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WAPPAPELLO LAKE – Two areas are Wappapello Lake will be closed during the upcoming duck season.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Wappapello Lake announced this week that Asher Creek and Lost Creek Waterfowl Refuges will be closed during the upcoming duck season in the middle zone.

“These refuges were established to provide resting places for migrating waterfowl in the Mississippi flyway.,” said Dan Camden of the Corps office at Wappapello. “Starting Saturday, Nov. 5, until Tuesday, January 3, 2012, portions of both refuges will be closed to vehicle and boat traffic. During this time, we remind visitors that foot traffic is still welcomed.”

Closures will include some Corps of Engineers gates and roadways in the Lost Creek area. The gate at Warner Davis (Corps Road #9) and Lost Creek Low Water Bridge (Corps Road #8) in the Shook area will be closed. The refuge boundary in this area follows Corps Road #8. Firearms hunting is not permitted on the lake side of this road during duck season.

In the Davis Schoolhouse area, the gate will be closed on Corps Road #10. The refuge boundary beyond this gate is the shoreline and refuge boundary markers. During duck season, only archery hunting is permitted.

“If you are unsure of the refuge location, call or visit the Wappapello Lake Project Office to obtain a refuge map,” Camden said.

Buoys marked “No Boats” will be placed on the lake across the coves of Asher Creek and Lost Creek. A “Boat Ramp Closed” sign and “No Boat” buoy will also be placed at the Lost Creek Landing boat ramp. Should the coves be frozen over on the Jan. 4 opening date, the refuge will be open and the buoys will be removed as soon as lake conditions permit.

Although the above roads, coves, and gates will reopen on Wednesday, Jan.4, 2012, hunters are reminded that no waterfowl hunting is allowed in the Lost Creek or Asher Creek Waterfowl Refuges. This includes teal, Canada geese, and snow geese.

The Asher Creek Waterfowl Refuge, which is adjacent to the Lake Wappapello State Park, is closed to hunting year-round.

As a reminder, all-terrain vehicles (ATV) are prohibited from operating off designated roadways on land administered by the Corps of Engineers. Visitors asked to be familiar with the local, state, and federal regulations governing ATV use prior to a trip afield.

For more information on waterfowl hunting, refuge boundaries, and vehicle use policies please contact the Wappapello Lake Project Office at (573) 222-8562. For lake information, call the 24-hour Recreation Hotline at (573) 222-8139 or toll free at

1-877-LAKE-INFO.

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