

Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserve (NWMP)
Kisatchie National Forest
Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Regulations for 2014 – 2015
-In cooperation with Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF)-

GENERAL

These regulations apply to the Red Dirt NWMP, 38,000 acres, located on the Kisatchie Ranger District, Kisatchie National Forest. The Forest Supervisor can close this NWMP to the public during emergency situations. Unless otherwise stated, the LDWF state-wide regulations apply. LDWF Wildlife Management Area (WMA) hunter orange requirements apply. Kisatchie Hills Wilderness is part of this NWMP and no motorized or mechanical means of transportation, including bicycles, are allowed. Walk-ins and horses are permissible. It is the responsibility of the user to obtain the current Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), which shows the National Forest System roads, trails, camping designations and areas that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. The MVUM also identifies the vehicle classes allowed on each route/area and any seasonal restrictions that apply. These maps are available, at no charge, at all Ranger District offices.

PERMITS

Hunting, fishing and trapping are permitted in the NWMP in accordance with federal and state regulations. Each person hunting, fishing or trapping in the NWMP is required to have in his or her possession this Season Permit, in addition to the required state licenses. Hunters that are not required to possess a Louisiana hunting/fishing license must possess proof of such exemption. Each person, including archery, desiring to engage in any deer hunt during the gun season and during turkey season, in the NWMP, must also obtain a Self-clearing Daily Permit. This permit will be available at the Main Check Station, Hunter Camps, Kisatchie Ranger District Office and at the Supervisor's Office (see address and contact information below). All permits are free of charge.

HUNTING SEASONS

Coyotes, Feral Hogs, Armadillos & Beavers: May be taken during daylight hours on any KNF hunt by properly licensed hunters with the weapon legal for that hunt. No bag limit.

Deer: During all deer gun hunts, all hunters, including archery, must follow the Self-clearing Daily Permit process. When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified (see below), all hunters, including archery, must still follow the Self-clearing Daily Permit process and check deer at the main check station. Deer can be field dressed. Bag limit for deer: 1 per day, 6 per season. LDWF deer tags mandatory. Still hunting only for deer and hogs.

Deer Archery Season: Oct. 1, 2014 – Jan. 31, 2015: The same hunting hours and archery restrictions listed in the LDWF Hunting Regulations for Area 2 are in effect for this Preserve. Note the mandatory deer check dates below.

Deer Youth & Physically-Challenged Hunt (Either-sex) Oct. 11 – 12: LDWF youth hunt regulations apply except that the supervising adult may bow hunt. Physically-challenged Hunters Permit issued by LDWF required.

Deer Primitive Firearms Hunt (Either-sex) October 18 – 19: Check station will be open 7:30AM – 8:00PM on Oct. 18 and 19 for mandatory deer check.

Deer Firearms (Either-sex) October 25 – 26 and Nov. 28: Check station will be open on Oct. 25 (7:30AM – 8:00PM), Oct. 26 (7:30AM – 8:00 PM) and on November 28 (6:30AM – 7:00PM) for mandatory deer check.

Deer Firearms (Bucks Only) Nov. 29 – Nov. 30

Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail, Dove, Woodcock, and Waterfowl (without dogs): All seasons the same as outside (unless otherwise stated) with the exception of: hunting these animals is closed during deer gun hunts. Consult appropriate LDWF hunting pamphlet for additional information on these species.

-No spring squirrel season

-Squirrel and Rabbit (with dogs): January 10 – February 28

-Quail (with dogs): November 15 – February 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. Raccoon (nighttime, with dogs): January 10 – February 28

Turkey: March 28 – April 19; **Youth hunt** March 21 – 22 (Self-clearing Daily Permit required for all turkey hunts)

Fishing: LDWF state creel limits apply. The Preserve will be closed for fishing during the deer gun hunts.

Trapping: See LDWF Trapping Regulations pamphlet. The Preserve will be closed for trapping during deer gun hunts.

ATVs : All-terrain and utility vehicles, or ATV/UTVs, also known as low-PSI vehicles, 3-wheelers, 4-wheelers, etc. ATV/UTV use is allowed **ONLY** on Forest roads designated as open seasonally to ATV/UTV use. Do not modify or remove spark arrestors. ATV/UTVs are prohibited in some camp sites and recreation areas – please read bulletin boards for additional information. **Please consult the current Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) for ATV/UTV (including a list of big-game retrieval corridors) and other vehicle travel use/restrictions.**

SELECT PROHIBITED ACTS: The following acts are prohibited on this Preserve, under the authority of 36 CFR 261, Subparts A and B. Violators are subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both. Please consult the regulations published by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for a more complete listing of prohibited acts – see the General Provisions section. 1. Violating state or federal laws. 2. Hunting, fishing, or trapping without a Season Permit. Also, Self-clearing Daily Permit is required during deer and turkey gun hunts in addition to the Season Permit. 3. Camping between October 1, 2014 and April 30, 2015, except at designated camping areas (see MVUM) and within the Kisatchie Hills Wilderness Area. 4. Driving vehicles on closed roads (obtain Motor Vehicle Use Map from any KNF office). 5. Hunting or discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human or animal life, causing injury or damaging property: (a) in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area; (b) across or on a National Forest System Road (NFSR) or across a body of water where any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge; or (c) hunting within 50 feet of the center of any NFSR. 6. Hunting wild turkey with a rifle or pistol. 7. Baiting or hunting over bait (all species) or using live decoys. 8. Building, or hunting from, permanent tree stands or blinds; using any temporary tree stand or blind that penetrates the bark or otherwise damages the tree. 9. Using tree-climbing spurs. 10. Leaving any stand set up after dark. 11. Shooting one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. 12. Possessing firearms equipped with silencers or sound-suppressing devices. 13. Possessing an electronically-enhanced night-vision scope while in possession of a firearm. 14. Possessing 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 a vehicle while on the preserve.


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**Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserve
SEASON PERMIT, 2014-2015**

This Permit allows the holder to hunt, fish, and trap on the National Red Dirt Wildlife Management Preserve. The regulations on this Permit serve as "Terms of a Special Use Authorization," as provided for in 36 CFR 241.3(a) and 36 CFR 261.10(k). This Permit is nontransferable and is valid only when signed by the permittee and accompanied by a valid Louisiana Hunting, Fishing, or Trapping license and must be in your possession at all times while hunting, fishing, or trapping on the Preserve. Your signature acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein. This Permit expires August 31, 2015.

Permittee Signature _____

For additional information about the Preserves contact offices Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM: *Kisatchie Ranger District Office*; 229 Dogwood Park Rd, Provençal, LA 71468; Telephone: 318-472-1840; *Winn Ranger District Office*: 9671 US Hwy 84 West, Winnfield, LA 71483, Telephone 318-628-4664; *Catahoula Ranger District Office*: 5325 Hwy 8, Bentley, LA 71407, Telephone 318-765-3554; *Forest Supervisor's Office* – Kisatchie National Forest; 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA 71360; Telephone: 318-473-7160



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