

# MUSCATATUCK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

## 2013 SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT INFORMATION

Muscatatuck will be holding a special youth hunt during the Firearms season on September 28 and 29. Youth hunters selected for each date must be aged 15 or younger and accompanied by a mentor, defined as a licensed hunter aged 18 or older. The information on the Division of Fish and Wildlife's website will indicate your hunt date. The mentor will not be eligible to hunt or carry a firearm for this hunt.

This is designated as a special youth hunt. Youth hunters may use their Youth license, military/refuge license, firearms license, or deer license bundle to participate in this youth deer hunt. Any deer taken with a youth license or military/refuge license will not count towards the youth's statewide bag limit. Any deer taken with a firearms license or deer license bundle will count towards the youths statewide bag limit.

The refuge is open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Please check local listings for sunrise and sunset times. State legal shooting hours apply.

Every hunter must read, sign, & carry the Muscatatuck hunting leaflet, in addition to their valid hunting license and identification (ex: driver's license). All deer hunters are required to pick up a hunter harvest report card and report their harvest at one of the deer registration boxes near the Refuge entrance gate, Hwy. 31, or County Road 900 West using the hunter harvest report cards.

Two deer per day may be taken from the refuge, but only one may be an antlered buck regardless of the number of licenses that the hunter possesses.

**NOTE: Valid licenses for this hunt are resident and nonresident youth licenses, firearm licenses, and military/refuge licenses. Firearms must be unloaded when being transported on refuge property. The selected youth is the only individual who is allowed to hunt during this weekend.**

## **Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Regulations-2013**

State hunting regulations apply to Muscatatuck subject to the following special conditions:

**All hunters must carry a signed Muscatatuck hunting leaflet & successful deer hunters are REQUIRED to report their harvest at the deer registration box located near Refuge entrance gates.**

**The refuge is open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Please check local listings for sunrise and sunset times. State legal shooting hours apply.**

Hunting is allowed in designated areas only. Hunter parking is prohibited in “No Hunting Zones.”

Firearms must be unloaded and cased or dismantled during transport. Only legal firearms will be allowed to be used for deer hunting at Muscatatuck. Equipment may not be carried in “No Hunting Zones.” The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 yards of any building.

Only one deer per day may be taken from the Refuge. One license is required for each deer harvested.

Hunters may retrieve deer from non-hunting areas of the Refuge if: (1) the hunter reports the location to Refuge staff and (2) the hunter enters the area without equipment.

All hunters must wear blaze orange except for spring turkey hunters. This includes hunters with early archery season permits.

Portable tree stands may be used during Refuge deer seasons. Stands may be left overnight and must be tagged with the hunter’s name, address, and phone number. Tree spikes are prohibited.

Using lights to locate animals on the Refuge is prohibited.

If you have any questions, you may e-mail [Muscatatuck@fws.gov](mailto:Muscatatuck@fws.gov) or call the refuge at (812) 522-4352 – this is not toll free.

Hunters may retrieve deer from non-hunting areas of the refuge if: (1) the hunter reports the location to refuge staff; (2) the hunter enters the area without weapons.

Portable tree stands may be used during refuge deer and turkey seasons. Stands may be left overnight and must be tagged with the hunter's name, address, and phone number. Leaving stands does not reserve the area for future hunts. The use or possession of tree spikes are prohibited.

Using lights to locate animals on the refuge is prohibited.

Dog training is not allowed.

A special permit youth firearms deer hunt will be held September 28-29. See State Hunting and Trapping guide for details.

The use or possession of alcohol while hunting is prohibited.

The use or possession of plastic flagging or reflective tacks is prohibited.

Cutting trails or trimming trees is prohibited.

Commercial guiding or participating in a paid guided hunt is prohibited.

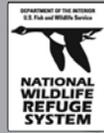
Taking or harassing any animal species except those authorized by refuge hunting regulations is prohibited.

Hunting Permitted	Bag Limit	Season Dates
Rabbit Quail Squirrel	5 8 5	Regular State seasons
Turkey (Special state permit required the first seven days)	1 (bearded)	State Spring season
Deer Open Archery		OCT 20-DEC 6 and DEC 23-JAN 5
Deer Muzzleloader (Special permit required)		DEC 7-22.
Deer Youth Hunt (Special permit required)		SEPT 28-29
Turkey Youth Hunt (Special permit required)		APR 19-20

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<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/muscatatuck>  
 Email: [Muscatatuck@fws.gov](mailto:Muscatatuck@fws.gov)

Hearing impaired persons may contact  
 Muscatatuck through the Federal Relay  
 Number at 1 800/877 8339.

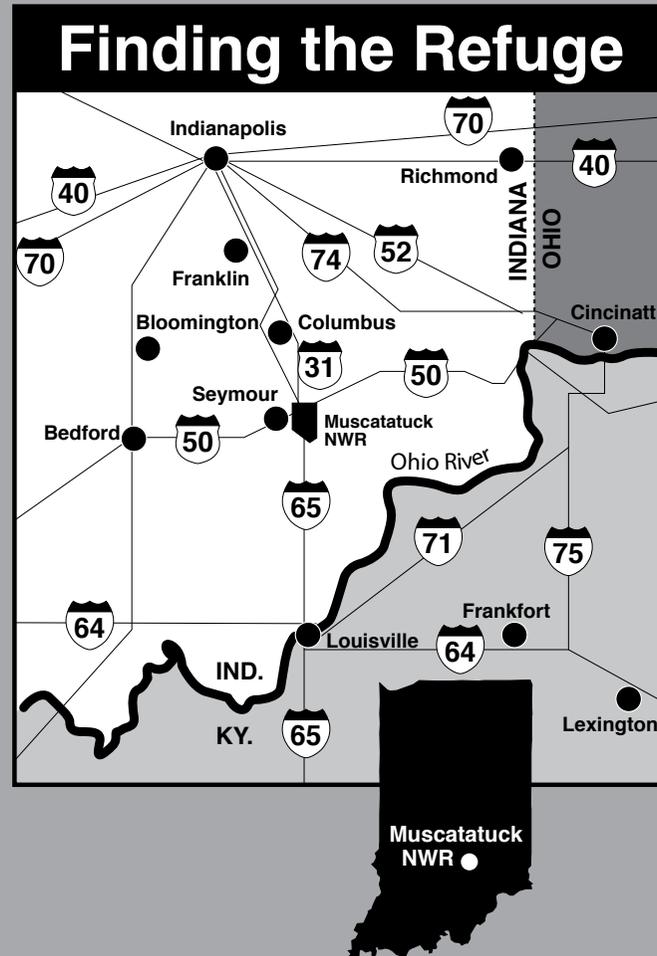
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## National Wildlife Refuge 2013-2014 Hunting Regulations



### Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge General Hunt Permit 2013-2014

This brochure contains hunting regulations that must be followed while hunting on Muscatatuck NWR. In addition to these conditions, State hunting regulations apply. This brochure must be signed and in the hunter's possession while on the refuge.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

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 Signature

# Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Map

All hunters must obtain and fill out a harvest report card (available at registration boxes in the refuge), post it on their vehicle dashboard (visible through the window) while on the refuge, then deposit the card in the registration box at the end of their refuge hunt. Harvest must be indicated on card. Possession of more than one harvest report card per hunter is prohibited.

All hunters are required to sign the front of this leaflet in the space provided indicating they have read and understand these regulations, and carry it with them at all times while hunting.

**State hunting regulations apply to Muscatatuck subject to the following special conditions:**

Hunting is allowed in designated areas only.

All hunters except spring turkey hunters (including archery hunters) must wear orange meeting state regulations.

Refuge hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

Shotguns must be unloaded during transport in a vehicle.

Hunting weapons may not be carried in "No Hunting Zones." Hunter parking is prohibited in No Hunting Zones."

The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 yards of any building or public road.

The only firearm allowed for rabbit, quail and squirrel hunting is a shotgun.

Only non-toxic shot may be used in shotguns.

Hunting dogs may only be used for hunting rabbit, quail and squirrel, and must be under hunter control at all times.

Spring turkey hunting is only allowed by special permit the first 7 days of the season and ends at 1 p.m. Turkey hunting is permitted in the turkey hunting area the remainder of the spring season and ends at 1 p.m.

A special youth turkey hunt will be held April 19-20. See State Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

The refuge muzzleloader deer season, which runs from December 7-22, is by special permit only. See State Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

Archery deer hunting is permitted from October 20-December 6 and from December 23-January 5. No special permit is needed, but State regulations apply.

One bonus antlerless deer permit may be used during the refuge archery season and one may be used during the refuge muzzleloader season. Two deer per day may be taken from the refuge, but only one may be an antlered buck.

