Hunting

Sport hunting is permitted within the Buffalo National River. Hunting activities are balanced with continuing efforts to restore and maintain the natural environments to promote wildlife growth for future generations.

The Buffalo National River is an Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Management Area (WMA-Zone 080), Region 8. The Sylamore WMA (Zone 620) regulations apply to Buffalo National River lands located in Marion and Baxter counties between Big Creek and the White River. Each WMA has different season lengths and bag limits, so it is important to be familiar with the regulations for each WMA you plan to visit. The Buffalo National River contains areas of private land where hunting is only allowed with the written permission of the land owner. Respect the rights of all land owners and be aware of boundary lines.

An Arkansas hunting license is required for individuals 16 and over. For detailed information on hunting seasons, dates and regulations specific to the Buffalo National River, you may access the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission website at www.agfc.com, or request a regulations brochure at any of our contact stations. Be sure to review the specific regulations for the Buffalo National River WMA (pages 74 and 75 of the regulation handbook).

The following National Park Service hunting regulations *ALSO* apply:

- All roads, lands, and waters within Buffalo National River are closed to operation of unlicensed motor vehicles, 3 or 4 wheel ATVs, dirt bikes, etc. BNR has no designated off-road motor vehicle use area.
- Licensed motor vehicles may only be operated on maintained roads.
- The use or possession of bicycles within designated wilderness areas is prohibited.
- Target practice is prohibited within Buffalo River.
- The discharge of any weapon across, into, or from the Buffalo River or its gravel bars is prohibited.
- Trapping or baiting wildlife is prohibited.
- Hunting is allowed in most areas of the Buffalo National River with the exception of private property, use and occupancy reservations, and developed

zones. Developed zones include residences, campgrounds, historic sites and river access areas. Hunters should stay at least 150 yards from developed zones and residences. Hunting is also prohibited within 100 feet of the center of any county, state, or federally maintained road.

- Dogs may not be used to chase wildlife for pleasure or training during closed seasons. Use of dogs may be used for squirrel, rabbit and raccoon hunting.
- Permanent tree stands are not permitted. Portables tree stands may not be left unattended longer than 7 days. Nailing, spiking, or screwing portable tree stands or steps into trees are prohibited.
- Campsites may not be left unattended more than 24 hours.
- Concealed weapons are not permitted for hunting purposes.

In case of emergency contact the Midwest Region Ozark Communication Center (MROCC) toll free at 1-888-692-1162.