

Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) 2016 – 2017 Hunting Dates

General

- Bag Limit: 1 deer per day up to the statewide seasonal limit
- All deer hunting on KNF lands is still hunting only
- All deer must be tagged as required by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Regulations
- LDWF WMA Regulations for hunter orange and blaze pink apply
- LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply for all KNF lands except that archery and open season small game hunting is allowed. (Excluding Fort Polk-Vernon WMA)
- See the 2016 – 17 Louisiana Hunting Regulations pamphlet for additional information

Archery:

- Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk-Vernon WMA)
 - Sept. 17 – Jan. 15
- Catahoula Ranger District (Grant & Rapides Parish), Winn Ranger District (Winn, Grant & Natchitoches Parish), Kisatchie Ranger District (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish) and the Caney Ranger District (Webster & Claiborne Parish)
 - Oct. 1 – Jan. 31 (including the Catahoula & Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves)

Firearms:

- Catahoula Ranger District (Grant & Rapides Parish), Winn Ranger District (Winn, Grant & Natchitoches Parish), Kisatchie Ranger District (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish) and the Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk-Vernon WMA)
 - Youth, either-sex: Oct. 8 – 9, still hunting only
 - Primitive Firearms, ether-sex: Oct. 22 – 23, still hunting only
 - Firearms, either sex: Oct. 29 – 30 & Nov. 25, still hunting only
 - Firearms, bucks only: Nov. 5 – 24, Nov. 26 – 27 and Dec. 10 – 25, still hunting only
- Caney Ranger District (Webster & Claiborne Parish) Same as Area 2 regulations including Youth Hunt and Primitive Firearms, either-sex, still hunt only

Other Species:

- Rabbit, Squirrel, Quail, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl (see LA Hunting Regulations for additional waterfowl info. for Caney RD): Same dates and bag limits as outside
 - EXCEPT, NO spring squirrel season on the KNF
 - EXCEPT, All waterfowl hunting ceases at 2 p.m.
- Feral Hogs, Coyotes, Armadillos & Beavers:
 - May be taken during daylight hours on any KNF hunt by properly licensed hunters with the weapon legal for that hunt
- Raccoons, Opossum & Fox (chase only): Oct. 1 – Feb. 28 (See LA. Trapping Regulations for additional info. on trapping)
- Crows, Blackbirds, Grackles & Cowbirds: Sept. 1 – Jan. 1 only
- Turkey: Caney Ranger District: March 25 – April 9. All remaining KNF lands (includes NWMPs): March 25 – April 16.
 - Youth Only: March 18 – 19 on all Ranger Districts (except Vernon Unit lands within Fort Polk-Vernon WMA).

Catahoula & Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves (NWMP) see Season Permit for additional information:

- Youth & Physically Challenged, either-sex: Oct. 8 – 9, still hunting only
- Primitive Firearms, either-sex: Oct. 22 – 23, still hunting only
- Firearms, either-sex: Oct. 29 – 30 & Nov. 25, still hunting only
- Firearms, bucks only: Nov. 26 – 27, still hunting only
- Squirrel, Rabbit (with dogs) & Raccoon (nighttime with dogs): Jan. 7 – Feb. 28, Quail (with dogs): Nov. 19 – Feb. 28
 - Hunting these animals is closed during deer gun hunts on NWMP
- Self-clearing Daily Permit required on NWMP during deer gun hunts and turkey season