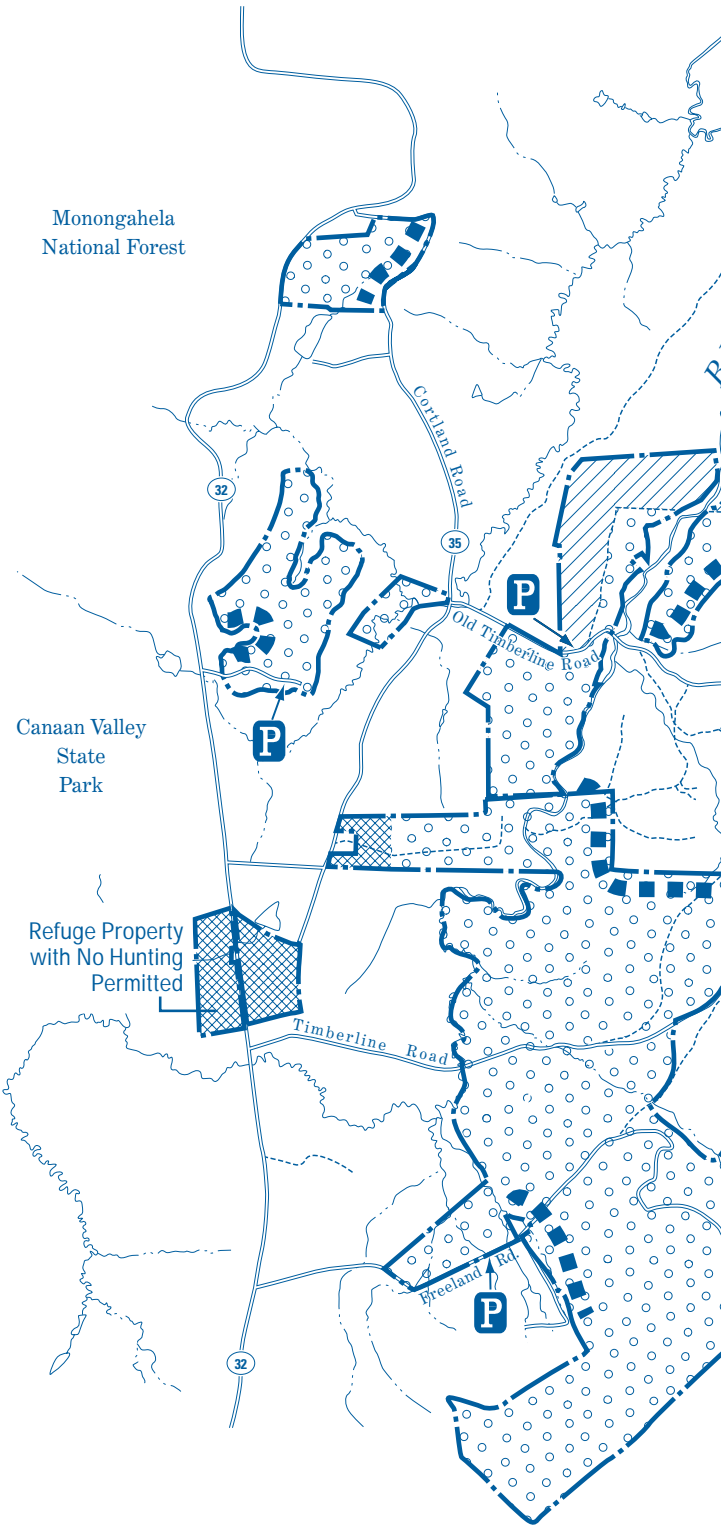
Accidents

All accidents and injuries occurring on the refuge must be reported immediately at the refuge headquarters. Phone: 304/866 3858.

Monongahela
National Forest

Canaan Valley
State
Park

Refuge Property
with No Hunting
Permitted



River

Hunt Map

Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Backwater

Sand Run

Cabin Mountain



Hunting with shotguns, archery equipment, and muzzleloaders will be permitted on refuge tracts within the no rifle zone.

Safety zones based on terrain will be established and signs installed around the housing areas adjacent to the hunting zones.

Legend



Parking Area



Refuge Boundary Line



Shotgun, Archery, and Muzzleloader Zone, NO RIFLE HUNTING



Rifle Zone



Refuge Property CLOSED TO HUNTING



Safety Zone, NO HUNTING

Map displays refuge property as of 8/2000

Signs Protect Visitors and Resources



General Hunting Information

Refuge Boundary

Entry is permitted only on designated access roads and trails.

Public Access Route

This sign is used to designate public access routes through the refuge. You are welcome to drive, bicycle, or walk these roads.

Public Hunting Area

The area behind this sign is open for hunting in accordance with State and Refuge regulations.

Area Closed

This area is closed to ALL entry. No fishing, hunting, or sightseeing is permitted. No roads or trails are open to the public.

No Vehicles

This area is closed to all motor vehicles, horses and bicycles.

No Rifle Zone

This sign delineates portions of the refuge that are closed to hunting with a rifle. Hunting with a shotgun, muzzleloader or bow is permitted.

Season

Hunting on the refuge is permitted daily in accordance with State regulations from **September 1 through February 28** and during the Spring Turkey Season. The refuge is closed to all other hunting from **March 1 through August 31**.

Species

The following game species may be taken on refuge lands during applicable State seasons: white-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, mourning dove, waterfowl, coot, rail, gallinule, snipe, woodcock, rabbit, hare, squirrel, red fox, grey fox, raccoon, bobcat, woodchuck, coyote, opossum, and striped skunk. **ALL OTHER SPECIES OF WILDLIFE ARE PROTECTED.**

Areas Open

Hunting is permitted on most refuge lands with the following exceptions:

The Route 32 tracts, and marked Safety and No Hunting Zones. **Please refer to the map.**

Access

Refuge lands can be accessed from the following locations: State Route 32, Cortland Road (CR 35), Old Timberline Road (CR 35-18), New Timberline Road (CR 32-16), Freeland Road (CR 37), and Forest Road 80. Parking lots are located on the Beall and Freeland tracts. **Please refer to the map.**

Special Hunting Regulations

Hunting Permit

Only persons possessing a current, signed, Canaan Valley NWR Hunting Permit and the appropriate State hunting license(s) are authorized to hunt on the refuge. Your signature indicates that you have read and understand refuge hunting regulations.

Non-Toxic Shot

Approved non-toxic shot is required for all shotgun hunting on the refuge. The use or possession of lead shot while in the field is prohibited.

Baiting

Baiting is prohibited.

Tree Stands

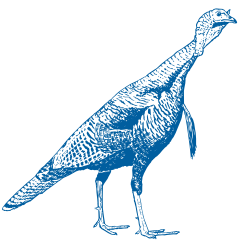
The construction or use of permanent structures is prohibited on refuge lands. Only temporary tree stands may be used.

Trimming or cutting branches of coniferous trees (balsam fir, red spruce, hemlock) is prohibited.

It is unlawful to drive a nail, spike, climbing screw, or other metal object into any tree or to hunt from any tree in which a nail, spike, climbing screw, or other metal object has been driven.

Trail Marking

All marking tape, reflective pins, or other materials used to mark trails must be removed at the end of the hunt day. The use of paint is prohibited.



Wild Turkey

Spring and fall wild turkey hunting is permitted in accordance with State regulations with the following exceptions: **rifle hunting is prohibited, shotgun and muzzle loader hunting is permitted only with the use of non-toxic shot size #4 or smaller, and archery hunting is permitted.**

Black Bear

Black bear hunting is permitted in accordance with State regulations **during the archery season only.**

Raccoon

All raccoon hunters are required to have a **Refuge Raccoon Hunting Permit** in addition to the general Hunting Permit (**contact the refuge office for information**). Raccoon hunting in the No Rifle Zone is permitted with a bow or a shotgun with non-toxic shot **ONLY**.

An Important Message

The future of hunting on the refuge requires responsible hunter behavior and compliance with regulations.

The Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge provides habitat for endangered and threatened wildlife. These animals are protected by federal and state laws that prohibit any activities that may cause them harm.

The following threatened and endangered wildlife may be found on the refuge:

- Peregrine Falcon
- Bald Eagle ■ Indiana Bat
- Virginia Northern Flying Squirrel
- Cheat Mountain Salamander

REMEMBER! This brochure-permit authorizes you to take specified game species only. Harming or needlessly disturbing any wildlife including birds, mammals, turtles, frogs, lizards and snakes is a violation of refuge regulations and is cause for prosecution.

**U.S. Fish &
Wildlife Service**

Canaan Valley is one of over 500 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Compatible public use is encouraged on the refuge, including wildlife observation and photography; environmental education; and sport fishing, and hunting (in designated areas, in accordance with State, Federal, and refuge regulations). A complete listing of laws which govern hunting is set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

For more information, contact:

**Refuge Manager
Canaan Valley
National Wildlife Refuge
HC 70 Box 200
Davis, WV 26260
304/866 3858**

**Permit to Hunt on Canaan Valley
National Wildlife Refuge**

(Please print clearly, sign and keep in your possession.)

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

I have read and understand the refuge rules and regulations described in this hunting brochure.

Your Signature _____

Date: _____

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