

Additional Information

Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge is a 65,000 acre refuge established in 1975 and is named for the community located in the southwest corner of the refuge. The expansive refuge is covered in bottomland hardwood forest, rivers, sloughs, swamps and lakes that gradually rises to upland forest.

Safety

These trails cover flat water, although the current quickens as the Ouachita River rises. When the river level at Felsenthal Lock and Dam rises above 68 feet, expect flooding, strong current and debris. Check weather forecasts, wind advisories and river conditions before floating. Watch for powerboats. Take a GPS unit or compass, and map, and tell someone of your plans.

Don't Get a Ticket

According to Arkansas law, children 12 and under must wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket, and anyone on a boat must have one ready to use. Vessels 16 feet and longer must have a throwable life preserver (type IV) aboard. Glass containers are illegal in boats such as canoes and kayaks that can be easily swamped. Paddlers must securely fasten cooler lids, use attached litter containers and use floating holders for beverages.

Hunting

Wear hunter orange during hunting seasons. Stick to main channels and avoid padding during waterfowl season shooting hours. Check the Arkansas Hunting Guidebook and the Felsenthal NWR Public Use Regulations brochure for season dates and waterfowl sanctuary information.

Fishing

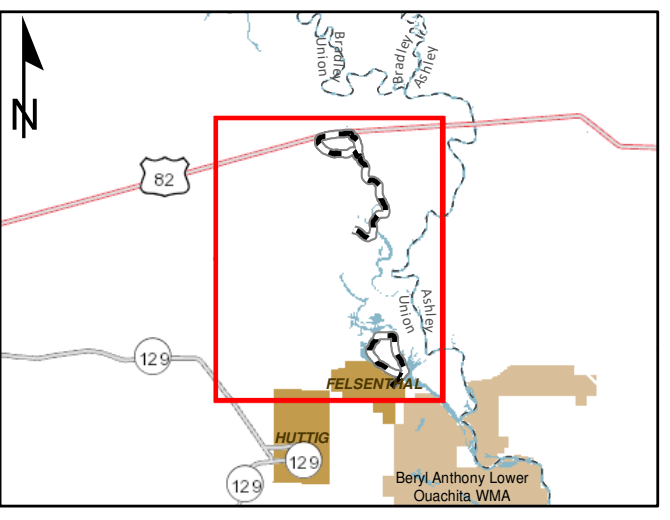
Bluegill, redear and largemouth bass frequent cypress tree trunks, and lily and lotus pads. Flathead and channel catfish hang out in deep holes by day and prowl the shallows at night.

Camping

Camping is allowed in primitive, designated sites on the refuge. Crossett Harbor and Grand Marais recreation sites offer improved camping.

FELSENTHAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WATER TRAILS DEEP SLOUGH AND SHALLOW LAKE TRAILS/ GRAND MARAIS TRAIL

- Water Trail
- Parking Area
- Boat Ramp
- Camping Area
- WMA Boundary



Important
A free Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge access permit is required of anyone using the refuge. Permits are available online, at access points and refuge headquarters on U.S. Highway 82.

Important Numbers
Ashley County or Union County EMS - 911
Ashley County Sheriff's Office - 870-853-2040
Union County Sheriff's Office - 870-864-1990
Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge - 870-364-3167
Stop Poaching Hotline - 800-482-9262



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