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- **Respect the environment and wildlife.**
- **Respect property and landowners.**
- **Show consideration for non-hunters.**
- **Hunt safely.**
- **Know and obey the law.**
- **Support wildlife and habitat conservation.**
- **Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.**
- **Strive to improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife.**
- **Hunt only with ethical hunters.**

By following these principles of conduct each time I go afield, I will give my best to the sport, the public, the environment and myself. The responsibility to hunt ethically is mine; the future of hunting depends on me.

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MAJOR CHANGES FOR 2017-2018 HUNTING REGULATIONS

1. Change in deer seasons in Deer Areas 4 and 10, eliminating bucks-only days, and changing the entire season to either-sex harvest, and also changing season limits in these areas from a limit of 6 to a limit of 3 (Pages 13, 21, and 34).
2. Deer Area 5 - Modification to water level benchmark closure language to facilitate reopening the season at a lower level than the closure level (Pages 24-25).
3. Deer Area 7 - Change in deer seasons, eliminating bucks-only days, and changing the entire season to either-sex harvest (Pages 28-29).
4. Modification of opening day of statewide turkey season from the fourth Saturday of March to the first Saturday of April (Page 46).
5. Change in reporting time period for the validation of deer (Page 37) and turkey (Page 49) tags, from seven days to 72 hours following harvest of deer or turkey.
6. Implementation of shot restrictions for dove hunters on WMAs, restricting shot to non-toxic shot, size 6 and smaller (Page 71).
7. Addition of available days of opportunity within the Small Game Emphasis Areas on Richard K. Yancey (Page 94) and Sherburne (Page 99-100) WMAs.
8. Addition of Youth Squirrel season on Grassy Lake (Page 84) and Pomme de Terre (Page 93-94) WMAs.
9. Modification of Teal Season to change from the last three weekends in September to the last 16 days of September (Page 51).
10. Change in daily bag limit for Pintail from two to one (Page 53).
11. Change in youth age requirements for youth waterfowl seasons, from 15 years of age and younger, to 17 years of age and younger (Page 53).
12. Elimination of Experimental Quality Deer Seasons on WMAs.
13. Adjustments to deer seasons on Bayou Macon (Page 75), Bodcau (Page 78), Boeuf (Page 78) and Dewey W. Wills (Page 81) WMAs.
14. Addition of opportunity for youth squirrel hunting and addition of youth deer hunting days on Kisatchie National Forest (Pages 106-109).

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	Resident	**Non-Resident**
Basic Season (excluding Big Game)	$15.00	$150.00
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Bow	$10.50	$26.00
Primitive Firearm	$10.50	$26.00
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LA Sportsman's Paradise License[2]	$100.00	
Wild Louisiana Stamp	$9.50	$9.50
Wild Louisiana Stamp (1 day)	$2.00	$2.00
Louisiana Wild Turkey[3]	$5.50	$20.50
Harvest Information Program (HIP)[4]	FREE	FREE
Senior Hunt/Fish License[5]	$5.00	
WMA Hunting Permit (age 18-59)[6]	$15.00	$15.00
Small Game/Migratory Bird (1 day)[7]		$29.00
Deer (1 day)[7]		$36.00
Turkey (1 day)[7]		$36.00
Hunting Preserve (Oct. 1 - April 30)		$15.00
La. Native Basic Trip (5 days, excluding Big Game)[8]		$15.00
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La. Native Bow Trip (5 days)[8]		$10.50
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Active Military Basic Season	$15.00	$15.00
Active Military Big Game[1]	$14.00	$14.00
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Active Military Primitive Firearm	$10.50	$10.50
Active Military LA Duck	$5.50	$5.50
Active Military Wild Turkey[3]	$5.50	$5.50
Resident LA National Guard Fish/Hunt	$50.00	
Resident/Native Retired Military Hunt/Fish	$5.00	$5.00
Resident Surviving Spouse Military KIA Hunt	$2.50	
OTHER FEES		
Commercial Hunting Preserve (pen-raised birds only; expires June 30)	$200.00	
Game Breeder (raising and selling wild game birds and/or wild game quadrupeds; expires Dec. 31)	$25.00	

[1] ***Big Game License**: Required of all deer, turkey and bobcat hunters in addition to Basic Season License.*
[2] ***LA Sportsman's Paradise License**: Includes Basic and Saltwater Fishing, Basic Season and Big Game Hunting, Bow, Primitive Firearms, Turkey, LA Duck, WMA Hunting Permit and all Recreational Gear licenses **(EXCEPT** recreational trawls greater than 16 feet in length - additional license required).*
[3] ***Louisiana Wild Turkey:** Required of all turkey hunters in addition to Basic Season and Big Game licenses.*
[4] ***Harvest Information Program (HIP):** Licensed hunters of migratory game birds (doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots or gallinules) in Louisiana must be HIP certified in addition to all other requirements.*
[5] ***Senior Hunt/Fish License:** Any resident who reached age 60 on June 1, 2000 or later must obtain a Senior Hunt/Fish License to hunt or fish. This license is in lieu of Basic and Saltwater Fishing, Basic Hunting, Big Game, Bow, Primitive Firearms, LA Duck License, Turkey Stamp and WMA Hunting Permit. It does not include special gear such as trawls, crab traps, crawfish traps, hoop nets, etc.*
[6] ***WMA Hunting Permit:** Required of anyone (age 18-59) who hunts on any land administered by LDWF, including wildlife refuges and wildlife management and habitat conservation areas.*
[7] *These licenses are all inclusive. No other license or WMA hunting permit is required.*
[8] *An original OR certified copy of an original birth certificate required at time of purchase, along with an official picture ID. **Note:** Purchase available via internet provided an original or certified copy of the customer's birth certificate and driver's license is on file with LDWF.*

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LIFETIME LICENSE FEES	
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Lifetime Hunt/Fish (5-13 years old)	$300
Lifetime Hunting (14 years and older)	$300
Lifetime Fishing (14 years and older)	$300
Lifetime Hunt/Fish (14 years and older)	$500

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LICENSE EXCEPTIONS & EXEMPTIONS

The following recreational fishermen and hunters are not required to obtain a basic recreational fishing license, saltwater license, basic hunting license, big game license or migratory waterfowl conservation license, but must have proof of age in their possession whenever fishing or hunting:

1. Residents who were born prior to June 1, 1940.
2. Residents and non-residents younger than 16 years of age.

MILITARY

Military licenses are valid only during that time when the licensee is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States.

Any resident or nonresident who possesses a military identification card that signifies that he or she is currently on active duty with any branch of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard, or the spouse or dependent of such person, may be issued a license for hunting or recreational fishing in Louisiana for the same fee as that required of Louisiana residents. The military identification card or dependent card and the appropriate license must be on the licensee's person at all times when he is engaged in hunting and fishing activities.

Any Louisiana resident who submits proof of his or her status as an active member of the Louisiana National Guard or any reserve component of the United States armed forces, though not currently on active duty, may purchase in lieu of Basic and Saltwater Fishing, Basic Hunting, Big Game, Bow, Primitive Firearms, LA. Duck, Turkey Stamp and WMA Hunting Permit, a license for $50.00 to fish and hunt in Louisiana. Submit completed application with a copy of the applicant's:

1. Louisiana Driver's license,
2. Military identification card,
3. Original letter from their commanding officer verifying that they are in "good standing" with the Louisiana National Guard or United States Armed Forces and
4. Money order for $50.00.

Mail to: Sports License, LDWF, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898. The application form is available online at *www.wlf.louisiana.gov/licenses* or at 225-765-2887.

Resident veterans having a permanent service-connected disability classification of 50 percent or more and residents who are blind, paraplegic or multiple amputee shall upon identification and proof of disability satisfactory to LDWF, be issued sports hunting license without the payment of any fees thereof. Contact Sports License at 225-765-2887 for required forms.

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A resident who is totally and permanently disabled and receiving a disability social security benefit may submit a current award letter from Social Security (SSI does not qualify) and a valid Louisiana driver's license to qualify. A resident who receives disability retirement income from a retirement system whose members are exempt from federal social security, either pursuant to the Railroad Retirement Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. 231, or because they are employees of a state or a political subdivision of the state that has not voluntarily agreed to participate in federal social security under 42 U.S.C. 418, may qualify to purchase a Resident Basic Hunting (includes WMA hunting permit), Resident Big Game Hunting, Resident Primitive Firearm, and a Resident Bow license at a fee of $5 each. Contact the licensing staff at (225) 765-2887 for required documents.

BONA FIDE RESIDENT

Any person who has resided in this state continuously during the 6 months immediately prior to the date on which he or she applies for any license and who has manifested his or her intent to remain in this state by establishing Louisiana as his or her legal domicile, as demonstrated by compliance with all of the following, as applicable:

- If registered to vote, he or she is registered to vote in Louisiana.
- If licensed to drive a motor vehicle, he or she is in possession of a valid Louisiana drivers license.
- If owning a motor vehicle located within Louisiana, he or she is in possession of a valid Louisiana registration for that vehicle.
- If earning an income, he or she has filed a Louisiana state income tax return and has complied with state income tax laws and regulations.

LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Landowner assistance programs are available to help landowners and managers develop and enhance wildlife habitat on their property. Contact the nearest Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries field office (*see page 12*) to receive assistance.

LDWF Private Lands Program

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

GENERAL HUNTING INFORMATION

A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See page 10 for exceptions.

Pursuant to Act 169 of the 1988 regular session of the Legislature, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse LDWF a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

No person born on or after Sept. 1, 1969, shall hunt unless that person has been issued a certificate of satisfactorily completion of a Hunter Education course approved by LDWF.

- **EXCEPT** a person may hunt without hunter education certification if 1.) they are accompanied by and under direct supervision of a person who was born before Sept. 1, 1969 and has a valid hunting license, or 2.) they are accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of completion of a hunter education course approved by LDWF. Direct supervision means that the person being supervised is within a normal audible voice contact and in direct line of sight of the supervising person at all times while hunting.
- **EXCEPT** this requirement shall not apply to any active or veteran member of the United States Armed Services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer who may be issued a hunter education exemption. Application for this exemption may be filed in person at the LDWF office in Baton Rouge (225-765-2932).

For information on scheduling a hunter education course log on to *www.wlf.louisiana.gov* or contact 225-765-2932.

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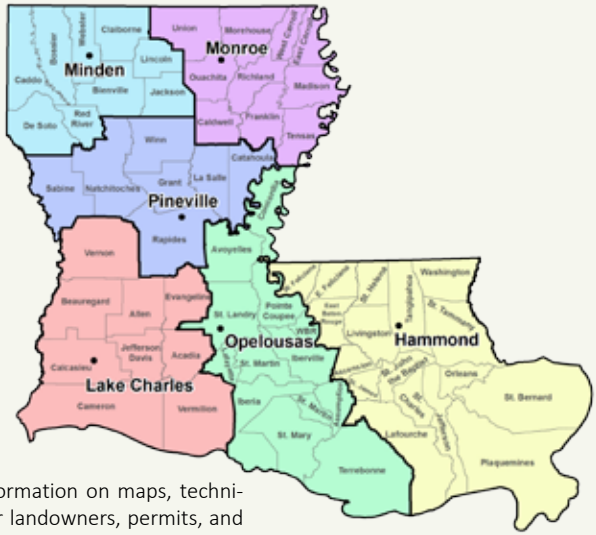

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Hammond Office	985-543-4777	42371 Phyllis Ann Dr, Hammond LA 70403
Lake Charles Office	337-491-2575	1213 North Lakeshore Dr, Lake Charles LA 70601
Minden Office	318-371-3050	9961 Hwy 80, Minden LA 71055
Monroe Office	318-343-4044	368 CenturyLink Dr, Monroe LA 71203
Opelousas Office	337-948-0255	5652 Hwy 182, Opelousas LA 70570
Pineville Office	318-487-5885	1995 Shreveport Hwy, Pineville LA 71360
New Orleans	504-284-5269	2021 Lakeshore Dr, New Orleans LA 70122
New Iberia	337-373-0032	2415 Darnall Rd, New Iberia LA 70560

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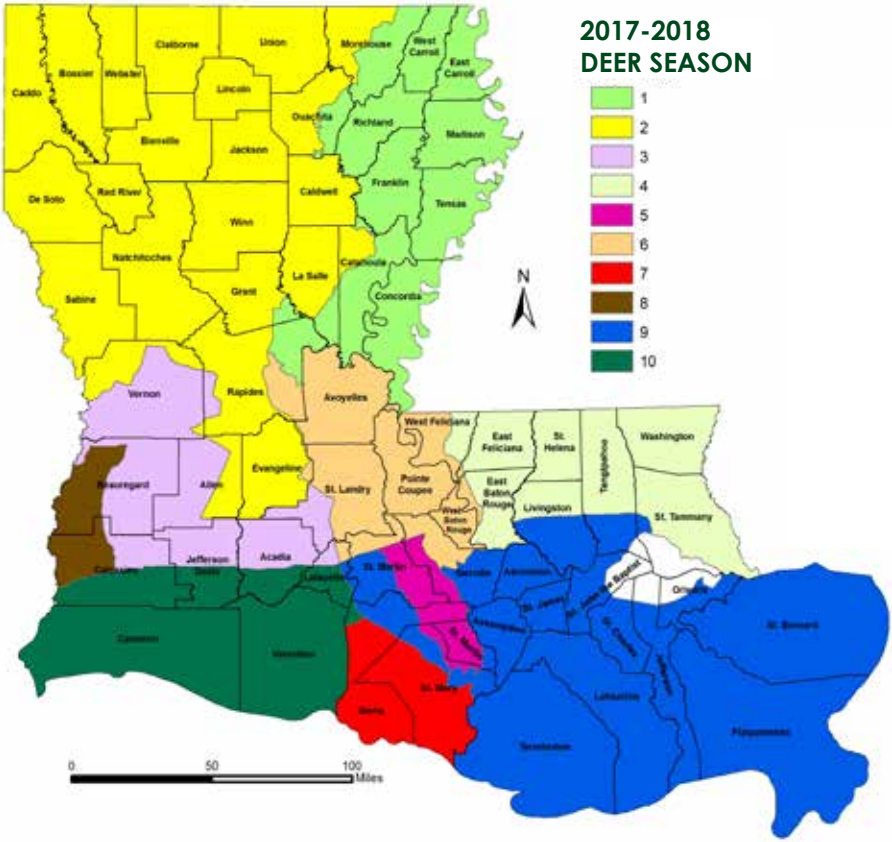
DEER HUNTING SCHEDULES

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Consult Wildlife Management Area and Federal Land schedules for specific regulations and dates on those areas.



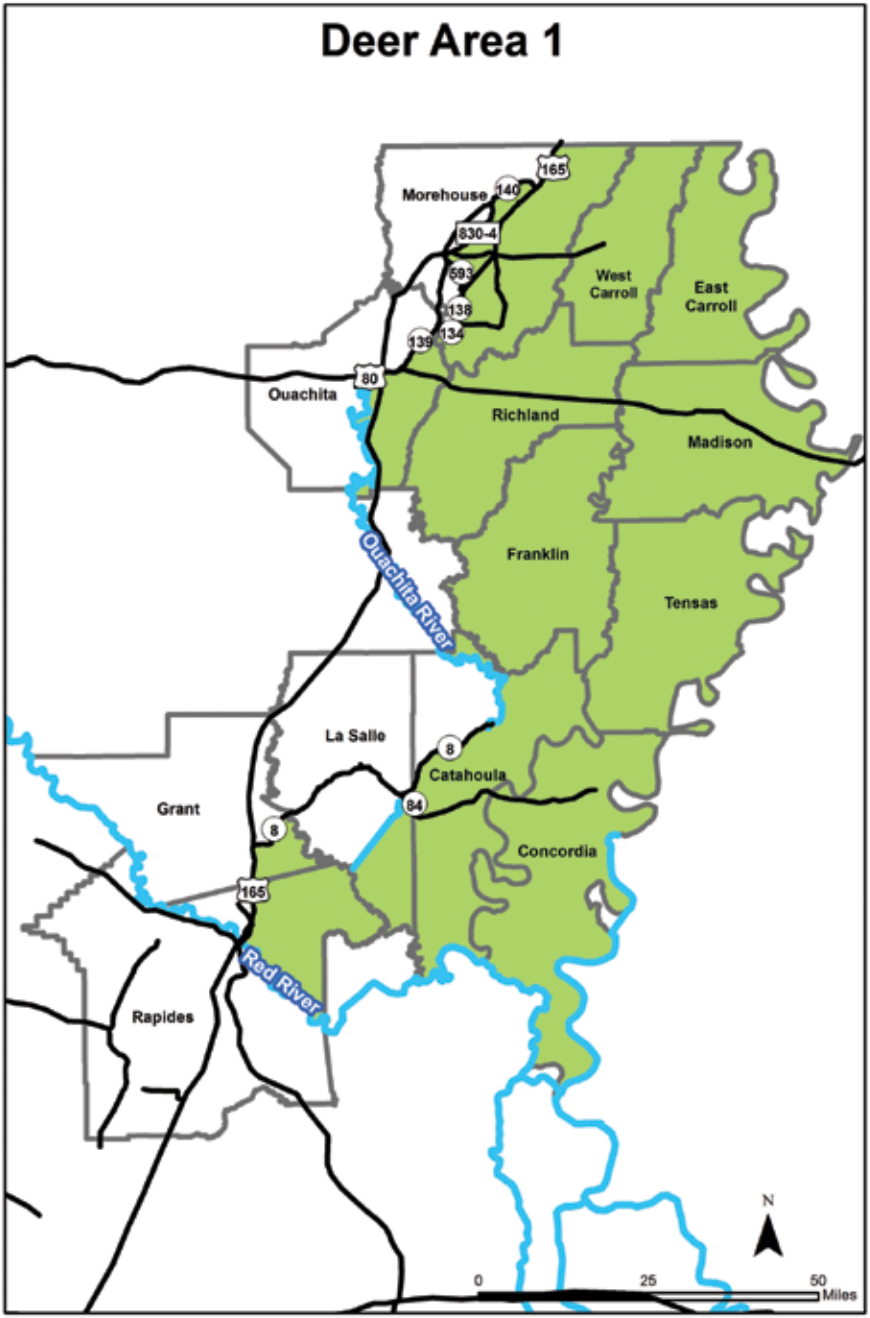
POSSESSION LIMIT

6 per season,
not to exceed 3 antlered
OR 4 antlerless per season EXCEPT Deer Area 4 limit 3/season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer), and Deer Area 10 limit 3/season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer).

DAILY BAG LIMITS

1 antlered and
1 antlerless
(when legal)

DEER HUNTING - AREA 1



AREA 1 SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTION

DEER AREA 1 SCHEDULE	
	Either-Sex
Archery	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31
Primitive Firearms	Nov. 11-17 Jan. 22-31
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Nov. 18 - Dec. 8 Jan. 8-21
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 9 - Jan. 7

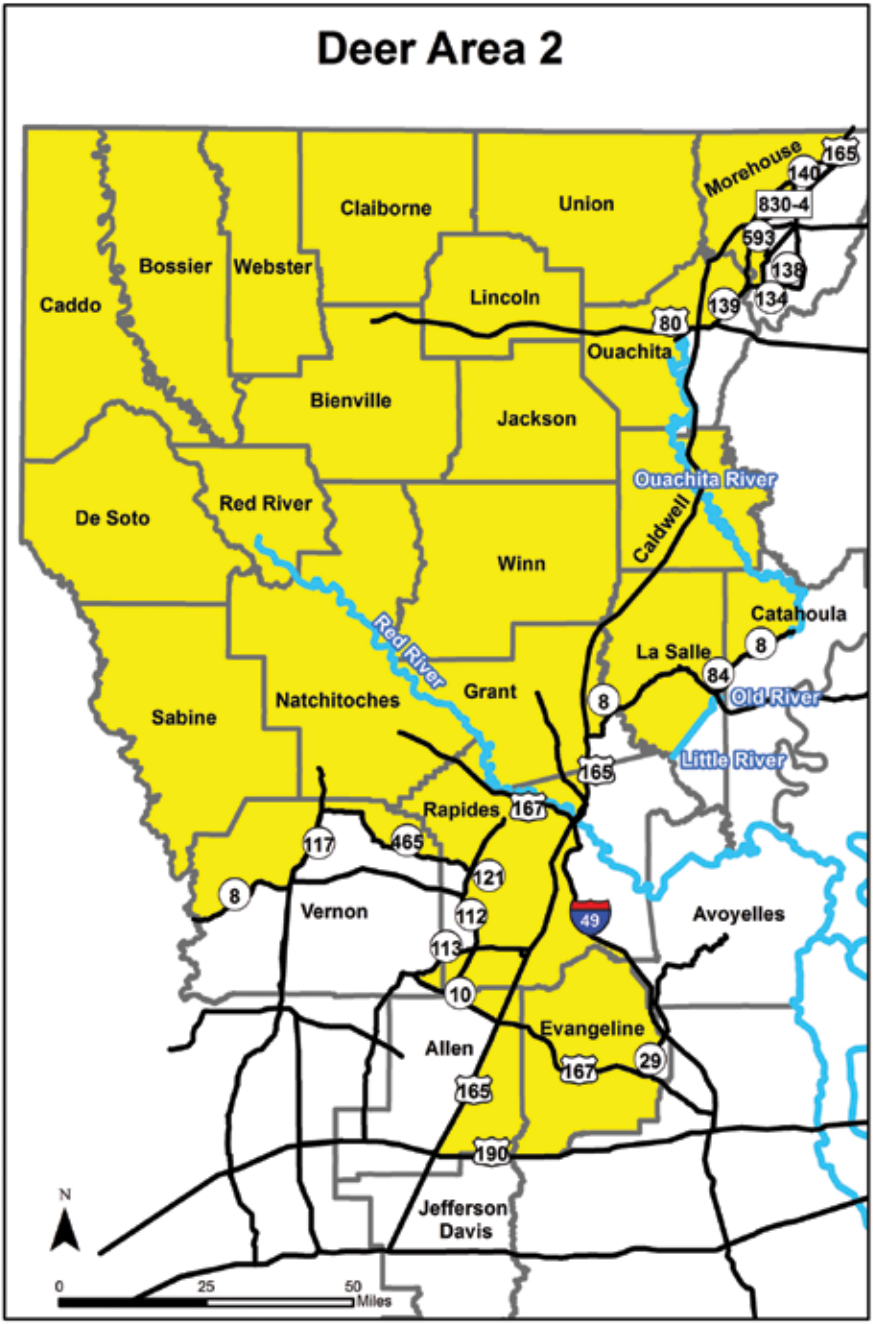
ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas and West Carroll

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
Catahoula	East of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, east of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line.
Grant	East of US 165 and south of LA 8.
LaSalle	South of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake, following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, east of US 84 northward to LA 8, south of LA 8 eastward to parish line.
Morehouse	East of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, east of LA 139 at Bastrop to junction of LA 593, east and north of LA 593 to Collinston, east of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and south of LA 134 to Ouachita Line at Wham Brake.
Ouachita	South of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish Line at Wham Brake.
Rapides	East of US 165 and north of Red River.

STILL HUNTING ONLY FOR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES	
Catahoula	South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita rivers to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, west of LA 8 to LA 913, west of LA 913 and LA 15 to Deer Creek.
East Carroll	ALL
Franklin	ALL
Morehouse	East of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, east of LA 139 at Bastrop to junction of LA 593, east and north of LA 593 to Collinston, east of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and south of LA 134 to Ouachita Line at Wham Brake.
Ouachita	South of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish Line at Wham Brake.
Richland	ALL
West Carroll	ALL

DEER HUNTING - AREA 2



AREA 2 SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTION

DEER AREA 2 SCHEDULE	
	Either-Sex
Archery	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31
Primitive Firearms	Oct. 21-27 Jan. 15-21
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Oct. 28 - Dec. 5
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 6 - Jan. 14

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Union, Webster and Winn

EXCEPT Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations; consult the U.S. Forest Service for regulations. Caney, Corney, and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, **EXCEPT** still hunting only for deer.

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Allen	North of US 190 from parish line westward to Kinder, east of US 165 from Kinder northward to LA 10 at Oakdale, north of LA 10 from Oakdale, westward to the parish line.
Avoyelles	That portion west of I-49.
Catahoula	West of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, west of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to LA 8, north and west of LA 8 southwesterly to parish line.
Evangeline	All **EXCEPT** the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte.
Grant	All **EXCEPT** that portion south of LA 8 and east of US 165.
Jefferson Davis	North of US 190.
LaSalle	North of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake, following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to US 84, west of US 84 northward to LA 8, north of LA 8 eastward to parish line.
Morehouse	West of US 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to Bastrop, west of LA 139 to junction of LA 593, west and south of LA 593 to Collinston, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134 and north of LA 134 to Ouachita Parish line at Wham Brake.
Ouachita	All **EXCEPT** south of US 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of LA 139 from Sicard to junction of LA 134, south of LA 134 to Morehouse Parish line at Wham Brake.
Rapides	All **EXCEPT** north of Red River and east of US 165, south of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill, and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.
Vernon	North of LA 10 from the parish line westward to LA 113, south of LA 113 eastward to parish line. Also that portion north of LA 465, west of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

STILL HUNTING ONLY FOR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES	
Claiborne & Webster	Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).
Ouachita	East of Ouachita River.
Rapides	West of US 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to US 165, east of US 165 northward to US 167 at Alexandria. North of LA 465 from Vernon Parish line to LA 121, west of LA 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to LA 8, south and east of LA 8 to LA 118 (Mora Road), south and west of LA 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.
Vernon	East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to LA 465, east and north of LA 465 to Rapides Parish line.

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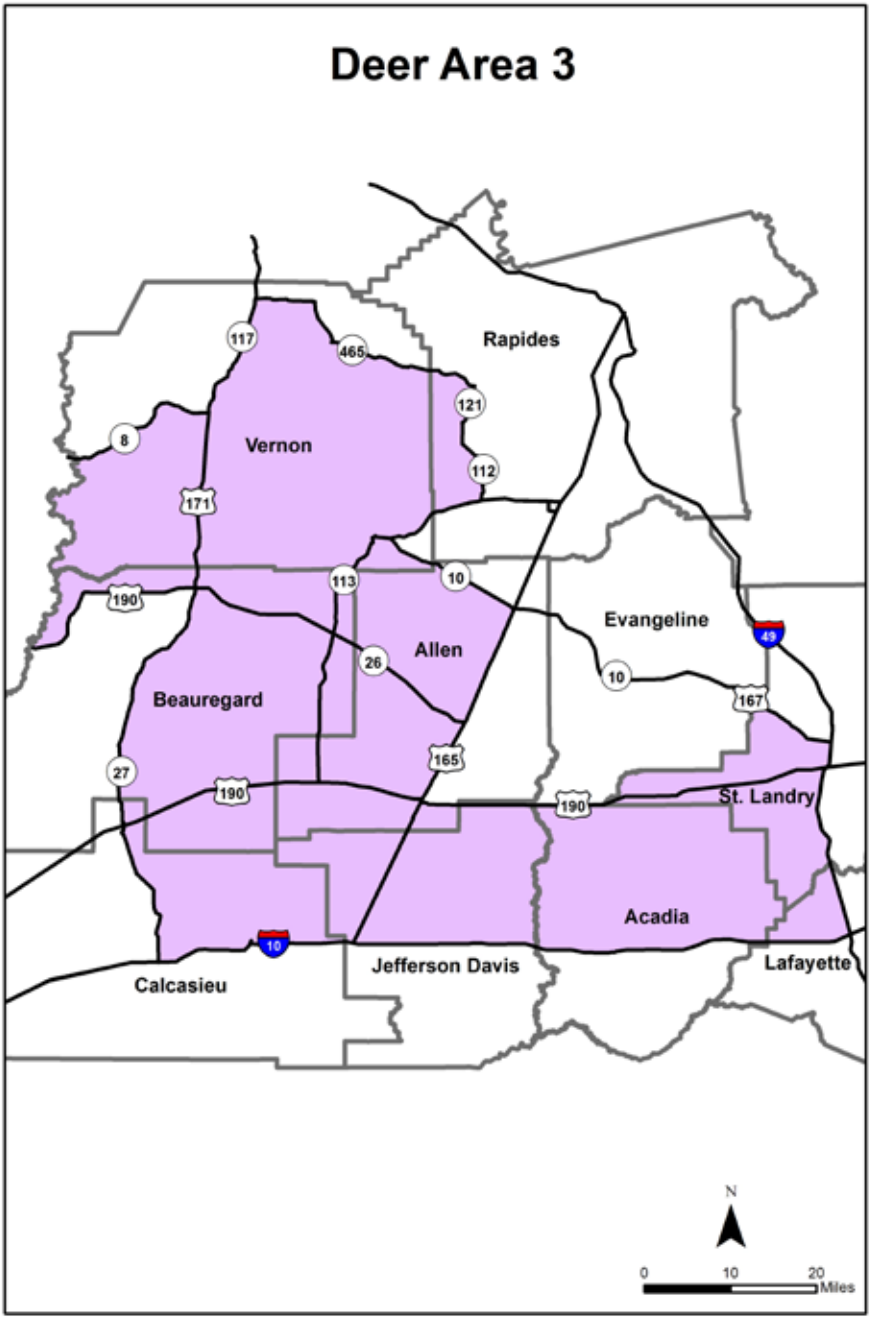
DEER HUNTING - AREA 3



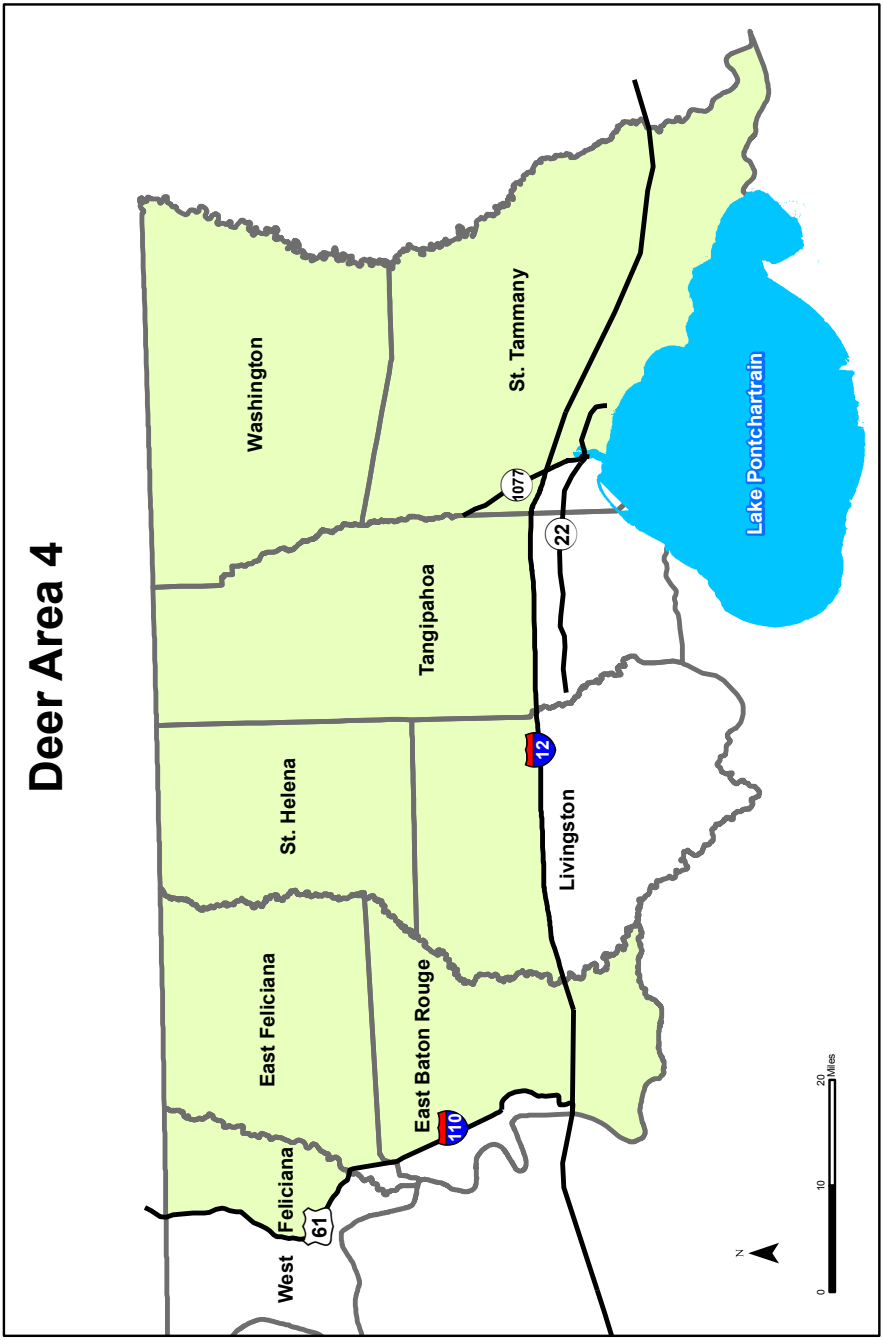
AREA 3 SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTION

DEER AREA 3 SCHEDULE	
	Either-Sex
Archery	Sept. 16 - Jan. 15
Primitive Firearms	Oct. 14-20 Nov. 27 - Dec. 1
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Oct. 21 - Nov. 26
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 2 - Jan. 7

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
Acadia	North of I-10
Allen	West of US 165 and south of LA 10
Beauregard	East of LA 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder and north of US 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas state line.
Calcasieu	East of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to parish line and north of I-10.
Jefferson Davis	North of I-10 and south of US 190.
Lafayette	West of I-49 and north of I-10.
Rapides	South of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.
St. Landry	West of US 167.
Vernon	East of LA 113 to Pitkin, south of LA 10 to Allen Parish Line, west and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

STILL HUNTING ONLY FOR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES	
Acadia	North of I-10.
Allen	South of US 190 and west of LA 113.
Beauregard	West of LA 113 and east of LA 27 from the parish line northward to DeRidder and north of US 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas state line.
Calcasieu	East of LA 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line, and north of I-10.
Jefferson Davis	North of I-10 and south of US 190.
Lafayette	West of I-49 and north of I-10.
Rapides	South of LA 465 to junction of LA 121, west of LA 121 and LA 112 to Union Hill and north of LA 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.
St. Landry	West of US 167.
Vernon	West and north of LA 113, south of LA 465, east of LA 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of LA 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

DEER HUNTING - AREA 4



AREA 4 SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTION

DEER AREA 4 SCHEDULE	
	Either-Sex
Archery	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31
Primitive Firearms	Nov. 11-17 Jan. 22-31
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Nov. 18 - Dec. 8 Jan. 8-21
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 9 - Jan. 7

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

St. Helena and Washington

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
East Baton Rouge	All **EXCEPT** that portion west of I-110 and west of US 61.
East Feliciana	East of US 61.
West Feliciana	East of US 61.
Livingston	North of I-12.
Tangipahoa	North of I-12.
St. Tammany	All **EXCEPT** that portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

STILL HUNTING ONLY FOR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES	
East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge	East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to LA 10, north of LA 10 from Thompson Creek to LA 67 at Clinton, west of LA 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line, south of Mississippi state line from LA 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of LA 67 from LA 64 north to parish line, south of parish line from LA 64 eastward to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to LA 64, north of LA 64 to LA 37 at Magnolia, east of LA 37 northward to LA 64 at Indian Mound, north of LA 64 from Indian Mound to LA 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of LA 67 from parish line north to LA 959, south of LA 959 east to LA 63, west of LA 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to LA 67.
St. Helena	North of LA 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to LA 449, east and south of LA 449 from LA 16 at Pine Grove northward to Rohner Road, south of Rohner Road to LA 1045, south of LA 1045 to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from LA 1045 southward to LA 16 at Montpelier.
Tangipahoa	That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of LA 10 from the Tchefuncte River to LA 1061 at Wilmer, east of LA 1061 to LA 440 at Bolivar, south of LA 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from LA 440 southward to LA 10.

Washington and St. Tammany	East of LA 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from LA 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to LA 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of LA 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany Parish line to the Tangipahoa Parish line, east of the Tangipahoa Parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with LA 25.

Attention Hunters

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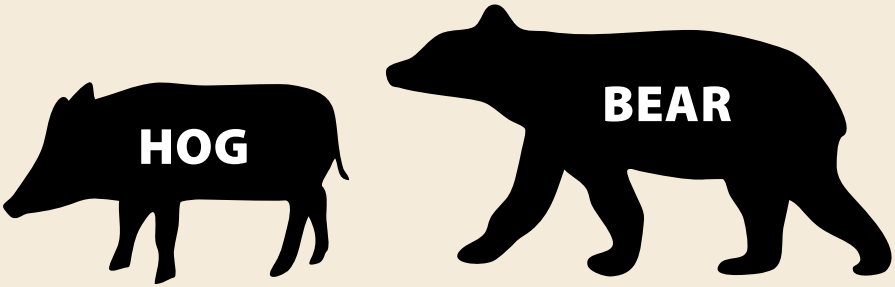

HOGS AND BEARS CAN LOOK SIMILAR

In March 2016, the Louisiana black bear was removed from the list of Federally Threatened and Endangered Species. However, bears in Louisiana are still protected under state law.

Restoration and conservation efforts of the La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Black Bear Conservation Coalition and many private landowners have led to increasing numbers of black bears.

Each year several Louisiana black bears are illegally killed during the hunting season. Hunters are urged to support bear conservation efforts and report illegal kills. This support will aid recovery of the Louisiana black bear and help bring about the day when legal bear hunting will once again occur in Louisiana.

For more information call the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

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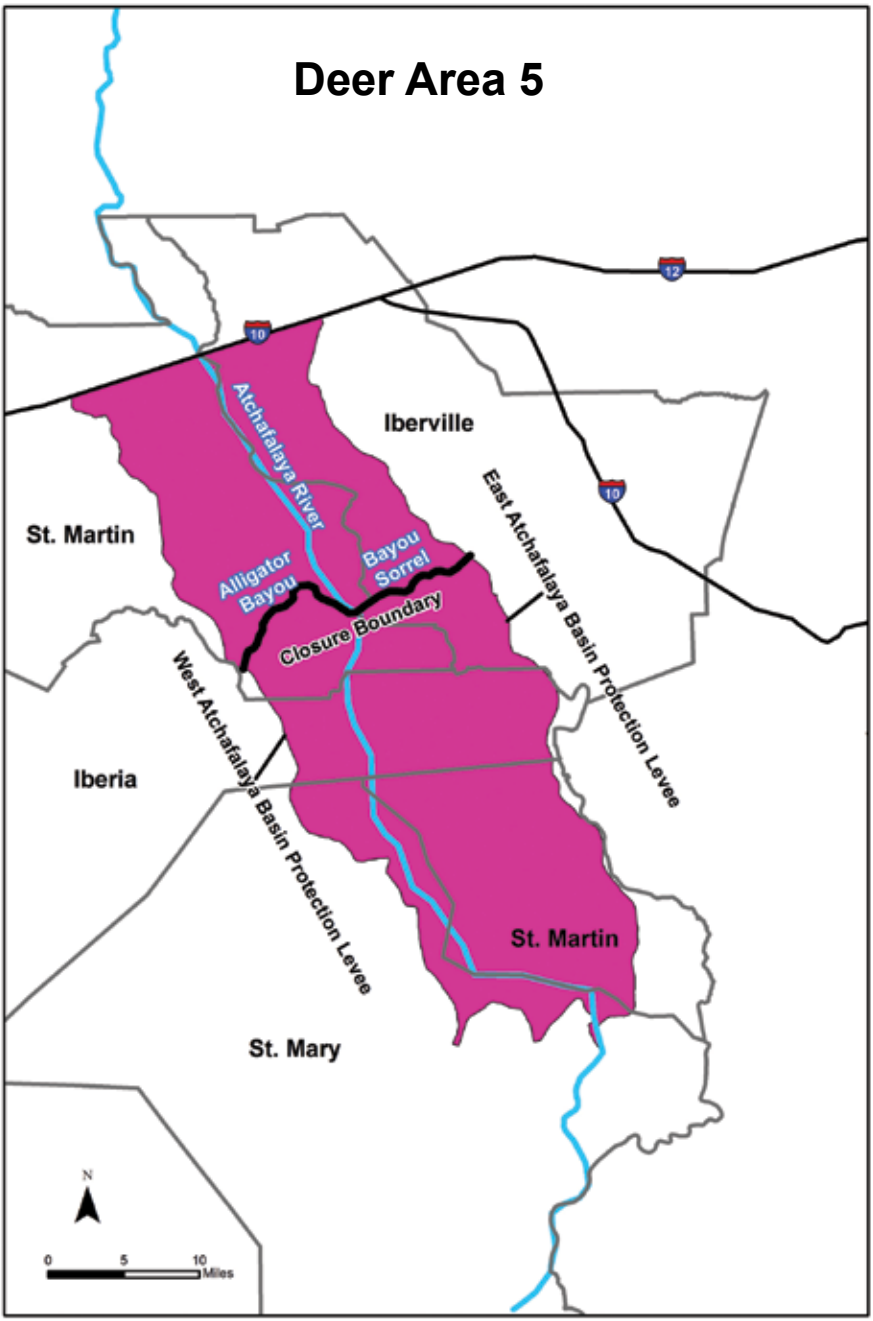
DEER HUNTING - AREA 5



AREA 5 SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTION

DEER AREA 5 SCHEDULE		
	Either-Sex	**Bucks Only**
Archery (Either-sex, unless a Bucks Only firearms season is in progress)	Oct. 16 - Feb. 15	Oct. 1-15
Primitive Firearms	Jan. 22-28	Jan. 29-31 Nov. 11-17
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Nov. 24-26	Nov. 18-23 Nov. 27 - Dec. 8
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 9-10 Dec. 30-31 Jan. 13-14	Dec. 11-29 Jan. 1-12 Jan. 15-21

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
St. Martin	South of I-10 and east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.
Iberville	South of I-10 and west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.
Iberia	East of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and West of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.
St. Mary	East of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.

HIGH WATER BENCHMARK CLOSURE

Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville and St. Martin parishes south of I-10, west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, and north of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet msl at Butte LaRose, and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 17 feet msl at Butte LaRose. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberville, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Iberia parishes west of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, east of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of Alligator Bayou and Bayou Sorrel will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 15 feet msl at Butte LaRose, and will reopen when the river stage recedes to 14 feet msl at Butte LaRose.

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DEER HUNTING - AREA 6

AREA 6 SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTION

DEER AREA 6 SCHEDULE		
	Either-Sex	**Bucks Only**
Archery	Oct. 16 - Feb. 15	Oct. 1-15
Primitive Firearms	Nov. 11-17 Jan. 22-31	
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Nov. 18 - Dec. 8	
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 9 - Jan. 21	

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
Avoyelles	All **EXCEPT** that portion west of I-49.
East Baton Rouge	West of I-110 and west of US 61.
East Feliciana	West of US 61.
Evangeline	That portion east of I-49 to junction of LA 29, east of LA 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of US 167 east of Ville Platte.
Iberville	All north of I-10, and that portion south of I-10 at the Atchafalaya Basin protection levee south to Upper Grand River, then north of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal at Jack Miller, then west of the Intracoastal Canal northward to Bayou Plaquemine, then north of Bayou Plaquemine to the Mississippi River.
Lafayette	North of I-10 and east of I-49.
Rapides	South of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.
St. Landry	East of US 167.
St. Martin	North of I-10.
West Feliciana	West of US 61.

STILL HUNTING ONLY FOR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES	
Avoyelles	North of LA 1 from Simmesport westward to LA 115 at Marksville, east of LA 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to LA 1 at Simmesport.
Rapides	South of Alexandria between Red River and US 167 to the junction of US 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.
West Feliciana	West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of US 61 and LA 966, east of LA 966 from US 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

DEER HUNTING - AREA 7

AREA 7 SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTION

DEER AREA 7 SCHEDULE	
	Either-Sex
Archery	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31
Primitive Firearms	Oct. 14-20 Nov. 4-10
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 Nov. 11-26
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Nov. 27 - Dec. 31

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
Iberia	South of LA 14 and west of US 90
St. Mary	All **EXCEPT** that portion north of US 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward in Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR WHOOPING CRANES

***Male and Female Adult*:** Large (about 5 feet tall) white bird, red head, and black facial markings

Photo by Charles Martin

***Juvenile Standing*:** Resembles an adult bird but will lack black facial markings and red head. Juveniles will have varying amounts of brown and white feathers, younger birds will have more brown than white.

***Male and Female Adult In Flight*:** Large (wingspan about 7-8 feet) white bird, black wing tips, legs that extend well past the tail and neck is extended during flight.

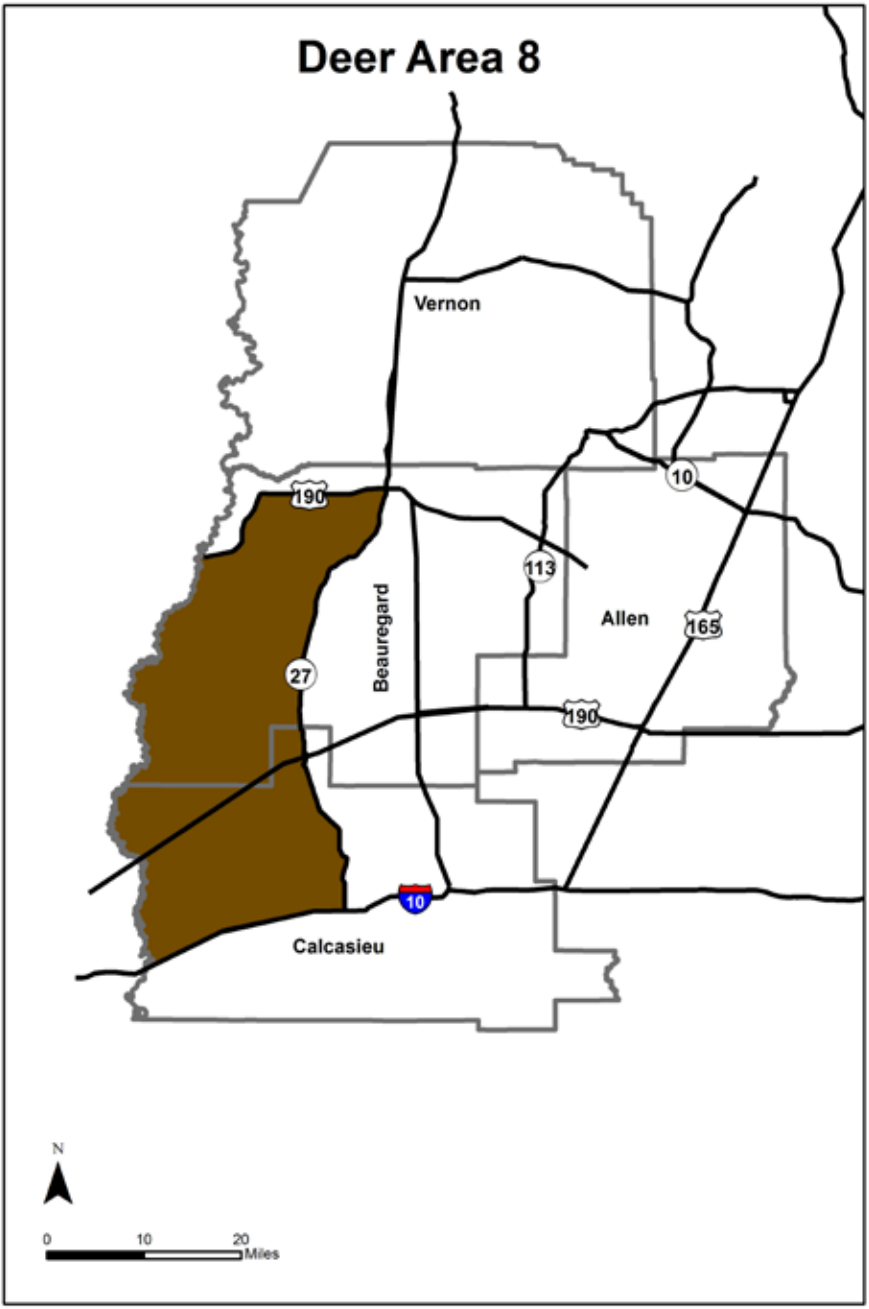
***Juvenile In Flight*:** Will appear the same as an adult, primarily white body with black wing tips.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO SHOOT WHOOPING CRANES

YOU CAN HELP

To report whooping crane sightings in Louisiana please contact Sara Zimorski (LDWF) at 337-536-9400. Each bird has unique color bands and a transmitter on its leg.
http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/webform/whooping-crane-reporting-form

DEER HUNTING - AREA 8



AREA 8 SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTION

DEER AREA 8 SCHEDULE	
	Either-Sex
Archery	Sept. 16 - Jan. 15
Primitive Firearms	Oct. 14-20 Nov. 27 - Dec. 1
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Oct. 21 - Nov. 26
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 2 - Jan. 7

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
Beauregard	That portion west of LA 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of US 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line.
Calcasieu	That portion west of LA 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of I-10 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.

Louisiana Hunting Heritage Program

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The Louisiana Hunting Heritage Program (LHHP) connects experienced hunters (mentors) to new hunters (apprentices) with the goal of providing apprentices with the skills and confidence to become independent hunters. LHHP is focused on reducing the obstacles that prospective hunters in today's society face. In the past, people learned to hunt from their family or close friends. Today, a person who has an interest in hunting may not have the family or social network to help them get started. As a result, many people with an interest in hunting never give it a try. The LHHP is not limited to any age or demographic group, but welcomes anyone who wants to learn to hunt and anyone who has a desire to help others learn about hunting. If you are interested in becoming an apprentice or a mentor, consider enrolling in the Hunting Heritage Program.

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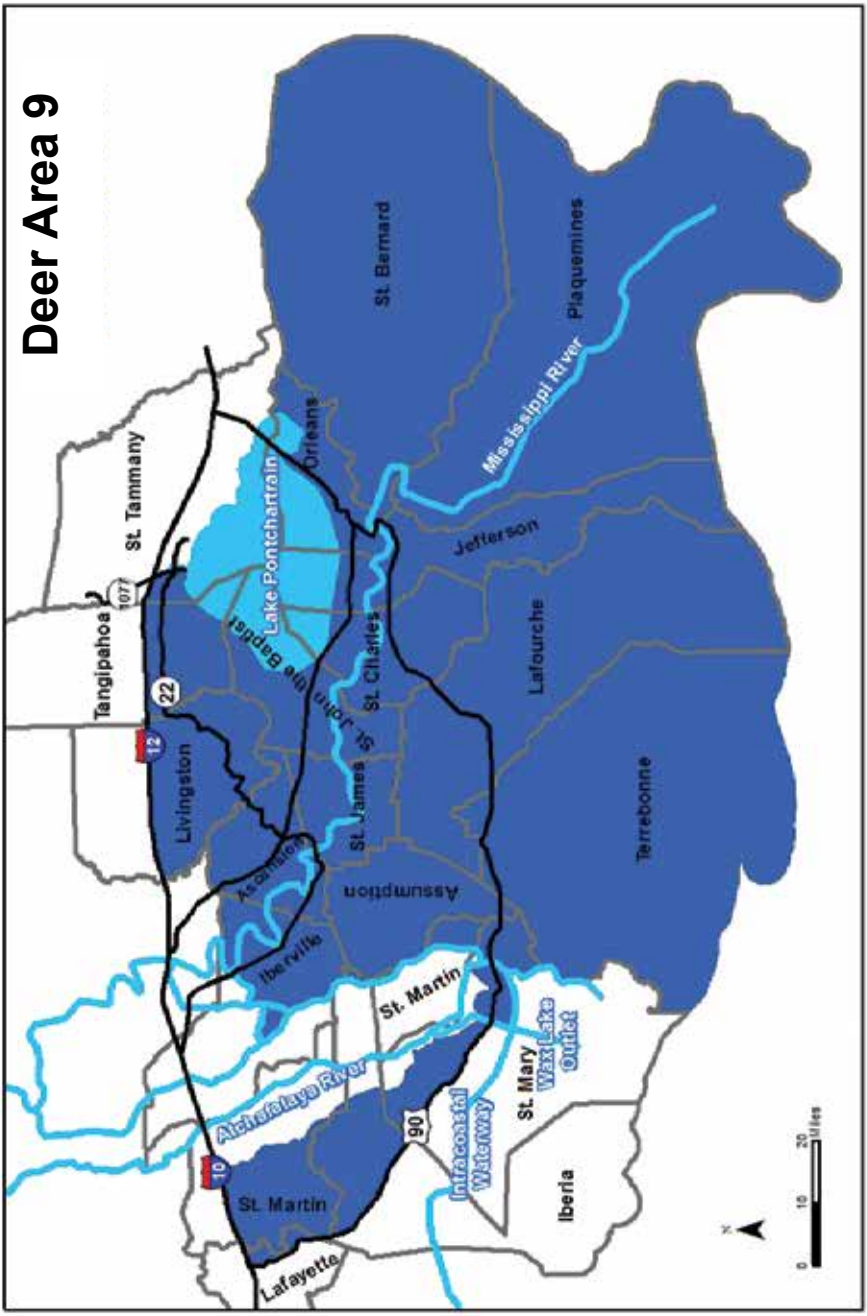
DEER HUNTING - AREA 9



AREA 9 SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTION

DEER AREA 9 SCHEDULE

	Either-Sex	Bucks Only
Archery (Either-sex, unless a Bucks Only firearms season is in progress)	Oct. 16 - Feb. 15	Oct. 1-15
Primitive Firearms	Jan. 22-28	Jan. 29-31 Nov. 11-17
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Nov. 24-26	Nov. 18-23 Nov. 27 - Dec. 8
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 9-10 Dec. 30-31 Jan. 13-14	Dec. 11-29 Jan. 1-12 Jan. 15-21

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne

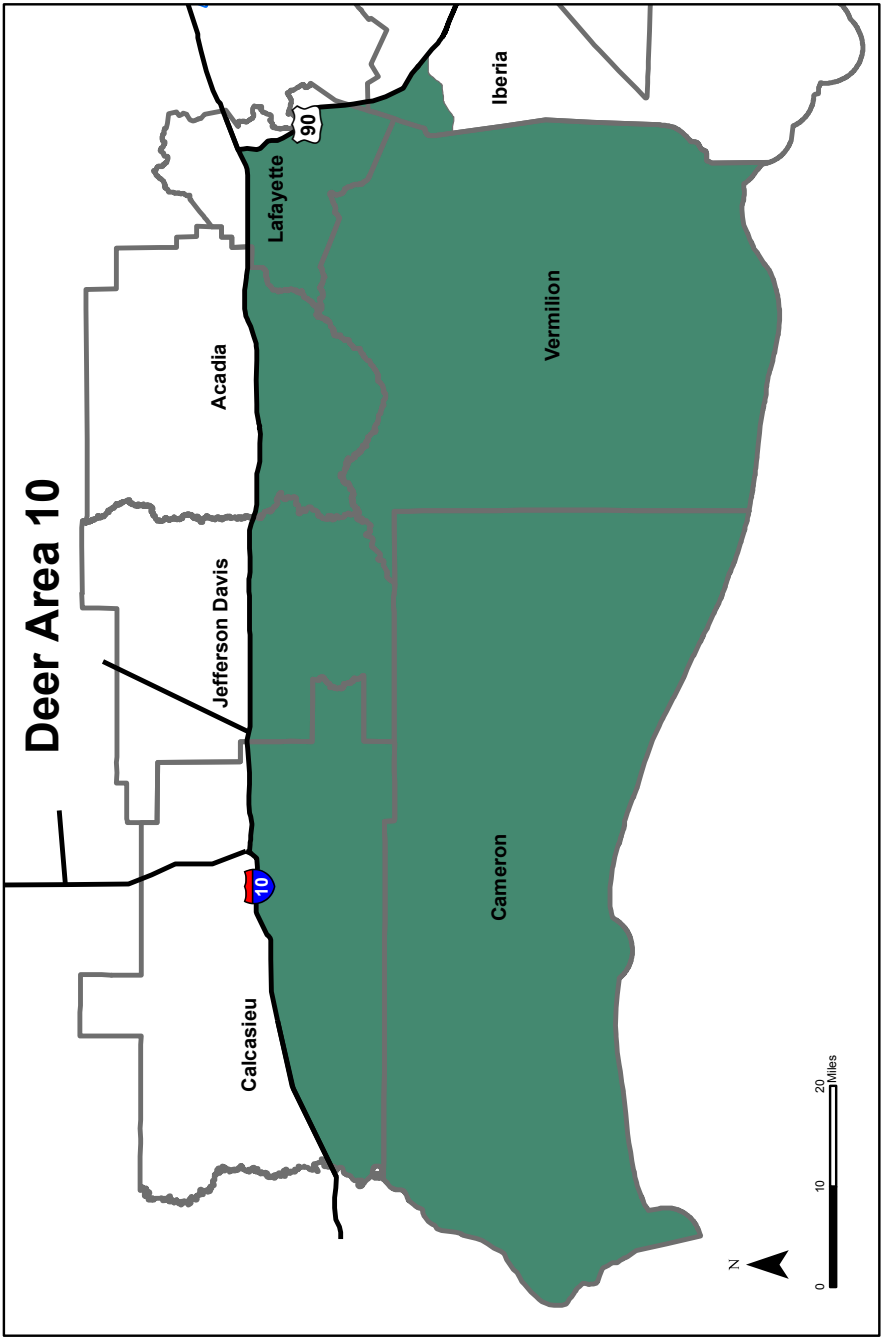
PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Iberia	East of US 90 and west of the West Atchafalaya Protection Levee and east of the East Atchafalaya Protection Levee.
Iberville	East of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and south of Upper Grand River to the Intracoastal Canal to Bayou Plaquemines, then south of Bayou Plaquemines to the Mississippi River.
Lafayette	South of I-10 and east of US 90.
Livingston	South of I-12.
St. Martin	West of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and South of I-10. East of the East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and South of I-10.
St. Mary	East of US 90 from Iberia Parish line to the Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to the Atchafalaya River, east of the Atchafalaya River except for that portion within the East and West Atchafalaya River Protection Levees.
St. Tammany	That portion south of I-12, west of LA 1077 to LA 22, south of LA 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.
Tangipahoa	South of I-12.

STILL HUNTING ONLY FOR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES

Iberville	East of the Mississippi River.
Plaquemines	East of the Mississippi River.
St. Bernard	All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.
St. John	South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to US 51, east of US 51 from Pass Manchac to LA 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of LA 638 from US 51 to Lake Pontchartrain, west of Lake Pontchartrain from LA 638 to Pass Manchac.

DEER HUNTING - AREA 10



AREA 10 SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTION

DEER AREA 10 SCHEDULE	
	Either-Sex
Archery	Sept. 16 - Jan. 15
Primitive Firearms	Oct. 14-20 Nov. 27 - Dec. 1
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Oct. 21 - Nov. 26 Dec. 2 - Jan. 7

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Cameron and Vermilion

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
Acadia	South of I-10.
Calcasieu	South of I-10.
Iberia	West of US 90 and north of LA 14.
Jefferson Davis	South of I-10.
Lafayette	South of I-10 and west of Hwy 90.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA LOTTERY HUNTS

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ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS

New Transport and Possession Regulations for Deer Being Harvested Out-of-State

Starting March 1, 2017

HELP PREVENT THE IMPORTATION OF CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

New import regulations have been implemented in an effort to reduce the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Louisiana and 37 other states have implemented similar transport regulations in an effort to slow further spread. CWD has been discovered in 24 states and two Canadian provinces. Texas and Arkansas are the latest CWD positive states. CWD has not been detected in Louisiana

CWD is a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy disease characterized by spongy degeneration of brain tissue resulting in emaciation, abnormal behavior, loss of bodily functions and death in members of the deer family. CWD is transmitted via oral ingestion of infectious prions which are shed through saliva, urine, feces and decaying carcasses. The prions are ingested by deer as they are exposed to infectious soil, plants or other materials. Hunters returning to Louisiana can help prevent the spread of CWD by complying with the new cervid carcass import regulation listed below.

Members of the family Cervidae include but are not limited to white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose, caribou, fallow deer, axis deer, sika deer, red deer, and reindeer.

NEW REGULATIONS

No person shall import, transport or possess any cervid carcass or part of a cervid carcass originating outside of Louisiana, except for

- meat that is cut and wrapped
- meat that has been boned out
- quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached
- antlers
- clean skull plates with antlers
- cleaned skulls without tissue attached
- capes
- tanned hides
- finished taxidermy mounts
- cleaned cervid teeth

Any and all bones shall be disposed of in a manner where its final destination is at an approved landfill or equivalent. In addition, approved parts or deboned meat transported from other states must be legally possessed from the state it was taken. Approved parts and deboned meat from other states must contain a possession tag with the hunter's name, out-of-state license number (if required), address, species, date and location (county and state) of harvest. All cervids transported into or through Louisiana that are in violation of the provisions of this ban shall be seized and disposed of in accordance with the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries rules and regulations.

Please visit the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries website for more information *www.wlf.la.gov*

DEER TAGGING INFORMATION (2017-2018)

Antlered Deer Tag 2017-2018
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MM/DD PARISH OF KILL
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DEER TAGS SAMPLE

Antlered Deer Tag 2017-2018
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MM/DD PARISH OF KILL
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DEER TAGS SAMPLE

Either-Sex Deer Tag 2017-2018
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MM/DD PARISH OF KILL
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DEER TAGS SAMPLE

DEER HARVEST REPORT CARD
LDWF # 204-1873-387
- Report harvest at www.la.wildlifelicense.com or call 1-888-765-2602 within 7 days of kill
- Record date and parish on carcass tag
- Attach tag to carcass before moving it
- Record date on harvest report card
- Tag must remain attached to carcass until processed

ANTLERED DEER
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ANTLERLESS DEER
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EITHER-SEX DEER
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DEER TAGS SAMPLE

Prior to hunting deer, all deer hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain deer tags. Tags must be in possession when hunting deer.

PROCESS FOR TAGGING DEER

1. Immediately upon harvesting a deer, the hunter must tag the deer with the appropriate carcass tag before it is moved from the harvest site.
2. The hunter must record the date of kill for the corresponding tag number on the harvest report card portion of the deer tag license.
3. The hunter must record the date and parish of kill on the carcass tag.
4. The tag must remain attached to the deer while kept at camp, or while it is transported to the domicile of the hunter or to a cold storage facility. Hunters who keep the carcass or meat at camp must also comply with the resident game possession tag regulations (*see Possession Tags on page 39*).
5. Within **72 hours** the hunter must validate the harvest. Hunters may validate deer by calling the validation toll free number, 888-765-2602 or using the validation web site: *www.la.wildlifelicense.com*.

Hunters harvesting deer on DMAP lands should follow the instructions provided to them by LDWF. When deer check stations are in operation, hunters on WMAs can validate deer during mandatory deer check hunts.

DEER TAGGING PROCEDURE FOR LICENSES PURCHASED VIA PHONE OR INTERNET

Hunters purchasing licenses online at *www.wlf.louisiana.gov/licenses* will be able to print an E-License using a personal printer for immediate use or save the PDF of licenses purchased to an electronic device which is kept in possession while hunting. Hunters purchasing licenses by phone are given both an authorization number and an LDWF identification number that will serve as their license until such license arrives by mail. Hunters must tag deer with possession tags, using the authorization number or LDWF identification number for the required license numbers recorded on the possession tag. Hunters must maintain documentation of these harvested deer and must validate harvested deer as required by law when the hunter receives the original license and tags.

REPLACEMENT OF LOST TAGS

Duplicate tags are available to replace lost tags at a charge to the hunter. Hunters that have harvested deer prior to losing their remaining tags must remove and discard the duplicate tags to account for the original tags that have been used and validated. Hunters must record these validated deer on the duplicate deer tag license.

DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

AREAS NOT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED AS OPEN ARE CLOSED.

METHODS OF TAKING DEER

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

(Additional license requirements are specified below for Archery and Primitive Firearms seasons)

- Basic Season License, Big Game License (or equivalent combination license), and Deer Tags are required of all persons hunting deer. See page 8 for exceptions and exemptions.

DEFINITIONS

- **Either-sex:** Antlered or antlerless deer.
- **Still Hunting:** Stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s).
- **Antlered Deer:** Deer with at least one visible antler, of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

(Additional prohibited activities listed under Archery and Primitive Firearms seasons)

- Take or possession of spotted fawns.
- Take of deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber center-fire or shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or slug.
- Take of deer with rimfire firearms.
- Take of deer while deer are swimming.
- Take of deer while hunter is in a boat with motor attached in operating position, **EXCEPT** that this prohibition shall not apply to any person who has lost one or more limbs.
- Take of game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from any other moving vehicles.
- Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles when or where a still hunting season or area is designated.
- Training of deer dogs in still hunting areas during open still hunting seasons.

DAILY LIMIT

- One antlered and one antlerless deer per day **EXCEPT** when a Bucks Only season is in progress and **EXCEPT** on some Federal Lands where the daily limit is one deer per day (see specific Federal Lands Regulations for details).

SEASON LIMIT

- **Season limit is six, not to exceed three antlered OR four antlerless deer, EXCEPT** Deer Area 4 season limit is three (not to exceed two antlered or two antlerless deer), and EXCEPT Deer Area 10 season limit is three (not to exceed two antlered or two antlerless deer). Deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP may not count in the **season or daily** bag limit for hunters. See DMAP Regulations (LAC 76:v.111) for more information.

POSSESSION TAGS

Any part of a deer divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and LDWF number of the person who harvested the deer and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. (*Resident Game Possession Tags are provided on page 115 and may be used for such purposes*).

SEX IDENTIFICATION

Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head or sex organs, shall remain on any deer taken in Louisiana, so long as such deer is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has thus become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

USE OF DOGS FOR TRAILING AND RETRIEVAL OF DEER

A leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or un-recovered deer. Any leashed dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or un-recovered deer must wear a collar bearing the owner's name, address and phone number. If a dog is used to trail and retrieve un-recovered deer after legal hunting hours, then no person accompanying the dog may carry a firearm of any sort.

HUNTER ORANGE AND BLAZE PINK

Any person hunting any wildlife during the open firearms deer hunting season and possessing buckshot, slugs, a primitive firearm, or a centerfire firearm shall display on their head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" or "BLAZE PINK."

EXCEPTIONS

- Persons hunting on privately owned land may wear a hunter orange or blaze pink cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches.
- Not required of persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange or blaze pink cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands.
- Not required of archery deer hunters hunting on lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee.

WARNING: Deer hunters are cautioned to watch for persons hunting other game or engaged in activities not requiring "Hunter Orange" or "Blaze Pink."

PRIMITIVE FIREARMS SEASON

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- Primitive Firearms License is required of all persons hunting deer during Primitive Firearms Seasons. See page 8 for exceptions and exemptions.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Hunting with dogs (All Primitive Firearms Seasons are still hunt only).

LEGAL GEAR

Legal Gear for Primitive Firearms Season includes:

- Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball, shot, or bullet projectile only, including saboted bullets. All of the above may be fitted with magnified scopes.
- Single shot, breech loading rifles or single shot, breech loading pistols, .35 caliber or larger, having an exposed hammer that use metallic cartridges loaded either with black powder or modern smokeless powder. All of the above may be fitted with magnified scopes.
- Single shot, breech loading shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, having an exposed hammer, loaded with buckshot or slug.

EXCEPTIONS

- Youths 17 or younger may hunt deer with any legal weapon during the Primitive Firearms Season in each deer hunting area.

Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting **EXCEPT** when a Bucks Only season is in progress. In such cases, hunters must conform to the bucks only regulations.

ARCHERY SEASON

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- Bow License is required of all persons hunting deer with archery gear during Archery Seasons. See page 8 for exceptions and exemptions.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow or arrows with explosive tips.
- Hunting deer with a bow having a draw weight less than 30 lbs.
- Hunting with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared, laser sight, electrically operated sight or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night (does NOT include non-projecting red dot sights; RS 56:116.1.(b)(4)).
- Hunting with dogs (All Archery Seasons are still hunt only).

LEGAL GEAR

Legal Gear for Archery Season includes:

- Traditional bow, compound bow, crossbow, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means.

Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting **EXCEPT** when a Bucks Only season is in progress. In such cases, archers must conform to the bucks only regulations.

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED SEASON ON PRIVATE LAND

Oct. 7-8, either-sex.
Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Permit applications are available at regional LDWF offices.

YOUTH AND HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS SEASON ON PRIVATE LAND

Either-sex.
Areas 1, 4, 5, 6 & 9: Oct. 28 - Nov. 3
Area 2: Oct. 14-20
Areas 3, 7, 8 & 10: Sept. 23-29

Restricted to youths 17 or younger only and resident honorably discharged veterans. All legal gear for archery, primitive firearms, and modern firearms allowed.

Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youths younger than 16 years of age. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one legal firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, **EXCEPT** properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult.

Resident veterans must be properly licensed and must possess proof of honorable discharge. One of the following must be carried by veterans while hunting:

- Louisiana OMV issued U.S. Veterans Driver's License.
- U.S. Department of Defense Form 214 or one of the following DD_214 equivalents:
  - i. Pre DD 214 era documents (1941_1950):
    - a. WD AGO (war department adjutant general) Forms, to include WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53_55;
    - b. JAVPERS (naval personnel) discharge documents, to include NAVPERS 553, NAVMC78PD, NAVCG 553.
  - ii. National Personnel Records Center NPRC "statement of service," issued as a result of a destroyed discharge record during the 1973 National Archives fire.
  - iii. National Guard/Air National Guard must have NGB_22 with 6 or more years of service.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DMAP)

Refer to LAC 76:V.111 or contact LDWF Field Offices for specific DMAP rules. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter in order to harvest deer. The tag shall be attached in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with approved archery equipment or primitive firearms). Depending upon the level of participation, antlerless or antlered deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP may not count in the season or daily bag limit for hunters. DMAP participants must follow the deer season schedule established for their respective areas, **EXCEPT** antlerless deer may be harvested any day of the deer season on property enrolled in DMAP provided that a DMAP tag is possessed by the hunter at the time of harvest.

QUADRUPEDS & RESIDENT GAME BIRDS SCHEDULES

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, EXCEPT for Raccoon and Opossum which are legal for day and nighttime take. Consult Wildlife Management Area and Federal Land schedules for specific regulations and dates on those areas.

2017-2018 SCHEDULE			
Species	**Season Dates**	**Daily Bag Limit**	**Possession Limit**
Quail	Nov. 18 - Feb. 28	10	30
Rabbit	Oct. 7 - Feb. 28	8	24
Squirrel	Oct. 7 - Feb. 28	8	24
	May 5-27*	3	9

**Spring squirrel season is CLOSED on the Kisatchie National Forest, national wildlife refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property and some state WMAs (check WMA season schedule).*

BOBCAT

SEASON: Experimental Year Round Season

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- Basic Season and Big Game Licenses are required of all persons hunting bobcat. See page 8 for exceptions and exemptions.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Take of bobcat outside of legal shooting hours.

LIMIT

- One per calendar year.

LEGAL GEAR

- Firearms, archery equipment, and primitive firearms legal for deer.

EXCEPTIONS

- Licensed trappers may take bobcat during the open trapping season without possessing a Basic and Big Game License.
- Regulation does not apply to state wildlife refuges or other federally owned refuges and lands.
- On state WMAs and Kisatchie National Forest the take of bobcat is restricted to those open seasons which require the respective legal gear noted above.

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM

SEASON: Year Round Season

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- Basic Season License required of all persons hunting Raccoon and Opossum.
- A Trapping License is required in addition to a Basic Season License to sell skins and carcasses during open trapping seasons. See page 8 for exceptions and exemptions.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Selling of skins and carcasses without a valid Trapping License and a Basic Season license
- Pelting or selling of skins and carcasses outside of the closed trapping season.
- Hunting from boats or motor vehicles.
- Hunting or taking furbearing animals at night with artificial light EXCEPT it is legal to hunt or take raccoon or opossum at night with lights, provided such hunt-

ing or take is conducted with the use of one or more dogs (R.S. 56:116.C.1).

DAILY LIMIT

- Two raccoon and two opossum per day or night (see exception for open trapping season).

LEGAL GEAR

- During daylight hours:
  - Rimfire firearms .22 caliber or smaller.
  - Muzzleloading firearm .36 caliber or smaller.
  - Shotguns - only during daylight hours and only during the open dog season for rabbit.
- During nighttime hours:
  - Rimfire firearms .22 caliber or smaller.

EXCEPTIONS

- No daily limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum during the open trapping season **EXCEPT** on certain WMAs as listed.

NUTRIA

SEASON: Sept. 1 - Feb. 28. See exception below for certain WMAs.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters.
- Pelting of recreationally harvested nutria.
- Sell of recreationally harvested nutria or any parts from recreationally harvested nutria.
- Leaving of recreationally harvested nutria carcass in the field, **EXCEPT** that nutria may be gutted.

DAILY LIMIT

- Five per day.

LEGAL GEAR

- Any gear on private lands. Shotguns with non-toxic shot only and rimfire rifles .22 caliber and smaller on Wildlife Management Areas.

EXCEPTIONS

- Nutria may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador/Timken/Pointe Aux Chenes, and Pass a Loutre WMAs Sept. 1 - March 31.
- On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only by the use of shotguns with shot not larger than F steel.

The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way related to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program call the New Iberia field office: 337-373-0032.

CROWS, BLACKBIRDS, COWBIRDS AND GRACKLES

SEASON: Sept. 1 - Jan. 1. See exception below for depredation.

DAILY LIMIT

- No limit.

EXCEPTIONS

- Crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard.
- As described in 50 CFR Part 21, non-toxic shot must be used for the take of crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles under the special depredation order. In addition, an annual report has to be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those that participate in the take of these species.

PHEASANT

SEASON: Open concurrently with Quail Season.

DAILY LIMIT

- No limit.

METHODS OF TAKING QUADRUPEDS & RESIDENT GAME BIRDS

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- Basic Season License is required of all persons hunting quadrupeds and resident game birds. Additional licenses are required for deer, bobcat, and turkey. See page 8 for exceptions and exemptions.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Take of quadrupeds and resident game birds with a firearm fitted with an infrared sight, laser sight or **EXCEPT** as provided in R.S. 56:116 (A) (8) any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target, or device specifically designed to enhance vision at night {R.S. 56:116.1B(3)}. Any person who has been convicted of a class four or greater hunting violation for a period of five years after the date of such conviction shall not use a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor pursuant to R.S. 56:116.6.
- Intentionally feeding, depositing, placing, distributing, exposing, scattering, or causing to be fed, deposited, placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered, raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.
- Use of shotguns larger than a 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells.
- Possession of shotguns in which the plug may be removed without disassembly.
- Take of game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft.
- Hunting or take of squirrel or rabbit with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than .22 caliber, any centerfire rifle, or a muzzleloading firearm larger than .36 caliber

LEGAL GEAR

- Legal archery gear or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest is legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds.
- Handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) is legal for taking all game species **EXCEPT** turkey.
- Air rifles are legal for taking squirrels, rabbits, and outlaw quadrupeds.

Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific gear restrictions.

NUISANCE ANIMALS

- Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means (see Nighttime Take of Nuisance Animals & Outlaw Quadrupeds).
- Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrel found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by LDWF. Contact the local LDWF field office for details.

OUTLAW QUADRUPEDS (COYOTES, ARMADILLOS & FERAL HOGS)

Holders of a hunting license may take coyotes, feral hogs and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours (for information on nighttime take see Nighttime Take of Nutria, Beaver & Outlaw Quadrupeds). The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to chase only when using dogs during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only seasons for deer. Foxes are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.

Persons using cage or corral traps to capture feral hogs must have a basic hunting license. Hog traps must have an opening in the top measuring at least 22 x 22 inches or 25 inches in diameter. Persons using snares to capture feral hogs must have a trapping license. Use of snares is not recommended in areas that have bears.

NIGHTTIME TAKE OF NUTRIA, BEAVER & OUTLAW QUADRUPEDS

On private property, the landowner, or his lessee or agent with written permission and the landowner's contact information in his possession, may take outlaw quadrupeds (coyotes, armadillos and feral hogs), nutria or beaver during the nighttime hours from one-half hour after official sunset on the last day of February to one-half hour after official sunset the last day of August of that same year. Such take may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. In addition, pursuant to 56:116 (D) (3) any person who is authorized to possess a firearm suppressor may use a firearm fitted with a sound suppressor when taking outlaw quadrupeds, nutria or beaver. Any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of this paragraph, within 24 hours prior to the attempted take, shall notify the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located, and the LDWF Enforcement Division by calling 1-800-442-2511, of their intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds under the provisions of this paragraph.

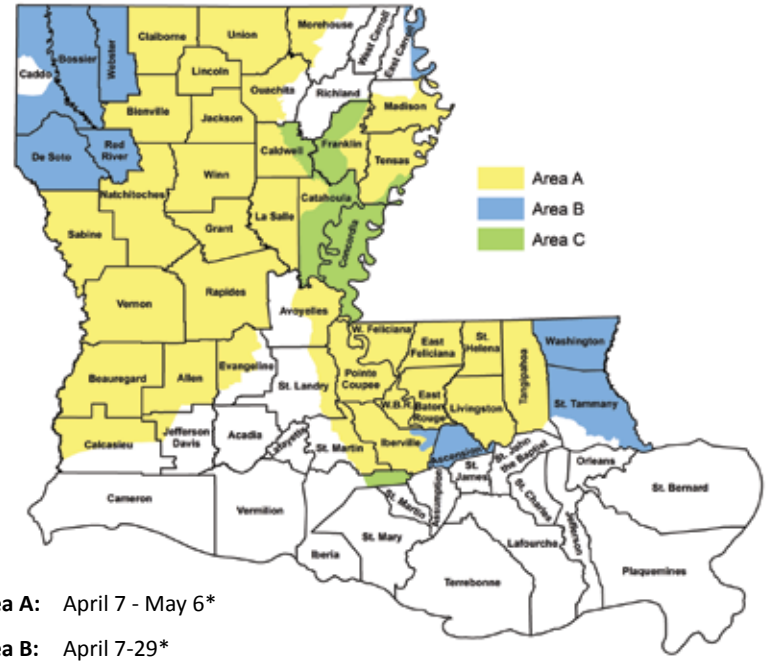
HUNTING AND/OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS ON PUBLIC ROADS

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds while on a public road or public road right-of-way.
- Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the center line of such levee roads or highways.
- Spot-lighting or shining from public roads.

2018 TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULES

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.



Area A: April 7 - May 6*

Area B: April 7-29*

Area C: April 7-22*

Youth & Physically Challenged Hunt (*restricted to youth and wheelchair confined physically challenged hunters - Areas A, B and C on private land only*)**:** March 30 - April 1

**Seasons Open in Areas A, B and C, on private lands only. See separate WMA Schedules, National Wildlife Refuge Schedules, and Federal Lands Schedules for season dates on those areas.*

2018 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SCHEDULES

Contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information regarding NWR hunts:

- **Bayou Cocodrie NWR:** March 31 - April 1 (Youth Lottery Only)
- **Bogue Chitto NWR:** March 30 - April 1 (Youth Only) and April 7-29
- **Lake Ophelia NWR:** March 31 (Youth Lottery Only) and April 7-22
- **Tensas NWR:** March 30 - April 1 (Youth Only) and April 7-22
- **Upper Ouachita NWR:** March 31 (Youth Lottery Only)

TURKEY HUNTING - AREA A DESCRIPTION

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Beauregard, Bienville, Claiborne, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Sabine, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Union, Vernon, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana, Winn

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Allen	North of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165 south of Kinder.
Avoyelles	That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee southward.
Calcasieu	North of I-10.
Caldwell	West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line.
Catahoula	South and west of the Ouachita River from the Caldwell Parish line southward to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, north and west of LA 8 from Harrisonburg to the LaSalle Parish line. ALSO that portion lying east of LA 15.
Evangeline	North and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 west of LA 115 to US 167, west of US 167 south to LA 10, north of LA 10 west of US 167 to LA 13, west of LA 13 south of LA 10 to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou.
Franklin	That portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro.
Iberville	West of the Mississippi River.
Jefferson Davis	North of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165.
Madison	That portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80 and south of US 80. Also, all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.
Morehouse	West of US 165 from the Arkansas line to the junction of LA 140 at Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165 at Bastrop, south of US 165 to junction of LA 3051 (Grabault Road) south of LA 3051 to junction of LA 138, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134, north of LA 134 to the Ouachita Parish line.
Ouachita	All west of the Ouachita River. That portion east of the Ouachita River lying north of US 80.
Richland	That portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17.
St. Landry	That portion bounded on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River.
Upper St. Martin	All within the Atchafalaya Basin.
Tensas	That portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605, 604, and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

TURKEY HUNTING - AREA B DESCRIPTION

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
Ascension, Bossier, DeSoto, Red River, St. Tammany, Washington and Webster	
PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
Caddo	All open **EXCEPT** that portion north of I-20 from the Texas state line to I-220. West of I-220 to LA 1. West of LA 1 to Caddo Lake. South of Caddo Lake to the Texas state line.
East Carroll	East of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line.
Iberville	All east of the Mississippi River.

TURKEY HUNTING - AREA C DESCRIPTION

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
Concordia	
PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
Caldwell	All east of the Ouachita River.
Catahoula	All of the parish **EXCEPT** for that portion located in Area A.
Franklin	West of LA 17 from the Richland Parish line southward to Winnsboro, west of LA 15 southward to the Catahoula Parish line.
Iberia	East of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.
Richland	West of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Rd., south of Ringle Rd. to Ferguson Rd., south of Ferguson Rd. to Little Rd., south of Little Rd. to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line.
Tensas	East and south of US. 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

2018 TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Basic Season, Big Game and Wild Turkey License (or equivalent combination license), and Turkey Tags are required of all persons hunting turkey. See page 8 for exceptions and exemptions.

DEFINITIONS

- **Baiting:** Placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys.
- **Baited Area:** Any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas

for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closures.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Take of hens (including bearded hens).
- Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys.
- Take of turkey from a moving or stationary vehicle.
- Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells.
- Hunting, trapping or taking of turkey by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area (See above definition of baiting).
- Hunting turkey within 200 yards of a baited area (See above definition of baited area).
- Take of live wild turkeys or their eggs from the wild.
- Possession of captive live wild turkeys or their eggs, regardless of origin, without a valid game breeder license.

DAILY LIMIT

One gobbler per day.

SEASON LIMIT

Two gobblers per season.

LEGAL GEAR

- Shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead, #2 non-toxic, or BB steel shot, and being no larger than 10 gauge.
- Traditional bow, compound bow, and crossbow, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means.

YOUTH SEASON

Restricted to youths 17 or younger. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youths younger than 16 years of age. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one legal firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, EXCEPT properly licensed youths 16-17 years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult.

TURKEY TAGGING INFORMATION

Prior to hunting turkey, all turkey hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain turkey tags. Tags must be in possession when hunting turkey.

PROCESS FOR TAGGING TURKEY

1. Immediately upon harvesting a turkey, the hunter must tag the turkey with the appropriate carcass tag before it is moved from the kill site.
2. The hunter must record the date of kill on the corresponding tag number on the harvest report card portion of the turkey tag license.
3. The hunter must record the date and parish of kill on the carcass tag.
4. The tag must remain attached to the turkey while kept at camp, or while it is transported to the domicile of the hunter or to a cold storage facility. Hunters who keep the carcass or meat at camp must also comply with the resident game possession tag regulations (*see Possession Tags on page 50*).
5. Within **72 hours** the hunter must validate the harvest. Hunters may validate turkey by calling the validation toll free number, 888-765-2602 or using the validation web site: ***www.la.wildlifelicense.com.***

TURKEY TAGGING PROCEDURE FOR LICENSES PURCHASED VIA PHONE OR INTERNET

Hunters purchasing licenses online at ***www.wlf.louisiana.gov/licenses*** will be able to print an E-License using a personal printer for immediate use or save the PDF of licenses purchased to an electronic device which is kept in possession while hunting. Hunters purchasing licenses by phone are given both an authorization number and an LDWF identification number that will serve as their license until such license arrives by mail. Hunters must tag turkey with possession tags, using the authorization number or LDWF identification number for the required license numbers recorded on the possession tag. Hunters must maintain documentation of these harvested turkey and must validate harvested turkey as required by law when the hunter receives the original license and tags.

REPLACEMENT OF LOST TAGS

Duplicate tags are available to replace lost tags at a charge to the hunter. Hunters that have harvested turkey prior to losing their remaining tags must remove and discard the duplicate tags to account for the original tags that have been used and validated. Hunters must record these validated turkey on the duplicate turkey tag license.

Turkey Gobbler Tag 2017-2018
LDWF#204-1873-403 TAG#180513011100
MM/DD PARISH OF KILL
/
TURKEY TAGS SAMPLE

Turkey Gobbler Tag 2017-2018
LDWF#204-1873-403 TAG#180513011102
MM/DD PARISH OF KILL
/
TURKEY TAGS SAMPLE

TURKEY HARVEST REPORT CARD
LDWF # 204-1873-403
- Report harvest at www.la.wildlifelicense.com or call 1-888-765-2602 within 7 days of kill.
- Record date and parish on carcass tag
- Attach tag to carcass before moving it
- Record date on harvest report card
- Tag must remain attached to carcass until processed
TAGS INVALID IF REMOVED FROM REPORT CARD PRIOR TO USE.

TURKEY GOBBLER
TAG # DATE OF KILL MM/DD
180513011100 /
180513011102 /
Vendor: 000013 Terminal: 3700481
Tran # 028872300 05/11/2017 09:58

POSSESSION TAGS

Any part of a wild turkey that is divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and LDWF number of the person who harvested the turkey. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. (*Resident Game Possession Tags are provided on page 115 and may be used for such purposes*).

SEX IDENTIFICATION

Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head or intact leg shall remain on any turkey taken, so long as such turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has thus become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SCHEDULES

Shooting & Hawking Hours

1. **Ducks, Geese, Teal, Rail, Gallinule, Snipe and Woodcock: One-Half Hour before sunrise to sunset, EXCEPT**
   a. **Shooting hours for Snipe at the Spanish Lake Recreation Area in Iberia Parish, including the Conservation Order, shall end at 2 p.m.**
   b. **Shooting hours for Waterfowl ends at 2:00 pm on all WMAs EXCEPT on Atchafalaya Delta, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken WMAs. Consult individual WMA Hunting Schedules for shooting hours.**
2. **Mourning Dove: One-Half Hour before sunrise to sunset EXCEPT for opening day of the first split on WMAs and LDWF leased dove fields where shooting hours will be 12 p.m. (noon) to sunset, EXCEPT for Elbow Slough WMA, which will be open one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.**

2017-2018 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SCHEDULE

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Mourning and White-winged Doves and fully-dressed Eurasian Collared and Ringed Turtle Doves	*South Zone:* Sept. 2-10 Oct. 7 - Nov. 26 Dec. 17 - Jan. 15 *North Zone:* Sept. 2-24 Oct. 7 - Nov. 12 Dec. 17 - Jan. 15	15 in the aggregate	45 in the aggregate
Woodcock	Dec. 18 - Jan. 31	3	9
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon)	Sept. 15-30	6	18
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 15-30 Nov. 11 - Jan. 3	15 in the aggregate	45 in the aggregate
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 15-30 Nov. 11 - Jan. 3	25 in the aggregate	75 in the aggregate
Gallinules	Sept. 15-30 Nov. 11 - Jan. 3	15	45
Snipe	*Statewide:* Nov. 2 - Dec. 3 Dec. 16 - Feb. 28	8	24
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	*Coastal Zone:* Nov. 4-5 (Youth Only) Nov. 11 - Dec. 3 Dec. 16 - Jan. 21	See Ducks, Coots and Mergansers section for more details	

2017-2018 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SCHEDULE

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	*West Zone:* Nov. 4 (Youth Only) Nov. 11 - Dec. 3 Dec. 16 - Jan. 21 Jan. 27 (Youth Only) *East Zone:* Nov. 11 (Youth Only) Nov. 18 - Dec. 3 Dec. 16 - Jan. 28 Feb. 3 (Youth Only)	See Ducks, Coots and Mergansers section for more details	
Canada Geese*	*Statewide:* Nov. 4 - Dec. 3 Dec. 16 - Jan. 31	1	3
Light Geese (Snow, Blue and Ross')	*Statewide:* Nov. 4 - Dec. 3 Dec. 16 - Feb. 11	20	None
White-fronted Geese*	*Statewide:* Nov. 4 - Dec. 3 Dec. 16 - Feb. 11	2	6
Conservation Order for Light Geese (Snow, Blue and Ross')	*Statewide:* Dec. 4-15 Feb. 12 - March 11	No bag or possession limit. See "Geese" section for more detail	
Falconry for Ducks	Statewide: Nov. 3 - Jan. 31	Falconry daily bag and possession limit for all permitted migratory game birds must not exceed 3 and 9 birds respectively, singly or in aggregate, during the extended falconry seasons and regular hunting seasons.	
Falconry for Rails and Gallinules	Nov. 3 - Jan. 31		
Falconry for Woodcock	Nov. 2 - Jan. 31		
Extended Falconry for Mourning Doves	Sept. 15 - Oct. 1		

GEESE

CONSERVATION ORDER FOR LIGHT GEESE

Only snow, blue, and Ross's geese may be taken under the terms of the Conservation Order, which allows the use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns and eliminates the daily bag and possession limits. During the Conservation Order, shooting hours begins one-half hour before sunrise and extends until one-half hour after sunset.

CANADA GOOSE SEASON

The Canada Goose season is open statewide **EXCEPT** for a portion of southwest Louisiana:

- **Closed in the following area:** Beginning at the Texas State Line, proceeding east along Hwy 82 to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, then north along the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its junction with the Intracoastal Canal, then east along the Intracoastal Canal to its juncture with LA Hwy 82, then south along LA Hwy 82 to its juncture with Parish Road 3147, then south and east along Parish Road 3147 to Freshwater Bayou Canal, then south to the Gulf of Mexico, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of Mexico to

the Texas State Line, then north to the point of beginning at LA Hwy 82. Open waters of Lake Arthur and the Mermentau River, from the Hwy 14 bridge southward, will also be closed to Canada goose hunting.

DUCKS, COOTS AND MERGANSERS

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

Restricted to youths 17 or younger. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youths younger than 16 years of age. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one legal firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times, regardless of age. Youths may take ducks, geese, mergansers, coots and gallinules on these days. Bag limits are the same as regular duck season. The adult may not hunt ducks on these days.

DAILY BAG LIMITS

- **Ducks:** The daily bag limit for ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 2 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, 1 black duck, 3 wood ducks, 3 scaup, 2 redheads, and 1 pintail.
- **Coots:** The daily bag limit for coots is 15.
- **Mergansers:** The daily bag limit for mergansers is 5; only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. Merganser limits are in addition to the daily bag limit for ducks.

POSSESSION LIMIT

The possession limit on ducks, coots and mergansers is three times the daily bag limit.

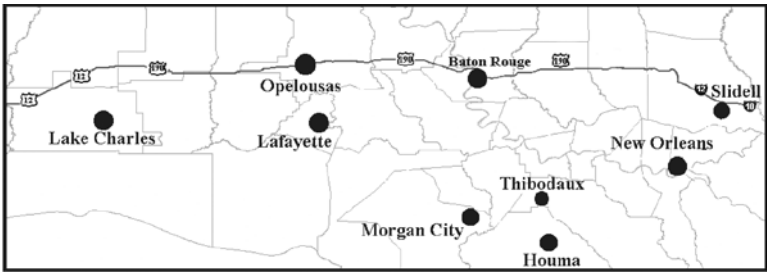
WATERFOWL HUNTING ZONES

West: That portion of the state between the Texas State line and the line going east on I-10 from the Texas border to Hwy 165 at Iowa; then north on Hwy 165 to Kinder; then east on Hwy 190 to Eunice; then north on Hwy 13 to Turkey Creek; then north on Hwy 167 to Hodge; then north on Hwy 147 to Arcadia; then north on Hwy 9 to Homer; then north on Hwy 79 to the Arkansas border.

East: That portion of the state between the Mississippi State line and the line going south on Hwy 79 from the Arkansas border to Homer; then south on Hwy 9 to Arcadia; then south on Hwy 147 to Hodge; then south on Hwy 167 to Turkey Creek; then south on Hwy 13 to Eunice; then west On Hwy 190 to Kinder; then south on Hwy 165 to Iowa; then west on I-10 to its junction with Hwy 14 at Lake Charles; then south and east on Hwy 14 to its junction with Hwy 90 in New Iberia; then east on Hwy 90 to the Mississippi State line.

Coastal: Remainder of state.

DOVE HUNTING



The state shall be divided into **North and South Dove Hunting Zones** by the following boundary: Beginning at the Texas-Louisiana border on LA 12; thence east along LA 12 to its intersection with US 190; thence east along US 190 to its intersection with I-12; thence east along I-12 to its intersection with I-10; thence east along I-10 to the Mississippi state line.

Eurasian collared doves and ringed turtle doves may only be hunted or taken during the open dove season. There is no bag limit on Eurasian collared doves or ringed turtle doves provided that a fully feathered wing and head remain attached to the carcass of the bird. Fully dressed Eurasian collared doves and ringed turtle doves (those without a fully feathered wing and head naturally attached to the carcass) shall be included in the daily bag limit for doves. The bag limit for mourning doves, white-winged doves and fully dressed Eurasian collared and ringed turtle doves is 15 in the aggregate.

BAND REPORTING

If you have found or harvested a banded bird, please report it at *www.reportband.gov*. You'll need the band number as well as where, when, and how you recovered the bird. Your contact information will be requested in case there are any questions. The U.S. Geological Survey's Patuxent Bird Banding Lab (*www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl/*) will send you a certificate of appreciation that includes information about the sex, age and species of the bird, and where and when it was banded. You may keep the band. Please note: Even if the band you recover is inscribed with a 1-800 number, as of July 2, 2017, you can only report it at *www.reportband.gov*.

If some or all of the numbers have worn off, making the band unreadable, please email bandreports@usgs.gov or visit *www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/homepage/etch.cfm* for information on how to send the band for chemical etching. Most bands can be chemically etched so that the numbers can be read. The process does not destroy the band, and it will be returned to you. Thank you for helping manage migratory birds.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

The following is a synopsis of Federal Regulations that pertain to the hunting of migratory game birds. Persons requiring more information should go to *http://www.fws.gov/hunting/whatres.html* where they will find a complete version of 50 CFR Part 20. When State law is different from the following Federal law the hunter must comply with the most restrictive law.

RESTRICTIONS

No person shall take migratory game birds:

- with a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance.
- with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun. This restriction does not apply during the Conservation Order for Light Geese or those selected for the control of resident Canada Geese.
- from a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- from or with the aid of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance or any aircraft, **EXCEPT** that paraplegic and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body which involves both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.
- from or by means of any motor boat or sailboat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.
- by the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl.
- by the aid of baiting, or on or over a baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HUNTERS TO CHECK HIS/HER HUNTING AREA FOR BAIT PRIOR TO EACH HUNT.** A baited area is any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for 10 days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain or other feed. Agricultural areas must be prepared in accordance with official recommendations to be legally hunted. It is a separate offense to place bait on or adjacent to an area that causes, induces or allows another to hunt by the aid of bait or over a baited area. Hunters are responsible for ensuring that an area has not been baited and should verify its legality prior to hunting. The maximum federal penalties are: for hunting over bait; $15,000/six months jail, and placing bait; $100,000/one year jail.
- using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls. This restriction does not apply during the Conservation Order for Light Geese or those selected for the control of resident Canada Geese.
- by driving, rallying or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sailboat to put them in the range of the hunter.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

Birds protected by federal law as a result of treaties signed with other countries. Protected migratory birds are listed in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, Section. 10.13. This list includes almost all birds found in the United States with the exception of the house sparrow, feral pigeon (commonly called rock dove), European starling, Eurasian collared-dove, mute swan, and upland game birds (which are protected by state laws).

All migratory birds are protected. However, a subset of migratory birds may be hunted in accordance with state and federal regulations. The list of migratory game birds includes species of ducks, geese (including brant), swans, doves and pigeons, cranes, rails, coots, gallinules and moorhens, woodcock and snipe, if there is an open season.

DAILY BAG LIMIT
The maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination (aggregate) of species permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season in any one specified geographic area for which a daily bag limit is prescribed.

AGGREGATE DAILY BAG LIMIT
The maximum number of migratory game birds permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season when such person hunts in more than one specified geographic area and/or for more than one species for which a combined daily bag limit is prescribed. The aggregate daily bag limit is equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest daily bag limit prescribed for any one species or for any one specified geographic area in which taking occurs.

PERSONAL ABODE
One's principal or ordinary home or dwelling place, as distinguished from one's temporary or transient place of abode or dwelling such as a hunting club, or any club house, cabin, tent or trailer house used as a hunting club, or any hotel, motel or rooming house used during a hunting, pleasure or business trip.

MIGRATORY BIRD PRESERVATION FACILITY
1. Any person who, at their residence or place of business and for hire or other consideration; or
2. Any taxidermist, cold-storage facility or locker plant which, for hire or other consideration; or
3. Any hunting club which, in the normal course of operations; receives, possesses, or has in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person for purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage or shipment.

NORMAL AGRICULTURAL PLANTING, HARVESTING OR POST-HARVEST MANIPULATION
A planting or harvesting undertaken for the purpose of producing and gathering a crop, or manipulation after such harvest and removal of grain, that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

NORMAL AGRICULTURAL OPERATION
A normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation, or agricultural practice that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the USDA.

NORMAL SOIL STABILIZATION PRACTICE
A planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the USDA for agricultural soil erosion control.

MANIPULATION
The alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not limited to mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning or herbicide treatments. The term manipulation does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed, or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.

NATURAL VEGETATION
Any non-agricultural, native, or naturalized plant species that grows at a site in response to planting or from existing seeds or other propagules. The term natural vegetation does not include planted millet. However, planted millet that grows on its own in subsequent years after the year of planting is considered natural vegetation.

IT IS LEGAL TO TAKE MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS INCLUDING WATERFOWL, COOTS AND CRANES, ON OR OVER THE FOLLOWING LANDS OR AREAS THAT ARE NOT OTHERWISE BAITED AREAS
- Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics);
- Standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;

- From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;
- From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or
- Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.

It is legal to take migratory game birds, EXCEPT waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

WANTON WASTE OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

OPENING DAY OF A SEASON

No person on the opening day of the season shall possess any freshly killed migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit, or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies.

CUSTODY OF BIRDS OF ANOTHER

No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

TERMINATION OF POSSESSION

Subject to all other requirements of this part, the possession of birds taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to another person as a gift; or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a migratory bird preservation facility and consigned for transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

GIFT OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

No person may receive, possess or give to another, any freshly killed migratory game birds as a gift, except at the personal abodes of the donor or donee, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter who took the birds, stating such hunter's address, the total number and species of birds and the date such birds were taken.

FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT

No person shall possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

TAGGING

No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

1. The hunter's name and signature.
2. The hunter's address.
3. The total number of birds involved, by species.
4. The dates such birds were killed.

Tagging is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment or taxidermy services. (*Migratory Bird Possession Tags are provided on page 115 and may be used for such purposes.*)

POSSESSION OF LIVE BIRDS

Wounded birds reduced to possession shall be immediately killed and included in the daily bag limit.

FIELD DRESSING

No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird (**EXCEPT** mourning doves, white-winged doves and band-tailed pigeons) and then transport the bird from the field. The head or one fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility.

NONTOXIC SHOT REGULATIONS & ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

No person shall take migratory game birds while possessing shot other than steel or other approved shot. This restriction applies only to ducks, geese, brant, swans and coots.

SHIPMENT

No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with:

- the name and address of the person sending the birds,
- the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent and
- the number of birds, by species, contained in the package.

IMPORTATION

For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country, hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between a port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in a foreign country, **EXCEPT** Canada, unless such birds are dressed (**EXCEPT** as required in 20.63), drawn and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.

LICENSE, PERMIT & STAMP REQUIREMENTS

All persons hunting migratory birds must have a valid basic hunting license or equivalent combination license. In addition:

- Persons 16 years of age and older who hunt migratory birds must have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification on their person while hunting. Migratory birds include mourning and white-winged doves, snipe, woodcock, rails, gallinules, ducks, geese and coots. The HIP certification can be obtained free of charge from any hunting license vendor upon completion of a short questionnaire.
- Persons 16 years of age and older who hunt ducks and geese must have a Migratory Bird Hunting Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) that is signed in ink across the face, on their person while hunting.
- Residents 16-59 years of age and nonresidents 16 years of age and older must have a general hunting license and state duck license in their possession while hunting ducks, geese and coots.

DUAL VIOLATION

Violation of state migratory bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.

REFERENCE

Federal regulations related to migratory game birds are located in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations,
Part 20.

CAUTION: More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal regulations, contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent:

- LaCombe 985-882-3756
- Metairie 504-219-8870

Call your regional enforcement office for more information on regulations (*see page 12*).

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OTHER HUNTING SEASONS

FALCONRY

Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species, **EXCEPT** turkey, may be taken. Seasons and bag limits for statewide and WMA regulations apply. Migratory game birds may be taken during regular hunting seasons or during extended falconry seasons. The falconry daily bag limit for migratory game birds during extended falconry seasons and during regular hunting seasons is three migratory game birds, singly or in the aggregate. Possession limit is nine migratory game birds, singly or in aggregate. See LAC 76:V.301 for complete regulations.

LICENSED HUNTING PRESERVE

Oct. 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. See LAC 76:V.305 for complete regulations.

FARM RAISED WHITE-TAILED DEER & EXOTICS ON SUPPLEMENTED SHOOTING PRESERVES

See LAC 76:XIX.111 for complete regulations. Archery, Firearm & Primitive Firearms: Oct. 1- Jan. 31 (either-sex).

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2017-2018 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA) REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject the individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

- Persons using WMAs or other LDWF administered lands for any purpose other than hunting must possess one of the following:
    1. a valid Wild Louisiana Stamp
    2. a valid Louisiana fishing license
    3. a valid Louisiana hunting license
    4. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.
- Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by LDWF, they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.
- WMA seasons may be altered or closed anytime by LDWF's Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).
- Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. unless otherwise specified. Hunters must check out daily and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified. Reference individual WMA listings for specific requirements.
- Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates and hunting regulations applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF field office for additional information.
- Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.
- Disorderly conduct or hunting under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.
- Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (including but not limited to acorns and pecans), wild plants and nongame wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) or any species of butterflies, skippers or moths is prohibited without a permit from LDWF.
- Burning of the marsh is prohibited. Hunting actively burning marsh is prohibited.
- Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day.
- Nature Trails: Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs/UTVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material is prohibited.
- Deer seasons are for legal antlered deer unless otherwise specified.
- Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations, may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory birds.
- Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, **EXCEPT** that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.
- Unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas, refuges or limited access areas, is prohibited unless otherwise specified.
- For your safety ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are restricted. Access is prohibited.

PERMITS

A WMA HUNTING PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR PERSONS AGE 18-59 TO HUNT ON WMAs. (See "Licensing" section for more information).

SELF-CLEARING PERMITS

A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES on WMAs unless otherwise specified. Check individual WMA listings for EXCEPTIONS.

The Self-Clearing Permit consists of two portions: Check In and Check Out.

- On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from a Self-Clearing Permit Station. The **check-in** portion **must** be completed and put in a permit box **before** each day's activity on the day of the activity **EXCEPT** if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted or if camping on the WMA, users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period. Users may check in one day in advance of use.
- The **check-out** portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and **must** be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted or if camping on the WMA.
- Self-Clearing Permits are not required of fishers and boaters who enter a WMA via watercraft from outside the WMA, provided they do not get out of the watercraft and onto WMA property.
- Self-Clearing Permits are not required for motorists traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED WHEELCHAIR CONFINED DEER AND WATERFOWL HUNTING AREAS

Special deer and waterfowl hunting areas, blinds and stands identified with LDWF logos, have been established for Physically Challenged Hunter Permit (PCHP) wheelchair confined hunters on WMAs. Hunters must obtain PCHP permits and are required to make reservations to use blinds and stands. PCHP wheelchair hunting areas are available on Alexander State Forest, Big Colewa Bayou, Buckhorn, Clear Creek, Floy Ward McElroy, Fort Polk-Vernon and Sherburne WMAs. Check WMA hunting schedules or call LDWF Field Offices for additional information.

SPECIAL SEASONS AND LOTTERY HUNTS

YOUTH SEASONS AND YOUTH LOTTERY HUNTS

NOTE: Some of the below hunts may be by pre-application lottery. For details, see individual WMA schedules, contact any Field Office, or visit our website at www.wlf.louisiana.gov.

For open, non-lottery youth hunts, only youths 17 or younger may hunt. All other seasons are closed **EXCEPT** physically challenged seasons. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. If the accompanying adult has proof of successful completion of a hunter education course or was born before Sept. 1, 1969 and has a valid hunting license, this requirement is waived for youths younger than 16 years of age. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. **EXCEPT** properly licensed youths 16-17

years old and youths 12 years old or older who have successfully completed a hunter safety course may hunt without a supervising adult.

Self-clearing permits are required on all youth hunts that are open, non-lottery hunts.

DEER:
Select WMAs only. Contact the appropriate field office for details. Youth deer seasons are offered on the following WMAs (reference individual WMA listings for dates): Atchafalaya Delta, Attakapas, Bayou Macon, Big Lake, Bodcau, Boeuf, Buckhorn, Clear Creek, Camp Beauregard, Dewey W. Wills, Grassy Lake, J.C. Sonny Gilbert, Joyce, Maurepas Swamp, Pass-a-Loutre, Pearl River, Pomme de Terre, Richard K. Yancey, Russell Sage, Sabine, Sabine Island, Salvador/Timken, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, Spring Bayou, Tangipahoa Parish School Board, Thistlethwaite, Tunica Hills and West Bay.

Youth lottery hunts are offered on the following WMAs (reference Individual WMA listing for dates): Atchafalaya Delta, Buckhorn, Dewey W. Wills, Floyd Ward McElroy, Point-Aux-Chenes, Richard K. Yancey, and Sherburne WMAs. Completed lottery applications must be returned no later than Sept. 1 for all pre-application lottery deer hunts.

SQUIRREL:
Select WMAs only. Contact the appropriate field office for details. Youth squirrel seasons are offered on Bodcau, Boeuf, Clear Creek, Grassy Lake, Little River, Maurepas Swamp, Pearl River, Pomme de Terre, Russell Sage, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, Spring Bayou and West Bay WMAs on Sept. 23-24.

MOURNING DOVE:
Floy Ward McElroy and Loggy Bayou WMAs will have an open youth dove hunt. Loggy Bayou WMA hunt will be the first Saturday of the Mourning Dove Season, and Floy Ward McElroy WMA hunt will be the second weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the Mourning Dove Season. Sandy Hollow WMA will have a youth dove hunt the first Saturday of the Mourning Dove Season. See Sandy Hollow WMA regulations for details.

TURKEY:
Select WMAs only. Contact the appropriate field office for details. Youth turkey seasons are offered on the following WMAs (reference individual WMA listings for dates): Big Lake and Bodcau.

Youth lottery hunts will be offered on the following WMAs (reference individual WMA listings for dates and status of hunt as a lottery or open, non-lottery hunt): Clear Creek, Fort Polk-Vernon, Grassy Lake, J.C. Sonny Gilbert, Pearl River, Peason Ridge, Pomme de Terre, Richard K. Yancey, Sherburne, Spring Bayou, Tunica Hills, and West Bay. Completed lottery applications must be returned no later than Feb. 9 for all pre-application lottery turkey hunts.

WMAs with youth lottery hunts are closed to all activities **EXCEPT** turkey hunting by authorized youth hunt participants, shooting range use, and fishing on the day(s) of the youth hunt. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during lottery hunts.

WATERFOWL:
Select WMAs only. Contact the appropriate field office for details. Youth waterfowl seasons are offered the same weekend as the state youth waterfowl hunts on all WMAs unless otherwise noted (reference individual WMA listings for details).

Youth lottery hunts are offered on the following WMAs (reference Individual WMA listing for dates): Bayou Pierre, Russell Sage, and Sherburne WMAs. Completed lottery applications must be returned no later than Sept. 29 for all pre-application lottery waterfowl hunts.

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED SEASONS AND PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED LOTTERY HUNTS

NOTE: Some of the below hunts may be by pre-application lottery. For details, see individual WMA schedules, contact any Field Office, or visit our website at *www.wlf.louisiana.gov.*

Only hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunters Permit (PCHP) may hunt. Further restrictions may apply.

DEER:
Select WMAs only. Contact the appropriate field office for details, permit application, or maps of hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on the following WMAs (reference individual WMA listings for dates and status of hunt as a lottery, pre-application, or open non-lottery hunt): Alexander State Forest, Big Colewa Bayou, Buckhorn, Dewey W. Wills, Floy Ward McElroy, Richard K. Yancey, Sabine, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne and West Bay. Contact Field Offices for permit application and map of specific hunting area.

DISABLED VETERANS LOTTERY HUNTS

Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Only U.S. Veterans with proof of service connected disability may apply.

DEER:
Camp Beauregard WMA only (reference individual WMA listings for dates). Hunt restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Contact the Pineville field office for application and details. Completed lottery applications must be returned no later than Sept. 1.

WATERFOWL:
Sherburne WMA only (reference individual WMA listings for dates). Hunt restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Contact the Opelousas field office for application and details. Completed lottery applications must be returned no later than Sept. 29.

GENERAL LOTTERY HUNTS

WATERFOWL:
Select WMAs only. Contact the appropriate field office for details. General Waterfowl Lottery hunts are offered on the following WMAs (reference individual WMA listings for dates): Bayou Pierre and Sherburne. Completed lottery applications must be returned no later than Sept. 29.

TURKEY:
Select WMAs only. Contact the appropriate field office for details. General Turkey Lottery hunts are offered on the following WMAs (reference individual WMA listings for dates): Bayou Macon, Clear Creek, Dewey W. Wills, J.C. Sonny Gilbert, Pearl River, Sabine, Sherburne, Tunica Hills, and West Bay WMAs. Completed lottery applications must be returned no later than Feb. 9. Only one turkey is allowed to be taken during lottery hunts.

TRAPPING

Consult 2017-2018 trapping regulations for specific dates and regulations. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal.

RACCOON HUNTING

A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs.

Nighttime experimental raccoon hunting: All nighttime raccoon hunting, where allowed, is with dogs only.

SMALL GAME EMPHASIS AREAS

Specially designated areas on certain WMAs will allow small game hunting with dogs, confined to that specific area when the remainder of the WMA is restricted to still hunt only. Additionally, off season training of rabbit and bird dogs may be allowed on some of the Small Game Emphasis Areas. Small Game Emphasis Areas are offered on Big Colewa Bayou, Bayou Macon, Bayou Pierre, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, Marsh Bayou, Pomme de Terre, Richard K. Yancey, Russell Sage, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, and Walnut Hill WMAs. See individual WMA schedules for details.

SPORT FISHING

Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

ARCHERY SEASON FOR DEER

The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season **EXCEPT** when bucks-only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks-only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

PRIMITIVE FIREARMS SEASON FOR DEER

Either-sex unless otherwise specified. Youth 17 or younger may use any legal weapon during the primitive firearms season on WMAs (*Refer to Legal Gear for Primitive Firearms Season on page 40*).

LOUISIANA NATURAL AREAS REGISTRY PROGRAM

The Louisiana Natural Areas Registry Program was created by the Legislature in 1987 and is administered by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF). The program is designed to honor and recognize owners of outstanding natural areas for their commitment to the protection of our state's natural heritage. The program relies on citizen-based conservation and the willingness of landowners to safeguard the best that remains of our natural world. By seeking the cooperation of landowners, the Registry Program encourages voluntary conservation of biologically unique lands and reduces the risk of significant natural areas being inadvertently destroyed.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To promote the conservation of natural areas across Louisiana.
- To develop cooperative relationships with landowners.
- To recognize landowner contributions to conservation in Louisiana.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be willing to protect natural elements of state and national significance.
- Property must contain habitat for native species with rare or declining populations, plant communities characteristic of Louisiana's native vegetation, or outstanding natural features.

REGISTRATION AND AGREEMENT

- Registration is voluntary and involves no payment or receipt of funds.
- Registration does not subject area to any new regulatory authority.
- Agreement is not legally binding and may be cancelled by either party.

BENEFITS OF REGISTRATION

- Be part of an exclusive group of landowners in a program to protect natural diversity.
- Receive a management plan, annual ecological assessments, and consultations
- Gain the program as an advocate to help protect your natural resources during environmental project reviews.
- Receive a member's-only quarterly newsletter.

For more information about the Louisiana Natural Areas Registry Program please contact:

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1995 Shreveport Hwy
Pineville, LA 71360
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METHODS OF TAKING GAME

- For deer, season limits on WMAs are part of the deer area limit. Daily bag limits are the same as statewide daily bag limits UNLESS a Bucks Only Season is in progress on that WMA (reference individual WMA listings for seasons).
- Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only.
- Baiting, hunting over bait, or possession of bait is prohibited on all WMAs **EXCEPT** bait may be kept in a vehicle traversing a WMA road or parked on a WMA road. Bait is defined as any substance used to attract game via ingestion.
- During Mandatory Deer Check hunts, deer may not be skinned nor have any external body parts removed, including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.
- When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at weigh stations as designated on WMA maps.
- Hunting from utility poles and structures, and oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.
- Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.
- Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.
  - A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. Natural vegetation (including any material used as corner posts) is defined as natural branches that are two inches or less in diameter.
  - Permanent tree stands are any stands that use nails, screws, spikes, etc. to attach to trees.
- Deer stands may not be left on WMAs unless the stands are:
  - Removed from trees.
  - Placed flat on the ground.
  - Left in a non-hunting position (a non-hunting position is one in which a hunter could not hunt from the stand in its present position).
  - Legibly tagged with the user's name, address, phone number and LDWF ID number.
  - All portable stands, blinds, tripods, etc. found unattended in a hunting position, not placed flat on the ground, or untagged will be confiscated and disposed of by LDWF.
- No stand may be left on any WMA prior to the day before deer season opens on that WMA and all stands must be removed from the WMA within one day after the close of deer hunting on that WMA.
- Free standing blinds must be disassembled when not in use.
- Unattended decoys prohibited. Decoys left unattended will be confiscated, forfeited to and disposed of by LDWF.
- Spot-lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited.
- Horses and mules may be ridden on WMAs **EXCEPT** where prohibited and **EXCEPT** during firearms seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails depicted on WMA map. Organized Trail Rides prohibited, **EXCEPT** allowed by permit only on Camp Beauregard WMA (contact Pineville Field Office for details). Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited **EXCEPT** for quail hunting or as otherwise specified. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

FIREARMS

- Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms or crossbows cocked and in the ready position are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs/UTVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs.
- Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours **EXCEPT** in authorized camping areas or as otherwise specified and **EXCEPT** as may be permitted for authorized trappers (*see Quadrupeds page 42*).
- Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons **EXCEPT** on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping, and **EXCEPT** as allowed pursuant to R.S. 56:109.C and R.S. 56:1691. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs **EXCEPT** during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing. Active and retired law enforcement officers in compliance with POST requirements, Federal Law Enforcement Officers and holders of Louisiana concealed handgun permits or permit holders from a reciprocal state, who are in compliance with all other state and federal firearms regulations, may possess firearms on WMAs, provided these firearms are not used for any hunting purpose.
- Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists **EXCEPT** as specified under WMA listing.
- Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.
- The following cannot be carried onto any WMA **EXCEPT** during modern and primitive firearm deer seasons and during special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs (see individual WMA season schedules for specific regulations).
  - Centerfire rifles
  - Break-action centerfire and Bolt-action centerfire handguns
  - Scoped centerfire handguns
  - Shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel
- Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified.
- Discharging of firearms on or across, or hunting from designated roads, ATV/UTV trails, nature trails, hiking trails, and their rights-of-way is prohibited during open firearms seasons for deer.

HUNTER ORANGE AND BLAZE PINK

- All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) and trappers, **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" or "Blaze Pink" and wear a "Hunter Orange" or "Blaze Pink" hat or cap during open firearms seasons for deer.
- Quail and woodcock hunters and hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit, squirrel and feral hogs are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" or "Blaze Pink" hat or cap.
- All other hunters and archers (while on the ground), **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunters, also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" or "Blaze Pink" hat or cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel.
- Hunters participating in special shotgun season for feral hogs on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" or "Blaze Pink" and wear a "Hunter Orange" or "Blaze Pink" cap.
- Deer hunters hunting from concealed blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" or "Blaze Pink" above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

ALSO, all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange" or "Blaze Pink."

VEHICLES

ATV (definition): An All-Terrain Vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight - 750 lbs; length - 85 inches; width - 48 inches. ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1-inch lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires are prohibited on a WMA.

UTV (definition): A Utility Type Vehicle (or Utility Terrain Vehicle) is any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, not legal for highway use, designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four or more low-pressure tires and with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight - 1900 lbs; length - 128 inches; width - 68 inches. UTV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1-inch lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. UTVs are commonly referred to as "side-by-sides" and may include golf carts.

Personal Water Craft (definition): A vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel.

ATV AND ATV/UTV TRAILS SIGNAGE AND MARKING

All trails will be marked with signage and the following:

- Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint.
- Entrances to ATV/UTV trails will be marked with orange colored paint.
- Entrances to Physically Challenged Only trails will be marked with blue colored paint.
- Entrances to ATV trails that are open year-round will be marked with purple paint.
- The end of all trails will be marked with red paint.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED ON WMAS

- Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination radius of 17 inches or more (measured from the center of the hub and horizontal to ground).
- The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle.
- Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types.
- Use of airboats, aircraft, personal water craft, "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft, **EXCEPT** type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated within WMAs from April 1 until the Monday of Labor Day weekend, from sunrise to sunset only, and **EXCEPT** personal water craft are allowed on designated portions of Alexander State Forest WMA year-around. No person shall operate such watercraft at a speed greater than "slow/no wake" within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.
- Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips.
- Blocking the entrance to roads and trails.
- Operation of licensed motorized vehicles (LMVs) legal for highway use, including motorcycles, off of designated roads as indicated on WMA maps.
- Operation of ATVs or UTVs off of designated, marked ATV or ATV/UTV trails, **EXCEPT** that those UTVs in which the manufacturer's specifications do not exceed the weight, length, width, and tire restrictions for ATVs are allowed on ATV trails, and **EXCEPT** when WMA roads are closed to LMVs. ATVs and/or UTVs may then be operated on those roads when allowed. NOTE: Only ATV and UTV trails marked with signs and/or

paint, AND depicted on WMA maps are open for use.

- Leaving of ATVs and motorcycles overnight on WMAs, **EXCEPT** on designated camping areas.
- Use of ATVs/UTVs from two hours after sunset to 4 a.m., **EXCEPT** raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only.
- Use of ATVs/UTVs from March 1 - Aug. 31 **EXCEPT** squirrel hunters are allowed to use ATV trails during the spring squirrel season on certain WMAs, and **EXCEPT** certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes, and **EXCEPT** allowed on Year-Round ATV/UTV Trails.
- Operation of internal combustion engines within designated Limited Access Areas (LAAs) during the months of September through January. Trolling motors may be used to access and navigate within LAAs.

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED ATV AND ATV/UTV TRAILS

Use of special ATV trails for physically challenged persons is restricted to ATV physically challenged permittees. Physically challenged ATV permittees are restricted to physically challenged ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps or as marked by sign and or paint. Persons 60 years of age or older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use physically challenged trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Physically challenged persons under the age of 60 must apply for and obtain a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit from LDWF.

RETRIEVAL OF GAME WITH ATVS

- Hunters are allowed to retrieve their own downed deer and hogs with the aid of an ATV, **EXCEPT** on Atchafalaya Delta, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken, Sherburne, and Thistlethwaite WMAs, and the Crusel Tract of Maurepas Swamp WMA, under the following conditions:
  1. No firearms or archery equipment is in possession of the retrieval party or on the ATV.
  2. The retrieval party may consist of no more than one ATV and one helper.
  3. ATVs may not be used to locate or search for wounded game or for any other purpose than retrieval of deer and hogs once they have been legally harvested and located.
- UTVs may not be used to retrieve downed deer or hogs.

NOTE: A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using WMA roads, unless specific signage otherwise allows or restricts.

CAMPING

- Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed 16 (**EXCEPT** Bodcau WMA is not to exceed 14 days) consecutive days, regardless of whether the camp is attended or unattended. At the end of the 16-day period camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities. Camping on WMAs is available on a first-come, first-serve basis unless otherwise specified.
- Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs **EXCEPT** on stream banks adjacent to LDWF-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats. Houseboat mooring on Atchafalaya Delta WMA is

allowed via permit only, in designated areas, during hunting season. Permits for Atchafalaya Delta WMA are available via annual lottery or by a 5-year bid lease program. Contact the New Iberia Field Office for details.

- Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is prohibited. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required: anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit; tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving; houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.
- Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area unless otherwise specified.
- Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.
- Trash must be contained at all times while camping.
- Burning of trash is prohibited.
- Glass containers and bottles prohibited on campgrounds.
- Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

EXCEPT for licensed activities otherwise allowed by law, commercial activities are prohibited without a permit issued by the Secretary of LDWF.

COMMERCIAL FISHING

- Commercial fishing is prohibited year-round on the following WMAs: Salvador/Timken, Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs, **EXCEPT** commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cutoff Canal and Wonder Lake.
- Commercial fishing is prohibited during open waterfowl seasons on the Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Richard K. Yancey WMA.
- Permits are required of all commercial fisherman using the following WMAs: Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter.
- Drag seines (**EXCEPT** minnow and bait seines) are prohibited **EXCEPT** experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of LA 28 in diversion canal.
- No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed.
- Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

HUNTING GUIDES/OUTFITTERS

No person or group of persons may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any WMA, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

DOGS

- All use of dogs on WMAs, **EXCEPT** for bird hunting and duck hunting, is **EXPERIMENTAL** as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited **EXCEPT** for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting, hog hunting and bird dog training when allowed (see individual WMA seasons listings for WMAs that allow dogs).
- Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable.
- Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.
- A leashed dog may be used to retrieve wounded or un-recovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any leashed dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or un-recovered deer shall have on a collar with the owner's name, address and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve un-recovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

2017-2018 WMA BASIC SEASON SCHEDULE

SMALL GAME (SQUIRREL, RABBIT, QUAIL, MOURNING DOVE, WOODCOCK, SNIPE, RAIL AND GALLINULE)

- Same as outside unless otherwise specified on certain WMAs (see WMA schedule for details).
- Unless otherwise specified under the specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited.
- Non-toxic shot must be used for snipe, rail and gallinule. Non-toxic shot size 6 and smaller must be used for dove.

FERAL HOGS

Feral hogs may be taken during any legal hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters bearing a license and gear legal for specified seasons in progress, EXCEPT take of hogs is prohibited during nighttime raccoon seasons. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, EXCEPT feral hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs during the month of February on Attakapas, Bodcau, Clear Creek, Little River, Pearl River, Sabine, Sabine Island, West Bay, and that portion of Dewey W. Wills north of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal by self-clearing permit. All hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions, and hunters may use centerfire pistols in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress. In addition, feral hogs may be taken on Atchafalaya Delta, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken WMAs from Feb. 16 - March 31 with archery gear, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber. Additional requirements may be specified under individual WMAs.

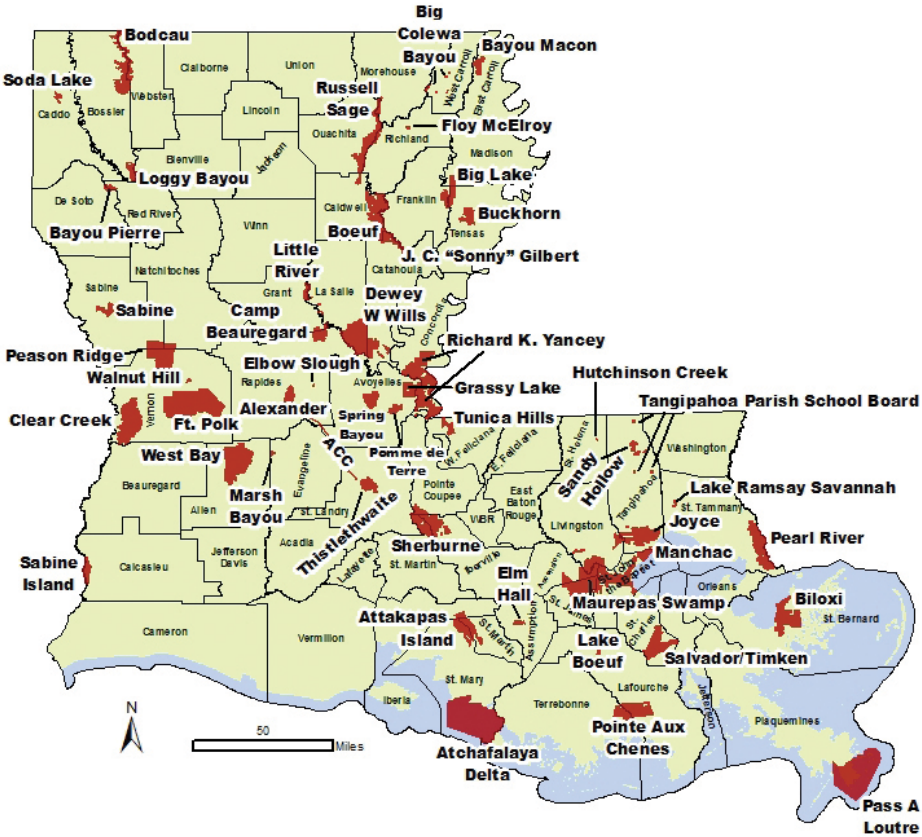
WATERFOWL (DUCKS, GEESE AND COOTS)

- Same as outside unless otherwise specified on certain WMAs (see WMA schedule for closures and details).
- Hunting after 2 p.m. is prohibited on all WMAs **EXCEPT** for Atchafalaya Delta, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes and Salvador/Timken WMAs. Consult the specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

OUTLAW QUADRUPEDS (COYOTES, ARMADILLOS & FERAL HOGS) AND BIRDS

Outlaw quadrupeds and birds may be taken during any legal hunting season on WMAs by properly licensed and/or permitted hunters bearing a license and gear legal for specified seasons in progress. See page 43 for seasons and regulations pertaining to crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds.

WMA MAP



2017-2018 INDIVIDUAL WMA HUNTING SCHEDULES

ACADIANA CONSERVATION CORRIDOR

Owner: LDWF (2,285 acres, Opelousas Office)

No motorized vehicles allowed and no access via I-49 right-of way. Self-Clearing Permits required for all activities.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

All other seasons CLOSED.

ALEXANDER STATE FOREST

Owner: LDWF (283 acres, Pineville Office); LDAF (7,875 acres)

From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call 318-487-5172 or 318-487-5058 for information on burning schedules. Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires **EXCEPT** in recreation areas.

Attaching stands to Red Cockaded Woodpecker cavity trees is prohibited. Cavity trees are marked with painted, double white bands.

Physically Challenged Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call the Pineville office for details. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. See dates below.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 24-26

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 14-15 and Nov. 4-5, mandatory deer check.

Physically Challenged Deer Hunting Area (either-sex): Oct. 14-15 and Nov. 4-5 & 24-26

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 14-15 and Nov. 4-5 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 1 - Feb. 28.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** after 2 p.m. (Certain areas may be closed as posted).

ATCHAFALAYA DELTA

Owner: State of Louisiana (137,695 acres, New Iberia Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer hunting, feral hog hunting and tent camping only. Self-clearing permits available from Main Delta campground, Wax Delta Campground, Cul-de-sac on Big Island, and Berwick Public Boat Launch (Jesse Fontenot Boat Launch). Camping and houseboat mooring allowed ONLY in designated campgrounds. Houseboat mooring allowed by permit only (*see pages 69-70 for details*).

Limited Access Area: Operation of internal combustion engines prohibited from September through January. See WMA map for specific locations.

Vessels/Vehicles: Mudboats or air-cooled propulsion vessels powered by more than 36 total horsepower are prohibited on the WMA. All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules prohibited **EXCEPT** as permitted for authorized WMA trappers.

Big Island: CLOSED to all activities during the month of October, **EXCEPT** LDWF Lottery Hunts.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31 on Main Delta only (Big Island **CLOSED** during October); no deer hunting on Wax Lake Delta. All harvested deer must be checked in at Atchafalaya Delta Headquarters.

Deer Youth Lottery (either-sex): Oct. 14-15 & 21-22, daily youth hunt permit required. Call New Iberia Office, Coastal & Nongame Resources Division 337-373-0032 for details.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT Rabbit Only**:

- **Wax Lake Delta:** Oct. 7-31 and Feb. 1-28, with or without beagles. Nov. 1 - Jan. 31 without beagles only.
- **Main Delta:** Feb. 1-28, with or without beagles. **CLOSED** October through January.

Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** shooting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck season and 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season, and **EXCEPT** shooting hours are the same as outside for the Youth Hunt weekend.

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters Oct. 1 - Feb. 28. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16 - March 31. All harvested hogs must be checked in at the Atchafalaya Delta WMA headquarters.

ATTAKAPAS

Owner: State of Louisiana (25,730 acres); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2,232 acres, Opelousas Office)

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 28-29 to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer: Deer hunting will be CLOSED when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 15 feet at Butte La Rose, and will reopen when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River receeds to 14 feet at Butte La Rose.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 28-29

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-26

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 23-31

Deer Primitive Firearms (bucks only): Jan. 22-28

Turkey: April 7-15

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 24-26. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1-28 and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs.

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 9-24 and Feb. 1-28

BAYOU MACON

Owner: LDWF (6,919 acres, Monroe Office)

AREA CLOSED: Closed to all activities **EXCEPT** youth deer hunters Oct. 29-30

All night activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 28-29

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 18-19, mandatory deer check.

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 16-24

Turkey General Lottery: April 28-29. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact Monroe Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 18-19. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 6- Feb. 28 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Oct. 23 - Nov. 12, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 1-16 and Jan. 6 - Feb. 28

BAYOU PIERRE

Owner: LDWF (2,799 acres, Minden Office)

Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing **EXCEPT** for archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs. Contact the Minden Field Office at 318-371-3050 for details on the lottery hunts listed below.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31.

Dove: Same as outside.

Waterfowl Lottery Only: (Designated Portion)

- **Lottery Youth Hunt:** Same as outside youth waterfowl hunt.
- **General Lottery Hunt:** Second weekend of 1st split and first and fourth weekend of second split.

Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 1 - Feb. 28

BIG COLEWA BAYOU

Owner: LDWF (899 acres, Monroe Office)

Self-Clearing Permit not required. All nighttime activities prohibited.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair-confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Monroe or Baton Rouge offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. See dates below

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Physically Challenged Deer Hunting Area: Nov. 24-26, either-sex. Dec. 9-24, bucks only

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13 with or without dogs. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagle area allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Oct. 23 - Nov. 19, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

BIG LAKE

Owner: LDWF (19,231 acres, Monroe Office)

AREA CLOSED (portion): Oct. 28-29 to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters **ONLY** that portion of the area South of Big Lake and Crystal Roads. That portion North of Big Lake and Crystal Roads open to all activities. See WMA map for details.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 28-29 ONLY on that portion of the area South of Big Lake and Crystal Roads. See WMA map for details.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25, mandatory deer check. Nov. 26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 9-22

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 23 - Jan. 5

Turkey: April 7-22

Turkey Youth: March 30 - April 1

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29, (**ONLY** that portion of the area South of Big Lake and Crystal Roads. See WMA map for details) and Nov. 24-26. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 6 - Feb. 28 and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 24-26.

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 6 - Feb. 28

Fishing: Nets, yoyos and trotlines prohibited on Big and Chain Lakes.

BILOXI

Owner: Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation (42,747 acres, New Iberia Office)

Self-Clearing Permits not required.

Vessels/Vehicles: All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels can only be powered by straight shaft “long-tail” air-cooled mud motors that are 25 total horsepower or less. All other types of mud boats or air cooled propulsion vessels, including “surface-drive” boats, are prohibited.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Jan. 31

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** beagles allowed for rabbits when duck season is closed and **EXCEPT CLOSED** to squirrel hunting during the spring season.

BODCAU

Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (33,766 acres, Minden Office)

AREA CLOSED (portion): Closed to all hunters **EXCEPT** youth deer hunters Oct. 14-15, on designated portion. See WMA map for details. Towable watersports prohibited in Ivan Lake. Nets and traps prohibited in Ivan Lake.

Bird Dog Training Area: Open year-round **EXCEPT CLOSED** during WMA Turkey Season. Contact Minden Field Office for more information.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 14-15. On designated portion only.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 28-29, mandatory deer check. Oct. 30 - Nov. 26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27 - Dec. 3

Turkey: April 7-22

Turkey Youth: March 30 - April 1 and April 28-29

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED ONLY** during youth deer hunt on designated portion and entire area Oct. 28-29, and **EXCEPT** spring squirrel season will be open May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Dec. 4 - Feb. 28.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*).

Raccoon (nighttime): Dec. 4 - Feb. 28

Fishing Nets: Nets and traps prohibited in Ivan Lake.

BOEUF

Owner: LDWF (51,110 acres, Monroe Office)

Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 Hp rating or less in the Greentree Reservoir.

AREA CLOSED: Closed to all south of LA 4 **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters when youth deer season is open (Oct. 14-15). North of LA 4 open to all activities.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 14-15

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25, mandatory deer check. Nov. 26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 2-15

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 11-17 and Dec. 16-29

Turkey: April 7-22

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 7-8 (South of LA 4 ONLY), and Nov. 24-26 and **EXCEPT** spring squirrel season will be open May 5-13 only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 6 - Feb. 28. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Oct. 21 - Nov. 19, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*).

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 9-24 and Jan. 6 - Feb. 28

BUCKHORN

Owner: LDWF (11,121 acres, Monroe Office)

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 28-29 to all **EXCEPT** youth and physically challenged deer hunters, only that portion designated on WMA map.

Limited Use Area: Access prohibited Oct. 1 - Jan. 12. Hunting restricted to small game Jan. 13 - Feb. 28.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 28-29. Only that portion designated on WMA map. Access restricted. Contact Monroe field office for details.

- **Youth Lottery:** Oct. 28-29, Nov. 11-12 & 24-26, Dec. 9-10 & 30-31 and Jan. 6-7. Either-sex. Hunting by pre-application lottery only.
- **Physically Challenged:** Oct. 28-29, Nov. 11-12 & 24-26, Dec. 9-10 & 30-31 and Jan. 6-7. Either-sex. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined, PCHP permittees only.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25, mandatory deer check. Nov. 26 and Dec. 9-10, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 16-29

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 30 - Jan. 12

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29, Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 9-10 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 13 - Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 13 - Feb. 28

CAMP BEAUREGARD

Owner: Louisiana National Guard (12,500 acres, Pineville Office)

Daily military clearance is required for all recreational users. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. Consult maps posted on Self-Clearing Permit Stations for closed areas. Should no maps be posted, call 318-641-3355 or 318-641-3365 for information on open areas before entering the WMA.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Pineville Field Office for specific details. Swimming in Twin Lakes prohibited.

AREA CLOSED: Nov. 11-12 to all **EXCEPT** Youth and Disabled Veterans Lottery Deer Hunters.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth (either-sex): Nov. 11-12, on designated portion of the WMA.

Disabled Veterans Lottery (either-sex): Nov. 11-12, on designated portion of the WMA. Contact Pineville Field Office for details and applications.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 9-10, mandatory deer check. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

Turkey: April 7-15

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 11-12 & 24-25 and Dec. 9-10 and **EXCEPT CLOSED** to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 6 - Feb. 28.

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 27 - Feb. 28

Fishing: Special regulations to be posted at Twin Lakes

CLEAR CREEK

Owner: Hancock Timber (52,559 acres. Lake Charles Office)

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 21-22 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair-confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lake Charles or Baton Rouge offices for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer seasons listed below.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Sept. 16 - Jan. 15

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 21-22

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 28-29, mandatory deer check. Nov. 24-26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Oct. 30 - Nov. 23 and Dec. 16 - Jan. 1

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27 - Dec. 3

Turkey: April 16 - May 6

Turkey Youth Lottery: March 31. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Lake Charles Field Office for details.

Turkey General Lottery: April 7-8 & 14-15. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Lake Charles Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 21-22 & 28-29 and Nov. 24-26 and **EXCEPT** spring squirrel season will be open May 5-13 only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 2 - Feb. 28.

- **Youth Squirrel Season:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*).

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 2 - Feb. 28

DEWEY W. WILLS

Owner: LDWF (62,108 acres, Pineville Office); LaSalle Parish School Board (1,530 acres); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (256 acres)

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 28-29, to all **EXCEPT** Youth and Physically Challenged Deer hunters ONLY that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal.

Larto Tracts: All season dates on Larto Tracts (see WMA map) same as outside, **EXCEPT** still hunt only and **EXCEPT** deer hunting restricted to **ARCHERY ONLY**. All vehicles, including ATVs/UTVs, prohibited.

Limited Access Area: No motorized vessels or vehicles Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.

High Water Benchmark Road Closures: Hunt Road (South of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal) will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gage reach 45.0 ft msl, and will reopen when water levels recede to 43.0 ft. msl; and Muddy Bayou Road and Sandy Bayou Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gage reach 42.0 ft. msl and will reopen when water levels recede to 40.0 msl.

- Larto Lake Gage is available at *http://rivergages.mvr.usace.army.mil/WaterControl/stationinfo2.cfm?sid=CE7F3AA4&fid=&dt=S*

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 28-29. Only that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal. The remainder of the area is open to other use.

- **Youth Lottery:** Dec. 2-3 and Jan. 6-7, 13-14 & 20-21. Contact Pineville Field Office (318-487-5885) for details and applications.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25, mandatory deer check. Nov. 26, self-clearing permit. No hunting allowed in the greentree impoundment or within 100 feet of the greentree levee, if duck season is in progress.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 23 - Jan. 7

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 9-10

Turkey General Lottery: April 7-8 & 14-15. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Pineville Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** on the entire area Nov. 24-26, **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting will be allowed in the greentree impoundment Nov. 24-26, if duck season is in progress, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 8 - Feb. 28. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Areas, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Oct. 7 - Nov. 19, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 8 - Feb. 28

- **Nighttime Chase Only:** May 1 - Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take season only.

Crawfish: Limited to 100 lbs per person per day.

ELBOW SLOUGH

Owner: LDWF (160 acres, Pineville Office)

All motorized vehicles prohibited. Non-toxic (maximum size #6) shot only for all hunting.

Mourning Dove: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only from Sept. 2-24 and Oct. 7 - Nov. 12 **EXCEPT** lottery only opening weekend of the 1st split. Contact Pineville Field office for details and applications.

Rabbit: Feb. 1-28. Beagles allowed.

All other seasons CLOSED.

ELM HALL

Owner: LDWF (2,839 acres, Opelousas Office)

ATVs/UTVs prohibited. Self-clearing permits required for hunters only.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 26 and Dec. 23-31

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 20-21

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 24-25 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 22 - Feb. 28.

FLOY WARD McELROY

Owner: LDWF (681 acres, Monroe Office)

Access restricted. Contact Monroe Field Office for information.

Deer Youth Lottery: Oct. 28-29, Nov. 11-12 & 18-19, Dec. 16-17 and Jan. 6-7. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

Deer Physically Challenged Wheelchair-confined Lottery: Nov. 4-5. Restricted to wheelchair-confined PCHP permittees only, selected as a result of a pre-application lottery.

Beyond Becoming an Outdoors Woman Lottery Deer Hunt: Dec. 9-10. Hunt restricted to those that have successfully completed the Becoming an Outdoors Woman Deer Management course. Must be hunter education certified. Contact LDWF Education Section at 318-343-1241 for more information.

Mourning Dove Youth: Second weekend of the Mourning Dove Season, Saturday and Sunday only beginning at 12 p.m. Gate will be open at 11 a.m. (*see page 62-63*).

FORT POLK - VERNON

Owner: U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service (105,545 acres, Lake Charles Office)

Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. Call (337) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. In the event that no maps are posted at the check stations please call (337)531-5715 for information on open areas before entering the WMA. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available at *http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunt2/hunt/default.htm*. Hunters are cautioned not to pick up any foreign material or objects while hunting on the WMA. Also, it is mandatory for hunters to check the open area maps, located at check stations, daily for sudden closures.

Experimental Hunting Area: Refer to Fort Polk WMA Hunting Map. Small game and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Nov. 27 - Feb. 28 in Mill Creek 2 Alpha (MC2A) and Mill Creek 2 Bravo (MC2B) Mill Creek Unit. This area will be closed to deer and hog hunting during this time.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Sept. 16 - Jan. 15. Special Archery regulations apply to Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #8590 at Alligator Lake. On Cantonment Areas, either-sex deer are legal Sept. 16 - Jan. 15, with no bucks-only restrictions. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only firearms season is in progress.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 24-26, mandatory deer check.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Oct. 30 - Nov. 23 and Dec. 9 - Jan. 1

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 14-20, self-clearing permit.

Turkey: April 7 - May 6

Turkey Youth Lottery: March 31. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Lake Charles Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 24-26 and **EXCEPT CLOSED** to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Hunter orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Nov. 27 - Dec. 8 and Jan. 2 - Feb. 28.

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 16 - Jan. 1. Hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from Jan. 2 - Feb. 28. Hunters must display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

Fishing: Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

GRASSY LAKE

Owner: LDWF (12,983 acres, Opelousas Office)

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 28-29, to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Hunters.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 28-29

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25, mandatory deer check. Nov. 26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 23-31

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 1-7

Turkey: April 7-15

Turkey Youth Lottery: March 31. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Opelousas Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 24-26 and open to squirrel hunting during the spring squirrel season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 8 - Feb. 28.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*).

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 9-24 and Jan. 8 - Feb. 28

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** from 30 minutes before sunrise until 2 p.m. on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake Proper during open waterfowl seasons.

- **Crawfish:** March 15 - July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs per person per day. No nets or traps may be left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: Prohibited on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake Proper on Saturdays and Sundays and during open waterfowl seasons. Permit Required - permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Field Office.

HUTCHINSON CREEK

Owner: LDWF (129 acres, Hammond Office)

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Turkey: Same as outside

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring squirrel season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 6 - Feb. 28.

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 9-24 and Jan. 6 - Feb. 28

J.C. SONNY GILBERT (Formerly Sicily Island Hills)

Owner: LDWF (7,524 acres, Monroe Office)

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 28-29 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 28-29

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24, mandatory deer check. Nov. 25-26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 2-15

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 16-29

Turkey Youth Lottery: March 31. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Monroe Field Office for details.

Turkey General Lottery: April 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18 & 19-22. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Monroe Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 24-26 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 15 - Feb. 28.

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 6 - Feb. 28

JOYCE

Owner: LDWF (27,482 acres); Joyce Foundation (851 acres); Tangipahoa School Board (484 acres, Hammond Office)

Limited Access Area: Internal combustion engines **prohibited** year-round. See WMA map for specific location.

Swamp Walk: No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkway. Closed between 30 minutes after sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Youth: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Deer Firearms: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m., still hunt only and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1-28.

Raccoon (nighttime): Feb. 1-28

Crawfish: 100 lbs per person per day.

LAKE BOEUF

Owner: LDWF (802 acres, New Iberia Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities. Self-Clearing Permit available at Theriot Canal boat landing off LA 308. Hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) for all game, **EXCEPT** deer may be hunted until one-half hour after sunset. All nighttime activities prohibited. ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules are prohibited.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Jan. 31

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Small Game: Nov. 1 - Feb. 28 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited November and December.

LAKE RAMSAY SAVANNAH

Owner: LDWF (796 acres, Hammond Office)

Foot traffic only. All vehicles restricted to parish roads and designated parking areas.

Bird Dog Training Area: Open year-round **EXCEPT CLOSED** during WMA Turkey Season. Contact Hammond Field Office, 985-543-4777, for more information.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Turkey: April 7-22

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 6 - Feb. 28.

LITTLE RIVER

Owners: LDWF (4,936 acres, Pineville Office); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1,109 acres)

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Oct. 28 - Nov. 12

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 9-10

Turkey: April 7-22

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT** spring squirrel season will be open May 5-13 only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 15 - Feb. 28.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*).

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 15 - Feb. 28

- **Nighttime Chase Only:** May 1 - Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take seasons only.

LOGGY BAYOU

Owner: LDWF (4,262 acres); State Lands Office (159 acres); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2,138 acres, Minden Office)

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25, mandatory deer check. Nov. 26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27 - Dec. 3

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 24-26 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 1 - Feb. 28. Dove hunting restricted to youth hunters on opening Saturday of the first split (following regulations for Youth Deer Hunts on WMAs).

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 1 - Feb. 28

MANCHAC

Owner: LDWF (8,328 acres, Hammond Office)

Limited Access Area: Internal combustion engines **prohibited** from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1-28.

Raccoon (nighttime): Feb. 1-28

Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

MARSH BAYOU

Owner: LDWF (655 acres, Lake Charles Office)

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Small Game: Same as outside and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 6 - Feb. 28. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Oct. 7 - Feb. 28, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 9-24 and Jan. 6 - Feb. 28

MAUREPAS SWAMP

Owner: LDWF (124,568 acres, Hammond Office)

No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of Nature Trail. Camping limited to tent only in designated areas (see WMA map for locations). Motorized vehicles prohibited on Crusel Tract.

Limited Use Area: Small game - shotgun only. Deer hunting - archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

AREA CLOSED: Nov. 4-5, to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

Benchmark Closure: Area closed to all deer hunting when USGS water level gauge CRMS 5373 is at or above 3.0 msl feet, and reopens to deer hunting when water levels recede to 2.5 msl feet following a closure. Guage information and levels are available at http://waterdata.usgs.gov/la/nwis/rt.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Youth (either-sex): Nov. 4-5

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25, mandatory deer check. Nov. 26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 16-31

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 13-14 & 22-28

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 4-5 & 24-26 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 29 - Feb. 28.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*).

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 29 - Feb. 28

Crawfish: 100 lbs per person per day.

PASS-A-LOUTRE

Owner: LDWF (115,596 acres, New Iberia Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer, feral hog hunting and camping only. Permits available at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters, Camp Canal and all designated camping areas. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Camping allowed **ONLY** in designated areas. See self-clearing permit stations at headquarters for designated camping areas.

Vessels/Vehicles: All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules are prohibited. Mud boats or air-cooled propulsion vessels powered by more than 36 total horsepower prohibited. Operation of mud boats and air-cooled propulsion engines prohibited after 2:00 p.m. Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, **EXCEPT** allowed after 2:00 p.m. in South pass, Pass-a-Loutre, Southeast Pass, Loomis Pass, Dennis Pass, and Cadro Pass.

Limited Access Area: Operation of internal combustion engines prohibited from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Youth Shotgun (either-sex): Oct. 21-22

Deer Shotgun: Bucks only and feral hogs may be taken with shotguns with either slugs or buckshot from the day after the first split of the duck season closes for seven days.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles prohibited October through the last day of waterfowl season.

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 - Feb. 28. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs, or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16 - March 31. Hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs Feb. 16 - March 15. Permit for live transport available from the New Iberia office. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" and wear a "hunter orange" or "blaze pink" cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the LDWF Pass-a-Loutre WMA map.

PEARL RIVER

Owner: LDWF (35,619 acres, Hammond Office)

All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, La., reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting, **EXCEPT** waterfowl, will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet. No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. No loaded firearms or hunting within 100 yards of boardwalk.

Shooting Range: Self clearing permit not required, but all range users must obtain a daily check-in numbered ticket at the range upon sign-in at the range. For more information call 985-643-3938 or visit *www.honeyisland.org*.

AREA CLOSED: Nov. 4-5 to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Hunters.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth (either-sex): Nov. 4-5

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 2-17

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 11-17 and Dec. 18-31

Turkey Youth Lottery: March 31. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Hammond Field Office for details.

Turkey General Lottery: April 7-8. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Hammond Field Office for details.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 4-5 and Nov. 24-26 north of US 90.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 4-5 & 24-26, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 1 - Feb. 28.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*).

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 9-24 and Jan. 1 - Feb. 28

Crawfish: 100 lbs per person per day. Recreational crawfishing only.

PEASON RIDGE

Owner: U.S. Army (74,309 acres, Lake Charles Office)

Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. Call 337-531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. In the event that no maps are posted at the check stations please call (337) 531-5715 for information on open areas before entering the WMA. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available at *http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/hunt2/hunt/default.htm*. Hunters are cautioned not to pick up any foreign material or objects while hunting on the WMA. Also, it is mandatory for hunters to check the open area maps, located at check stations, daily for sudden closures.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Sept. 16 - Jan. 15

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Oct. 30 - Nov. 23 and Dec. 9 - Jan. 1

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 24-26, mandatory deer check.

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 14-20, self-clearing permit.

Turkey: April 7 - May 6

Turkey Youth Lottery: March 31. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Lake Charles Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 24-26 and **EXCEPT CLOSED** to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Nov. 27 - Dec. 8 and Jan. 1 - Feb. 28. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress.

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 16 - Jan. 1. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs from Jan. 1 - Feb. 28. Hunters must display 400 square inches of “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” and wear a “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

POINTE-AUX-CHENES

Owner: LDWF (35,267 acres, New Iberia Office)

All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** fishing adjacent to the road side of Island Road. Possession of more than one daily limit of fish/crab/shrimp while on the WMA is prohibited. Nighttime use of vessels to access any other areas of the WMA, other than the immediate roadside of Island Road is prohibited. Self-Clearing Permit required for deer and feral hog hunting only **EXCEPT** required for all activities on Point Farm Unit. Self-clearing permits available at Grand Bayou Boat Launch and at Point Farm gate behind Montegut Middle School. Hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) on all game **EXCEPT** for youth lottery deer hunts. Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with LDWF, Coastal and Non-game Resources Division. Parking of vehicles on levees prohibited.

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 - Feb. 28. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs, or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16 - March 31. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of "hunter orange" and wear a "hunter orange" cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

All Point-aux-Chenes Property EXCEPT Point Farm Unit and Restricted Areas

Vessels/Vehicles: Type A personal watercraft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are 8 or more feet in length, may be operated on Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA from April 1 until the Monday after Labor Day Weekend, from sunrise to sunset only. No person shall operate such watercraft at a speed greater than "slow/no wake" within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, shoreline, dock, pier, persons engaged in angling or any other manually powered vessel.

All boats powered by internal combustion engines having total horsepower above 25 Hp are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue, Grand Bayou Blue, St. Louis Canal, and Bayou Pointe-aux-Chenes unless authorized by LDWF. All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules are prohibited.

Limited Access Areas: Operation of internal combustion engines prohibited from September through January. See WMA map for specific location.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 9-15

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during bucks only firearms season and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited October through December.

Recreational Fishing: The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately.

- **Shrimp:** may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 lbs per boat or vehicle per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 lbs per boat or vehicle per day (heads on) may be taken for bait.
- **Oyster Harvesting: PROHIBITED**
- **Fish:** may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only.
- **Crabs:** may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.
- **Crawfish:** may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 lbs per person per day. Gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

Point Farm Unit (Pointe-aux-Chenes)

Self-Clearing Permit Required for all activities on Point Farm Unit. An approximately 1,000 acre area inside the Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA which is generally bounded on the west by the double gates behind the Montegut Middle School and the WMA boundary, and on the north by the WMA boundary and Point Farm ridge levee, and is bounded on the east and south by the Point Farm ridge levee. The boundary of Point Farm is more accurately marked with signs. Point Farm gate will be open all Saturdays during the month of February, weather permitting. Parking in designated areas required for mourning dove hunting. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. **EXCEPT** for mourning dove hunting, (provided for below) all other hunting activities closed until after the last day of youth deer hunts.

Deer Youth Lottery (either-sex): Oct. 7-8 & 14-15. Daily Youth Hunt Permit required. To apply or for more information call the New Iberia Field Office, Coastal and Nongame Resources Division, 337-373-0032.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Dec. 31

Waterfowl: CLOSED

Small Game: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** until the day after the last youth deer hunt day and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited October and November. Non-toxic shot only south of the dove field gate.

Mourning Dove: Hunting will be permitted each day during the September split and each day of the second and third splits (**AFTER** the last youth deer hunt day). Shooting hours will be from 1/2 hour before sunrise until 12:00 pm (noon), **EXCEPT** opening day of the first split, which will be 12:00 pm (noon) until sunset. Gates will be opened on Saturdays during the first and second segments, weather permitting, **EXCEPT** during waterfowl season and Youth Deer Hunt weekends. Parking will be allowed in designated areas only. Non-toxic shot only south of the dove field gate.

POMME DE TERRE

Owner: LDWF (6,434 acres, Opelousas Office)

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 28-29 to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 28-29

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25, mandatory deer check. Nov. 26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 23 - Jan. 7

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 8-14

Turkey: April 28 - May 6

Turkey Youth Lottery: April 21-22. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Opelousas Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 24-26 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbit and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15 - Feb. 28. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles allowed for rabbit and dogs allowed for squirrel Oct. 7-31, and Nov. 27 - Dec. 17, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*).

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 9-24 and Jan. 15 - Feb. 28

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

- **Crawfish:** March 15 - July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs per person per day. No nets or traps may be left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday **EXCEPT CLOSED** during duck season. Commercial fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas field office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

RICHARD K. YANCEY

Owner: LDWF (57,235 acres); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (12,802 acres); Office of State Lands (835 acres, Opelousas Office)

AREA CLOSED: ONLY that portion of the area south of Black Hawk Acme Levee Road, west of LA Hwy. 15, southward to Old River Control Structure, thence south to Sugar Mill Chute, will be closed Oct. 28-29, to all hunters **EXCEPT** youth and physically challenged hunters. The remainder of the area is open to all other use.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth Lottery (either-sex): Dec. 16 & 23 and Jan. 6 & 13. Contact Opelousas Field Office (337-946-0255) for details and applications.

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 28-29. **ONLY** that portion of the area south of Black Hawk Acme Levee Road, west of LA Hwy. 15, southward to Old River Control Structure, thence south to Sugar Mill Chute. The remainder of the area is open to all other use.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25, mandatory deer check. Nov. 26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 30 - Jan. 7

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 8-14

Turkey: April 7-22

Turkey Youth Lottery: March 30 - April 1. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Opelousas Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m., **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 24-26, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 15 - Feb. 28. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Oct. 7-31 and Nov. 27 - Dec. 17, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 9-24 and Jan. 15 - Feb. 28

Crawfishing: That portion West of the Mississippi River Levee, March 15 - July 31, recreational crawfishing only. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per person per day. No nets or traps may be left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

RUSSELL SAGE

Owner: LDWF (34,018 acres); Ouachita Parish School Board (1,240 acres); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2,955 acres, Monroe Field Office).

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 Hp rating or less in greentree reservoirs. No Hp restrictions on Wham Brake. All nighttime activity prohibited on Wham Brake during open waterfowl seasons.

Chauvin Tract (US 165 North): All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, **EXCEPT** still hunt only and **EXCEPT** small game shotgun only and deer hunting restricted to archery only. All vehicles including ATVs/UTVs prohibited.

South Bosco Tract: Closed from March 1 - Oct. 15. Archery only for deer.

Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Hwy 15 closed to all hunting, fishing, trapping, and ATV use during duck seasons including teal season, **EXCEPT** hunting allowed during Waterfowl Falconry Seasons.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 28-29 south of I-20 only to all **EXCEPT** youth and physically challenged deer hunters. North of I-20 will remain open for all other allowable activities.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 28-29, South of I-20 only.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25, mandatory deer check. Nov. 26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 9-22

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 2-3

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m., and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 24-26, **EXCEPT** Wham Brake Area and Pintail Alley Area will remain open, and **EXCEPT** spring squirrel season will be open May 5-13 only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 6 - Feb. 28. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Are, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Oct. 23 - Nov. 19 and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during open waterfowl seasons.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*).
- **Youth Waterfowl Lottery:** Contact Monroe Field Office for details and applications.

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 2-17 and Jan. 6 - Feb. 28

Crawfish: 100 lbs per person per day.

SABINE

Owner: Hancock Timber, Red Oak Timber Company (7,554 acres, Pineville Office)

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 13-15 to all **EXCEPT** Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. Physically Challenged Deer Hunt limited to those chosen by lottery. Contact the Pineville Field Office for details.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 14-15

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 21-22, mandatory deer check. Nov. 24-26, self-clearing.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Oct. 28 - Nov. 22

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 2-10

Turkey General Lottery: Apr. 13-15 & 28-30. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Pineville Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 13-15 & 21-22 and Nov. 24-26 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 6 - Feb. 28.

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 6 - Feb. 28

SABINE ISLAND

Owner: State of Louisiana (7,143 acres, Lake Charles Office); Calcasieu Parish School Board (600 acres); Rayonier (600 acres)

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east. Self-clearing permits required for hunters only.

AREA CLOSED: Sept. 23-24 to all **EXCEPT** youth deer hunters.

Deer: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Sept. 23-24 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Squirrel and rabbit hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8 - Feb. 28.

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 8 - Feb. 28

SALVADOR/TIMKEN

Owner: LDWF (30,179 acres, New Iberia Office); New Orleans City Park Improvement Association (2,867 acres)

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer, feral hog, and all activities permitted during the Experimental Nighttime Activity Season. Permits available at Pier 90, Bayou Gauche, Bayou Segnette State Park landings, and at Airboat Adventures in Lafitte. Hunting until 12 p.m. (noon) only for all game, **EXCEPT** deer and Experimental Nighttime Activity Season.

Vessels/Vehicles: All ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses and mules prohibited. Use of mud boats powered by internal combustion engines with more than four cylinders is prohibited. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

AREA CLOSED: During the month of October to all activities **EXCEPT** fishing, Youth Deer Hunters and Youth Waterfowl Hunters, if the latter is provided for.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Nov. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 & 28-29

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 17-19

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 20 - Dec. 17

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 18-24

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** October through December. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 1 - Feb. 28.

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 - Feb. 28. In addition, hunters may hunt feral hogs with archery equipment, shotguns loaded with buckshot or slugs, or rimfire rifles no larger than .22 caliber from Feb. 16 - March 31. Hunters must also display 400 square inches of “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” and wear a “hunter orange” or “blaze pink” cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

Recreational Fishing: The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

- **Shrimp:** may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 lbs per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 lbs per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. All castnet contents shall be contained and bycatch returned to the water immediately.
- **Fish:** may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes.
- **Crabs:** may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day.
- **Crawfish:** may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the WMA and shall be limited to 100 lbs per person per day. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight.

Experimental Nighttime Activity Season: 12 a.m., June 1 through official sunrise Aug. 15. Nighttime activities LIMITED to the take of frogs and fishing with a rod and reel. All other nighttime activities prohibited. Daily limit of 50 frogs per vessel in aggregate (bull frogs/pig frogs). If engaged in frogging on or while traversing the WMA, all frogs in possession will be deemed to have been taken from the WMA. At no time may anyone possess more than one daily limit of frogs while on the water.

Size Limit: (Measured from the tip of the muzzle to the posterior end of the body between the hind legs). Bull frogs harvested must be 5 inches or larger. Pig frogs harvested must be 3 inches or larger.

Check out portion of self-clearing permit must include boat registration number under the comments section. Possession of firearms while participation in any experimental night-time activity is prohibited.

SANDY HOLLOW

Owners: LDWF (4,473 acres, Hammond Office); Tangipahoa Parish School Board (182 acres)

No hunting with firearms south of Jackson Road, **EXCEPT** school board tract, on days of scheduled field trials. Dates of field trials are listed on the check stations or can be obtained from the Hammond Field Office (985-543-4777).

Bird Dog Training: Sept. 4 - Nov. 12 and Feb. 1-28, **EXCEPT** restricted to that portion south of LA 10 only and **EXCEPT** blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

- **Bird Dog Training Area:** An area has been designated to allow use of released birds for dog training purposes. Open year-round **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, WMA turkey season and opening weekend of the first segment of dove season. Contact the Hammond Field Office (985-543-4777) for more information.
- **Bird Dog Field Trials:** Permit required from the Hammond Field Office.

Horseback Riding: Self-clearing permit required. Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails (See WMA Map). Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer **EXCEPT** as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses or mules on green planted areas. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.

Turkey: No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

AREA CLOSED: North tract closed to all hunters Nov. 4-5 **EXCEPT** for youth and physically challenged hunters.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Nov. 4-5. North tract only.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 16-17

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 9-15 & 23-29 and Jan. 6-7

Turkey: April 7-22

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 4-5 (North Tract only) and Nov. 24-26 and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 8 - Feb. 28. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*).

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 8 - Feb. 28

Mourning Dove: Sept. 2 & 9 through the end of first split. **CLOSED** Sept. 3-8 of first split. Second and third splits are same as outside **EXCEPT** youth hunt on Northern Tract during the opening day of the first split (Sept. 2). Hunt restricted to youths 17 or younger and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

SHERBURNE

Owner: LDWF (11,800 acres, Opelousas Office); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (15,220 acres); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (16,618 acres)

South Farm: The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed **EXCEPT** specified lottery hunts within the levee system of the farm from the Friday before the Youth Lottery Deer Hunt until the day after the last waterfowl hunt on the South Farm. Waterfowl hunting by lottery only during the open regular duck hunting season (i.e., early teal season hunting allowed and goose hunting allowed after the close of Duck Season). Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments. Consult the WMA maps for exact locations. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Opelousas Field Office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Contact the Opelousas Field Office for details and description of "South Farm."

Rifle, Pistol, Archery & Skeet Range: Rifle, Pistol and Archery Ranges are open daily from official sunrise to official sunset. The Skeet/Trap Range has set days and hours of operation, for more information call the Range Complex at 337-556-2251. Additional information may be obtained from the Opelousas Field Office, 5652 Highway 182, LA. 70570, phone number, 337-948-0255.

Physically Challenged Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call the Opelousas Field Office for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same hunting seasons listed below for deer.

Physically Challenged Waterfowl Hunting Area: Access restricted. Call Opelousas Field Office for further details. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only.

Bird Dog Training Area: Open to bird dog training year-round **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer, WMA turkey season, and opening weekend of first and second segments of dove season. Contact the Opelousas Field Office (337-948-0255) for more information.

Turkey: All turkeys harvested must be weighed and checked at WMA headquarters.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 28-29 **EXCEPT** to youth and physically challenged deer hunters.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 28-29. **ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED**. Self-clearing permits.

Deer Youth Lottery (either-sex): Oct. 28-29, Dec. 27 and Jan. 7 & 14. Contact Opelousas Field Office (337-948-0255) for details and applications.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 1-2, Mandatory check-in and daily hunt permit required (*see page 62 for details*). Mandatory deer check. Nov. 26 and Dec. 3-8, self-clearing.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 23 - Jan. 7

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 8-14

Turkey: April 23-25

Turkey Youth Lottery: April 14. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Opelousas Field Office for details.

Turkey General Lottery: April 21-22. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Opelousas Field Office for details.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail and Gallinules: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29, Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 1-3, and **EXCEPT** hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. South Farm waterfowl hunting limited to one hunt per calendar week per person. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex from the Friday before Youth Lottery Deer Hunt until the day after the last waterfowl hunt on the South Farm. Contact the Opelousas Field Office for details and description of "South Farm."

- **Youth Waterfowl Lottery:** Contact the Opelousas Field Office for details and applications.
- **Disabled Veterans Waterfowl Lottery:** Contact the Opelousas Field Office for details and applications.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29, Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 1-3, and **EXCEPT** spring squirrel season will be open May 5-13 only, with or without dogs. Non-toxic shot only within waterfowl impoundments. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 15 - Feb. 28. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Oct. 7-31 and Dec. 11-19, **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*).

Quail: CLOSED

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 9-24 and Jan. 15 - Feb. 28

Crawfishing: March 15 - July 31. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 lbs per person per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized water craft allowed on farm complexes.

SODA LAKE

Owner: Caddo Levee District (1,300 acres); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1,200 Acres, Minden Office)

Motorized vehicles allowed on designated trails. Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking areas. That portion west of Twelve Mile Bayou closed to fishing Oct. 1 - March 31.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31

Small Game and Waterfowl:

- **Portion West of Twelve Mile Bayou: FALCONRY ONLY**, same as outside, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13.
- **Portion East of Twelve Mile Bayou:** Same as outside for squirrel and rabbit, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 1 - Feb. 28. **NO WATERFOWL HUNTING.**

SPRING BAYOU

Owner: LDWF (12,506 acres, Opelousas Office)

No hunting allowed in Headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing prohibited **EXCEPT** allowed in Old River and Grand Lac.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 28-29 to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Hunters.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 28-29

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 23 - Jan. 7

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 8-14

Turkey Youth Lottery: April 28-29. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Opelousas Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT SMALL GAME CLOSED** Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 24-26, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 15 - Feb. 28. **WATERFOWL** to remain open during either sex firearms hunts for deer.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*).

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 9-24 and Jan. 15 - Feb. 28

Recreational Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** only allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

- **Crawfish:** March 15 - July 31. Recreational only, 100 lbs per person per day.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday **EXCEPT** slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day, and **EXCEPT** gill or trammel nets or the take or possession of grass carp are prohibited. Permits available from the Opelousas Field Office. **CLOSED** until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Owner: Tangipahoa Parish School Board (1,643 acres; Hammond Office)

Self-clearing permits required for all activities. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs/UTVs are prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified.

Deer: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Turkey: Same as outside.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1-28.

Raccoon (nighttime): Feb. 1-28

THISTLETHWAITE

Owner: Thistlethwaite Heirs (11,100 acres, Opelousas Office)

All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only.

Restricted Area: Small game hunting allowed with shotgun only loaded with shot no larger than BB lead or F steel. Deer hunting allowed by archery only.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 28-29, **EXCEPT** to Youth Deer Hunters.

Mandatory deer check for all deer seasons **EXCEPT** Archery.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 28-29

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 2-3

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 4-10

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 11-17

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29, Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 2-3 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1-28.

TUNICA HILLS

Owner: LDWF (5,906 acres, Hammond Office); Office of State Parks (597 acres)

Camping limited to tents only in designated area. Refer to WMA map.

AREA CLOSED: Nov. 4-5, to all hunters **EXCEPT** youth deer hunters.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Jan. 31

Deer Youth (either-sex): Nov. 4-5

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24, mandatory deer check. Nov. 25 - Dec. 10, self-clearing permit.

Turkey: April 23-29

Turkey Youth Lottery: March 31. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Hammond Field Office for details.

Turkey General Lottery: April 7-8, 14-15 & 21-22. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Hammond Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 4-5 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 10 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs, South Tract only. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1-28 on South Tract only.

Raccoon (nighttime): Feb. 1-28 on South Tract only.

WALNUT HILL

Owner: LDWF (595 acres, Lake Charles Office)

Deer Archery (either-sex): Same as outside.

Turkey: Same as outside.

Small Game: Same as outside and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 6 - Feb. 28. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Oct. 7 - Feb. 28, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 9-24 and Jan. 6 - Feb. 28

WEST BAY

Owner: Hancock Timber, Roy O. Martin, Forest Investment, and Rayonier (59,189 acres, Lake Charles Office)

Limited Use Area: Small game same as outside **EXCEPT** shotgun only. Deer hunting restricted to archery **ONLY**. See WMA map for specific location.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 21-22, to all **EXCEPT** youth and physically challenged deer hunters.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Sept. 16 - Jan. 15

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 21-22, for youth and physically challenged hunters only.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 28-29, mandatory deer check. Nov. 24-26, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Oct. 30 - Nov. 23 and Dec. 16-31

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27 - Dec. 3

Turkey:

- **Turkey Youth Lottery:** March 31. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Lake Charles Field Office for details.
- **Turkey General Lottery:** April 7-8, 14-15 & 21-22. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Contact the Lake Charles Field Office for details.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 2 p.m. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 21-22 & 28-29 and Nov. 24-26, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 5-13, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 1 - Feb. 28.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24 (*see page 62-63*)

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 1 - Feb. 28

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Desired forest conditions for wildlife provide a general forest management framework for promoting the development of productive wildlife habitat by diversifying tree species composition, vertical and horizontal structure, tree age, and canopy densities within forest stands, creating a patchwork of habitats that benefit a wide variety of wildlife species across landscapes.

For more information on "Desired Forest Conditions for Wildlife" contact LDWF's Landowner Assistance Program.

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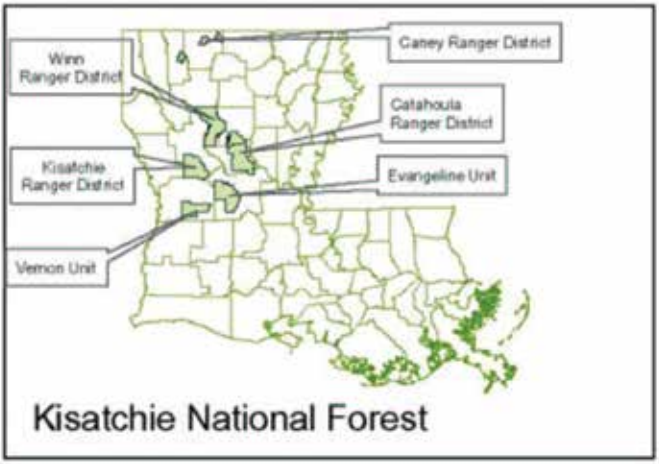

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

Kisatchie National Forest is spread across seven parishes and consists of approximately 604,000 acres.

Contact Information:

- Website: *www.fs.usda.gov/kisatchie*
- Forest Supervisor's Office (Pineville): 318-473-7160
- Calcasieu Ranger District Office (Boyce): 318-793-9427
- Kisatchie Ranger District Office (Kisatchie): 318-472-1840
- Catahoula Ranger District Office (Bentley): 318-765-3554
- Winn Ranger District Office (Winnfield): 318-628-4664
- Caney Ranger District Office (Homer): 318-927-2061

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All Seasons for KNF are for 2017-2018 only.

Vehicles:

- Motorized travel off designated roads and trails and outside designated areas is prohibited on the entire KNF. Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) showing designated roads and trails and associated vehicles and travel seasons are available in all Forest Service offices and on the Kisatchie website.
- ATV/UTV (50-inch maximum width) operation is prohibited on public roads and road rights-of-way. Use is allowed on forest roads designated as open seasonally to ATV/UTV use. Use is prohibited in some campsites and recreation areas; see bulletin boards for additional information (also see MVUM).
- Nighttime ATV/UTV travel is prohibited. ATV/UTV travel is allowed between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset.
- Game retrieval with an ATV/UTV is only allowed within designated 300-foot corridors (see MVUM).

Camping:
- Camping corridors for highway-legal vehicles to drive within 100 feet of the road and camp are designated on the Caney District and in the Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserve (see MVUM).
- Contact your local ranger district office for additional information about camping.

Hunter Orange or Blaze Pink: LDWF WMA regulations for hunter orange/blaze pink apply.

General: Hunting or discharging a firearm in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, across/on a NFSR (National Forest System Road) legally open to motorized use, across a body of water where any person/property is exposed to injury/damage as a result of such discharge, is prohibited.

Firearms (For a full description of USFS regulations, consult the Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations)**:**
- Discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property as follows:
  1. In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, or
  2. Across or on a National Forest System road or a body of water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result in such discharge.
  3. Hunting within 50 feet of the centerline of any road on KNF lands"It is prohibited to possess a firearm having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip (when attached to a firearm), or crossbow cocked and in the ready position in or on any type vehicle while on KNF.
- Active and retired law enforcement officers in compliance with POST requirements, Federal Law Enforcement Officers, holders of Louisiana concealed handgun permits or permit holders from a reciprocal state, who are in compliance with all other state and federal firearms regulations, may possess firearms while on KNF lands, provided these firearms are not used for any hunting purposes.
- The following cannot be carried while hunting on KNF lands except during modern and primitive deer seasons.
  · Centerfire rifles
  · Break-action centerfire and bolt-action centerfire hand guns
  · Scoped centerfire handguns
  · Shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel

Deer Hunting:
- Bag Limit = 1 deer per day up to the statewide seasonal limit.
- All deer hunting is still hunting only.
- All deer must be tagged as required by LDWF regulations.
- Hunting stand, blind, tripod, baiting, spot-lighting etc. regulations applicable to LDWF WMAs are in effect on KNF unless otherwise specified (refer to "Methods of Taking Game" section of the 2017-2018 LDWF WMA Regulations) excluding the "Bag Limit" and "Horses and Mules" sections.
- Hunting from a permanent stand is prohibited. Placing or leaving a temporary stand is limited to 24 hours.
- The training of deer dogs is prohibited year-round.
- See separate schedule for Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves.
- LDWF Youth Deer Hunt Regulations apply for all KNF lands **EXCEPT** that archery and open seasons for small game hunting is allowed (excluding those portions of the Vernon Unit within Fort Polk-Vernon WMA).

Archery - Deer Hunting:

- **General:** Either-sex deer may be taken at any time by archers during the archery season **EXCEPT** when bucks-only firearms seasons are in progress on KNF (archers must hunt only bucks during bucks-only firearm seasons).
- Archers must adhere to the full hunter orange requirements during any firearm season for deer.
- **Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District** (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk-Vernon WMA): Sept. 16 - Jan. 15
- **Catahoula** (Grant & Rapides parishes), **Winn** (Winn, Grant & Natchitoches parishes), **Kisatchie Ranger Districts** (Natchitoches Parish), **Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District** (Rapides Parish), and **Caney Ranger District** (Webster & Claiborne parishes): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31.

Firearms - Deer Hunting (excludes the Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves)**:**

- **Catahoula** (Grant & Rapides parishes), **Winn** (Winn, Grant & Natchitoches parishes), **Kisatchie Ranger Districts** (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 only, either-sex:*** Oct. 14-20, still hunt only. LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply **EXCEPT** that archery and open season small game hunting is allowed. LDWF regulations for hunter orange/blaze pink apply.
  - ***Primitive Firearms, either-sex*:** Oct. 21-22, still hunt only. LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply.
  - ***Firearms, either-sex*:** Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 24, still hunt only.
  - ***Firearms, bucks only*:** Nov. 4-23 & 25-26 and Dec. 9-24, still hunt only.
- **Caney Ranger District** (Webster and Claiborne parishes): Same as outside including Youth Hunt Only and Primitive Firearms (Area 2). Either-sex entire season.

Other Seasons on Entire KNF *(See Catahoula/Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserve section for additional information)***:**

- **Rabbit, Squirrel, Quail & Migratory Game Birds:** Same dates, shooting hours and bag limits as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** to squirrel hunting during the spring season.
- **Youth Only Squirrel:** Sept. 23-24
- **Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting ceases at 2 p.m. If hunting on Corney Lake (Caney Ranger District) a permit (free of charge) is required for the use of a duck blind. Contact Caney Ranger District Office for details.
- **Feral Hogs, Coyotes, Armadillos & Beavers:** May be taken during daylight hours on any KNF hunt by properly licensed hunters with weapons legal for that hunt.
- **Raccoons, Opossum & Fox (chase only):** May be hunted during daylight or nighttime from Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 only unless otherwise stated. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, two per person per day, **EXCEPT** during the trapping season when there shall be no limit. (See Louisiana Trapping Regulations pamphlet for additional information. Also see "Hunting Dog Usage During Deer Firearm Seasons" section below for exceptions).
- **Bobcat and Nutria:** LDWF regulations apply.
- **Crows, Blackbirds, Grackles & Cowbirds:** May be taken Sept. 1 - Jan. 1 only.
- **Turkey:** Caney Ranger District: April 7-22. All remaining KNF lands: April 7-29.
  - ***Youth Only:*** March 30 - April 1 on all Ranger Districts (except Vernon Unit lands within Fort Polk-Vernon WMA).
- **Fishing:** LDWF State Creel Limits apply (See Louisiana Fishing Regulations pamphlet for additional information.
- **Trapping:** Same as outside, see LA Trapping Pamphlet for additional information.

Hunting Dogs Usage:

- **Hunting Dog Usage During Deer Firearm Seasons** (only for KNF areas outside Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves): Hunting dogs that are legal for hunting species other than deer, and that stay within voice-command distance of handler are allowed during deer gun hunts. Hunting dogs that range beyond voice-command distance of handler are prohibited during deer gun hunts. The training of deer or hog dogs is prohibited year-round.
- Hunting with recognized bird-hunting dogs during quail and woodcock seasons, recognized raccoon-hunting dogs during raccoon hunting season and recognized pointer/retriever dogs during migratory bird season is permissible. Only beagles which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder may be used for rabbit hunting. All dogs must be collared with owner's name and phone number attached. Dogs running at large are prohibited. The owner/handler shall be liable.
- **Hog hunting with dogs is NOT allowed on KNF.** Contact your local ranger district office for additional information.
- **Hunting Dog Training:** From March 1 - Sept. 30, **EXCEPT** ALL dogs prohibited during Turkey Hunting Season. Allowed only in the following circumstances: dogs are within voice-command distance of handler; dogs are participating in Nighttime Raccoon Chases mentioned below; dogs are participating in licensed events conducted by nationally recognized kennel clubs (KNF permit required - contact Forest Supervisor's office); dogs are under close control of hikers; and any dog on a leash. No firearms allowed while training dogs. Hunting dog training prohibited in Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves.
- **Hunting Dog Nighttime Chase Only:** (All breeds allowed, no deer or hog dogs). May 1 - Sept. 30, Tuesdays and Fridays only. No firearms allowed. Nighttime ATV/UTV travel is prohibited. Hunting dog nighttime chase is prohibited in Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves during this period.
- **Bird Dog Training Area:** Only that portion of the Vernon Unit known as the Dove Field. Bird dogs may be trained year round **EXCEPT CLOSED** during turkey season. Permit from LDWF required to use pen-raised quail.

CATAHOULA AND RED DIRT NATIONAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVES (NWMP)

Owner: U. S. Forest Service: (Catahoula NWMP - 36,000 acres in Grant and Winn parishes; Red Dirt NWMP - 38,000 acres in Natchitoches Parish)

Season Permit required for hunting, fishing, and/or trapping on the preserve. For a permit or to get additional information contact the Forest Supervisor's office, Winn, Catahoula or Kisatchie Ranger District offices, or *www.fs.fed.us/r8/kisatchie/hunting/index.html*. In addition to the Season Permit a Self Clearing Daily Permit is required for all hunters during all deer gun hunts and turkey hunts. The self-clearing daily permits will be available at the main check stations, hunter camps within the NWMP, Kisatchie, Winn and Catahoula district offices, and at the Forest Supervisor's Office. Permits are free of charge.
NOTE: The self-clearing permit consists of two portions; check-in and check-out. The check-in portion must be completed and put in the permit box before each hunt on the day of the hunt. The check-out portion must be carried by each person while on the preserve and must be completed and put in the permit box at the end of the day's hunt.

When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified (see below), all hunters must check deer at the NWMP's main check station.

Hunting with Dogs: Hunting with recognized bird-hunting dogs during quail and woodcock seasons, recognized raccoon-hunting dogs during raccoon hunting season and recognized pointer/retriever dogs during migratory bird season is permissible. Only beagles which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder may be used for rabbit hunting. All dogs must be collared with owner's name and phone number attached. Dogs running at large are prohibited. The owner/handler shall be liable. No training of dogs in the NWMPs outside of pertinent seasons.

Select Prohibitions: Additional information and prohibitions provided on season permit for NWMPs.

Deer Archery Season: Same as Area 2. Archers are required to check harvested deer in/out at the check station during the mandatory deer check days (see dates below).

Special Youth Only Deer Hunt (either-sex): Oct. 14-20, still hunt only. Self-clearing daily permit required.

- LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply **EXCEPT** that archery hunting is allowed.
- LDWF WMA regulations for hunter orange apply.

Physically Challenged Deer Hunt (either-sex): Oct. 14-15, still hunt only. Self-clearing daily permit required. Hunters must also have in possession an LDWF Physically Challenged Hunters Permit.

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 21-22, still-hunt only. Self-clearing daily permit required. Mandatory deer check at main check stations.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 24, still-hunt only. Self-clearing daily permit required. Mandatory deer check at main check stations.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 25-26, still-hunt only. Self-clearing daily permit required.

Turkey: April 7-29

- ***Youth Only:*** March 30 - April 1

NOTE: Self-clearing permit required to hunt turkey on NWMPs.

Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail, Dove, Woodcock and Waterfowl (without dogs): All seasons same as outside (unless otherwise stated) **EXCEPT CLOSED** during deer firearm hunts. Consult LDWF hunting pamphlet for additional information. No spring squirrel season.

Youth Only Squirrel: Sept. 23-24

Squirrel and Rabbit (with dogs): Jan. 6 - Feb. 28

Raccoon (nighttime, with dogs): Jan. 6 - Feb. 28

Quail (with dogs): Nov. 18 - Feb. 28

Raccoon and Opossum (non-dog season/daylight hours): May be taken by properly licensed hunters as incidental take with gear legal for the season in progress.

Fishing: LDWF state creel limits apply. The preserve will be closed to fishing during deer gun hunts.

Trapping: See LDWF Trapping Regulations pamphlet.

USACE - INDIAN BAYOU AREA

Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (28,500 acres within St. Martin and St. Landry parishes)

Additional permit required and posted restrictions apply for all persons regardless of age. Permits must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. To obtain a permit:

- see bulletin board on site.
- visit the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Project Office, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577.
- phone: 337-585-0853.
- visit the project website at *https://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/* (then click on Atchafalaya Basin).

All hunting shall be still hunting only, **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified.

Consult U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' "Hunting Guide to Indian Bayou" brochure for additional posted restrictions.

Daily limit on deer is one per day.

Antler Deer Point Restriction: A legal buck shall be defined as a deer with at least four points on one side or a deer with unbranched antlers commonly referred to as spikes (no minimum length). To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 2-3, mandatory deer check.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 30 - Jan. 7, mandatory deer check.

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 8-10 and Jan. 13-14

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 28-29 and Nov. 4-5. No antler restrictions. Mandatory Deer Check. All other seasons **CLOSED**.

Deer Youth Lottery: Nov. 18 & 21 and Dec. 16 & 19. Contact Project Office for details.

Turkey:

Turkey Youth and Physically Challenged Lottery: March 30 - April 1

Turkey General Lottery: April 7-8 & 14-15

Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 28-29, Nov. 4-5 & 24-26 and Dec. 2-3 (**EXCEPT** waterfowl season will remain open during all Deer Gun hunts). Hunting waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited. Squirrel and rabbit hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 15 - Feb. 28. No spring squirrel season.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 23-24

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 9-24 and Jan. 15 - Feb. 28. Special use permit required.

Feral Hogs, Coyotes, Beaver and Nutria: May be taken incidental to any hunt with gear legal for that hunt.

USACE - OLD RIVER CONTROL & LOCK AREA

Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2,699 acres within Pointe Coupee, West Feliciana and Concordia parishes)

Additional permit not required; however, posted restrictions apply. For more information, visit the project website at *www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/OldRiverControl.aspx* or contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Old River Control Natural Resources Specialist at 225-492-2169 for more information. All hunting shall be still hunting only, **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified.

Archery, Primitive Firearms and Shotgun only.

Deer Youth (either-sex) - 17 yrs. & under: Oct. 28-29

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Jan. 31

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 8-14

Deer Shotgun (either-sex): Nov. 24-26

Deer Shotgun (bucks only): Dec. 30 - Jan. 7

Turkey: April 7-22

Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** hunting waterfowl after 2 p.m. prohibited, no firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, and **EXCEPT** hunting squirrel and rabbit with dogs allowed Nov. 27 - Dec. 29 and Jan. 15 - Feb. 28.

Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT hunting with dogs allowed Dec. 18-29 and Jan. 15-31.

Raccoon (nighttime): Nov. 27 - Dec. 29 and Jan. 15 - Feb. 28

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 - Feb. 28.

USACE - BONNET CARRE SPILLWAY

Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (7,623 acres within St. Charles Parish)

Additional permit required and posted restrictions apply for all persons regardless of age. Permits must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. For more information, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the project website at *www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/* (Then click on Bonnet Carre Spillway), or contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bonnet Carre Spillway Project Office at 985-764-7484 for more information. All hunting shall be still hunting only, **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified. Deer and hog dogs prohibited year-round.

DEER NOTES: Archery and Shotgun (buckshot) only.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Shotgun (either-sex): Nov. 24-26

Deer Shotgun (bucks only): Dec. 16-31

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 28-29. Additional permit required from Spillway office.

Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: Same as outside. Shotgun only. Hunting waterfowl after 12 p.m. (noon) prohibited. During shotgun deer season, use of dogs allowed for waterfowl hunting only.

ATTENTION:
- ***Dove Hunters:*** *the Bonnet Carre Spillway is included in the South Hunt Zone.*
- ***Waterfowl Hunters:*** *the Bonnet Carre Spillway is included in the Eastern Hunt Zone*

Squirrel and Rabbit: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** hunting with dogs not allowed north of US 61 during shotgun season for deer, Nov. 24-26 and Dec. 16-31.

Armadillos, Beaver, Feral Hogs, Nutria, Coyote, Crows, Blackbirds and Starlings: May be taken incidental to any Spillway hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

BARATARIA PRESERVE

Owner: National Park Service, Crown Point (22,000 acres within Jefferson Parish)

Additional Permit and regulations apply. Contact Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve at 504-689-3690 or ***www.nps.gov/jela*** for additional information. Hunting permits issued Sept. 4 - Oct. 1. Hunting will be closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 1. All Barataria Preserve hunting ends on Jan. 31. All stands must be removed by Feb. 4.

Deer Archery (bucks only): Oct. 1-15

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Dec. 23 and Jan. 2-31

Youth Deer Shotgun (either-sex): Nov. 4-5

Deer Shotgun (bucks only, unless either sex season is in progress): Nov. 11 - Dec. 23 and Jan. 2-21

Deer Shotgun (either-sex): Nov. 24-26, Dec. 9-10 and Jan. 13-14 & 20-26

Small Game (squirrel, nutria, rabbit): Oct. 7 - Dec. 23 and Jan. 2-31

Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** Dec. 24 - Jan. 1.

Feral Hogs: May be taken during any of the above listed seasons, by properly licensed and permitted hunters, with gear legal for the season in progress.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

There are 23 National Wildlife Refuges located within Louisiana, occurring in 29 parishes and encompassing over 550,000 acres.

Refuge Permits are required for hunting each individual refuge unit. Refuge-specific regulations may differ from Louisiana general regulations and/or WMA regulations. Please consult refuge-specific brochure/hunt permit for appropriate regulations.

Permits or additional information may be obtained on the internet or by contacting the Refuge Complex office that administratively manages the refuge(s) you are interested in hunting.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Website: *https://www.fws.gov/refuges/refugeLocatorMaps/Louisiana.html*

- Central Louisiana Refuge Complex (Marksville): 318-253-4238
- North Louisiana Refuge Complex (Farmerville): 318-762-4222
- Southeast Louisiana Refuge Complex (Lacombe): 985-882-2000
- Southwest Louisiana Refuge Complex (Bell City): 337-598-2216
- Lower Mississippi Refuge Complex (Natchez, MS): 601-442-6696
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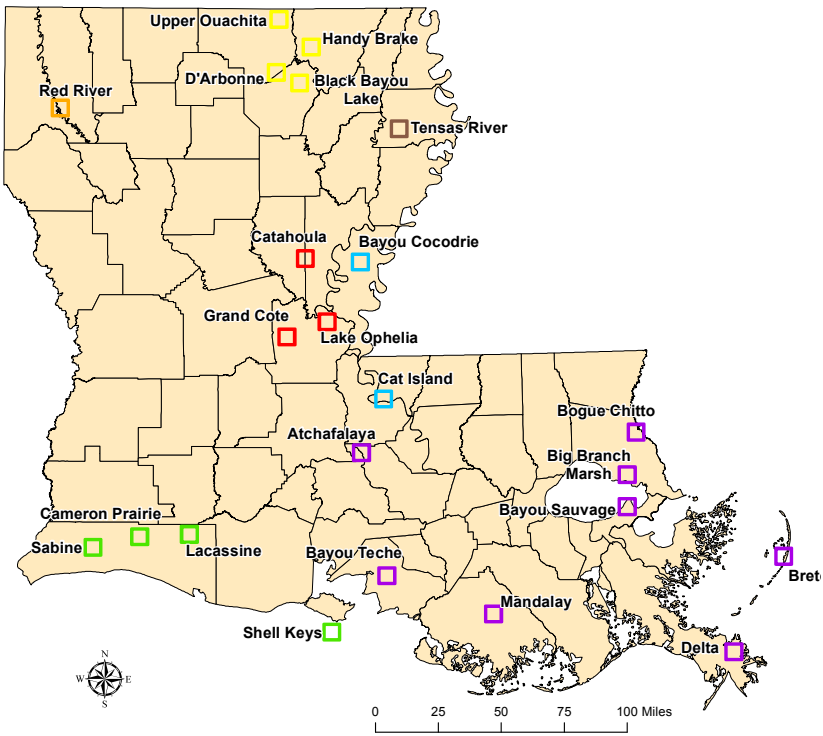

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RESIDENT GAME POSSESSION TAG

No person shall give, put or leave resident game animals or birds at any place or with another person unless the resident game animals or birds, or parts of the resident game animals or birds, are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

Hunter's Name:_____

Hunter's Address:_____

_____

LDWF # or Temporary Authorization #:_____

Parish Taken:_____

Date Taken:_____

Species:_____ **No.**_____

Sex of Deer: Buck_____ **Doe**_____

Tags shall be attached, secured or enclosed with the part or parts. Failure to comply with tagging regulations may result in citations issued. Consult the Hunting Regulations Pamphlet (R.S. 56:124-125).

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

MIGRATORY BIRD POSSESSION TAG

No person shall give, put or leave migratory birds at any place or with another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

Hunter's Name:_____

Hunter's Address:_____

_____

Date Taken:_____

Hunter's Signature:_____

Species	Number	Species	Number

Failure to comply with tagging regulations may result in citations issued. Consult the Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations Pamphlet (50 CFR 20:36).

Public Service Announcement

TEST

From the office of takemefishing.org

Do you need a fishing license and boat registration?

Please take a few moments to consider each of the questions below. Take your time. Let it come naturally.

USE NO. 2 PENCIL ONLY

DIRECTIONS

1. Use No. 2 pencil.
2. Do NOT use a No. 1 pencil.
3. We don't know why. Just don't.

1 Is this your idea of fishing with friends?

(A) Yes, I am a 1,200-pound brown bear, and these are my friends.

(B) Yes, I stand at the edge of the falls and catch fish with my mouth.

(C) No.

2 Are you your own boat?

(A) Yes, and please stop staring at my stern.

(B) No, I'm my own airplane.

(C) No.

3 Do you want this in your favorite lake?

(A) Yes. Landfills are soooo cliché.

(B) Sure, who doesn't love dipping their toes into a pool of swirling sewage?

(C) No.

ANSWERS:

CONGRATULATIONS! You definitely need to be licensed and registered. Because funds generated from your fishing license and boat registration go toward conserving our waterways and providing better fishing and boating for generations to come.

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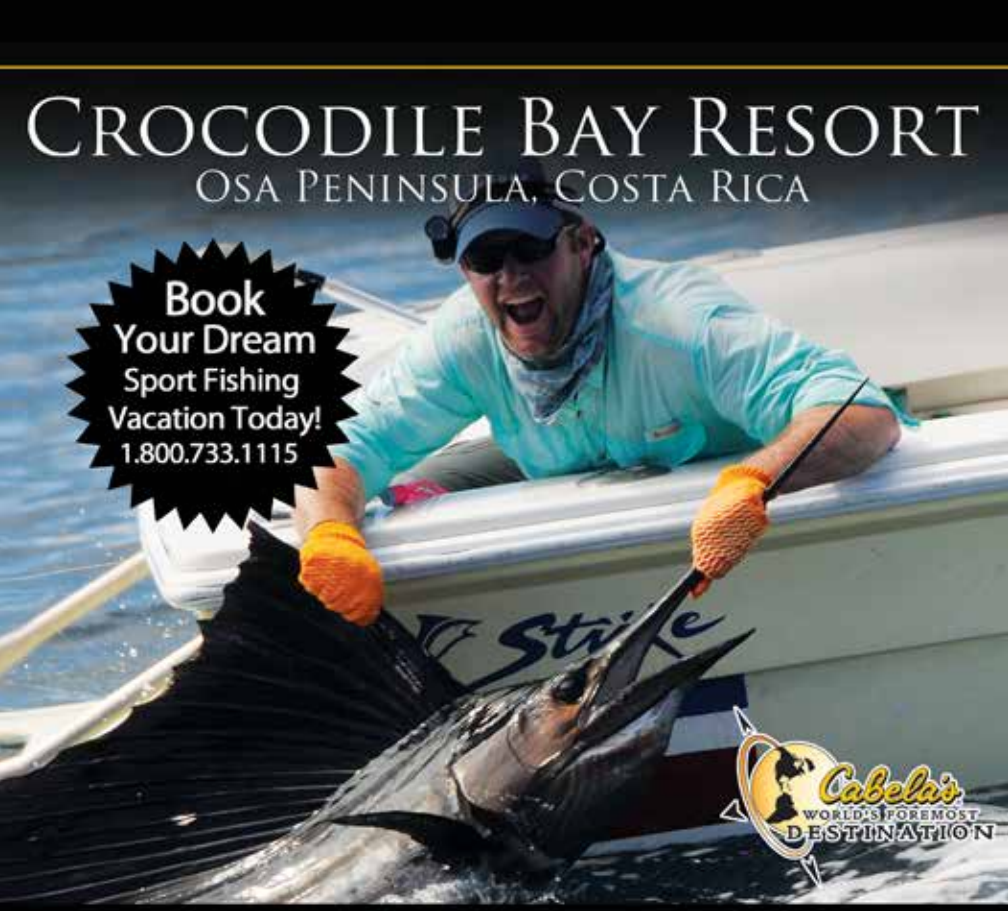

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