LOUISIANA 2026-2027 HUNTING & WMA REGULATIONS

UPDATED OCTOBER 16, 2026




Outfitting Serious Sportsmen since 1967
The Hunt Starts Here!
SHOP ONLINE!
Archery
Clothing
Footwear
Knives
The Best Firearm Selection in South Lousiana!
Knowledgeable staff, superior service, quality products!
LAFAYETTE SHOOTERS
OUTFITTING SERIOUS SPORTSMEN SINCE 1967
LOCALLY OWNED
3520 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy • Lafayette, LA 70503 • TEXT US @ (337) 988-1191
SHOP ONLINE
WWW.LAFAYETTESHOOTERS.com

CONTENTS

4. MAJOR CHANGES FOR 2026-2027

6. LICENSING

10. GENERAL HUNTING INFORMATION
Hunter Education Requirements.....10
LDWF Field Office/Enforcement Office Numbers..... 11

12. DEER HUNTING
Chronic Wasting Disease Regulations 12
Deer Area Schedules & Descriptions.....14
Deer Tagging Information.....22
Deer Hunting Regulations 23

27. QUADRUPEDS & RESIDENT GAME BIRDS
Schedules 27
Methods of Take.....28

30. TURKEY
Turkey Area Schedules & Descriptions.....30
Turkey Hunting Regulations.....31
Turkey Tagging Information.....32

33. MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS
Schedules 33
Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.....34
Federal Regulations.....40

46. OTHER HUNTING SEASONS

47. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS
WMA Regulations.....47
Basic Season Schedule 54
Individual WMA Schedules 57

71. FEDERAL LANDS SCHEDULES

76. POSSESSION TAGS

COVER PHOTO: Black-bellied whistling ducks - photos by John Flores

A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY



Increasing recreational opportunity and access for the people of Louisiana remains a driving factor for my administration as we serve under the leadership of Governor Jeff Landry. It is what we have set out to do since day one and what we will continue to do for our citizens and for the conservation of our natural resources. Hunting in Louisiana is a time-honored tradition and a right of our citizens that we are proud to protect. Whether you find yourself hunting on one of our WMAs or on privately-owned land, please remember to keep safety as a top priority and stay respectful of the land, wildlife, and rules set in place to promote the longevity of our natural resources for generations to come. We wish all our hunters a safe and successful 2026-27 hunting season.

Sincerely,

Tyler M. Bosworth, LDWF Secretary

DISCLAIMER

This publication is not an official copy of the laws in effect and should not be utilized or relied upon as such. It does represent an attempt by the publisher to present, as a public service, a partial summary of the laws in effect at the time of the printing of this publication. Substantive changes to the law may very well occur following the printing of this publication. For these reasons, the accuracy of the information contained within this publication cannot be guaranteed and the reader is cautioned that it is his responsibility to apprise himself of the laws in effect at any given time. These laws include those contained within Revised Statutes, particularly Title 56, the official regulations of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, federal laws and any local or parish ordinances. **Contact your local LDWF Enforcement Agent for specific information.**

Regulations of the U.S. Department of Interior strictly prohibit unlawful discrimination in the departmental federally assisted programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or handicap. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility operated by a recipient of federal assistance should write to: Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Civil Rights; U.S. Department of Interior; 1849 C Street, NW; Washington, D.C. 20240

This public document is published at a unit cost of $0.2907. 200,000 copies of this public document were published in this first printing at a total cost of $58,140.00. This document was published by Kalkomey, 224 W Campbell Rd Suite 512, Richardson, TX 75080 for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to provide regulations on the 2026-2027 hunting season. Delegation granted by the Division of Administration due to advertising sale. This material was printed in accordance with the standards for printing by state agencies established pursuant to R.S. 43:31. Printing of this material was purchased in accordance with the provisions of Title 43 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. **For advertising inquiries call (413) 884-1099.**

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

treestandsafetyawareness.org

TSSA
Elevating Tree Stand Safety

A B C BUILDING BLOCKS OF TREE STAND SAFETY



A ALWAYS REMOVE AND INSPECT ALL YOUR EQUIPMENT BEFORE USING



35% of falls involved inspection elements

Source: 10 State Multi-Year Study, Mayhew, G. 2017



B BUCKLE YOUR HARNESS SECURELY



86% of fall victims didn't wear a harness

Source: 10 State Multi-Year Study, Mayhew, G. 2017



C CONNECT BEFORE YOUR FEET LEAVE THE GROUND



99% of fall victims injured were not attached

Source: 10 State Multi-Year Study, Mayhew, G. 2017

BILL JORDAN'S REALTREE® Family, Friends and the Outdoors

HUNTER SAFETY SYSTEM®

Promoting Treestand Safety TMA® Treestand Manufacturer's Association

SUMMIT

hunter-ed.com™

MILLENNIUM TREESTANDS

AHLA AMERICAN HUNTING LEASE ASSOCIATION

CUT OFF
RANGE COMPLEX

SHOOT PAPER OR STEEL TARGETS OUT TO **800 YARDS**
VORTEX OPTICS DEALER

- **CHEAPEST GUN PRICES ANYWHERE**
- **CLEANEST & FRIENDLIEST RANGE**
- **LONGEST PUBLIC RANGE IN LA**
- **GREAT AMMO SELECTION**
- **MACHINE GUN RENTALS**
- **50 YARD PISTOL RANGE**
- **AMMO & GUN SALES**
- **CONCRETE BENCHES**
- **REAL BATHROOMS**









$30 DAY PASS

504-556-2222 | cutoffrange.com
14968 Hwy 3235 | Cut Off, LA 70345

Mon & Tue | Closed
Wed – Sun | 9AM – 5PM

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
P.O. Box 98000 | 2000 Quail Drive | Baton Rouge, LA 70898 | 225-765-2800

Jeff Landry, *Governor*
Tyler M. Bosworth, *Secretary*
Stephen Clark, *Superintendent of Wildlife & Fisheries Law Enforcement*
Tommy Tuma, *Assistant Secretary of Wildlife*
Ryan Montegut, *Assistant Secretary of Fisheries*
Cara Tyler, *Undersecretary*
Taylor Brazan, *Communications Director*
Rachel DeWitte, *Director of Operations*
Cole Garrett, *General Counsel*

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Chris Schieble, *Deputy Assistant Secretary of Fisheries*

DIVISION ADMINISTRATORS
Johnathan Bordelon, *Wildlife*
Scott Longman, *Education and Outreach*
David Breithaupt, *Wildlife*
Patrick Banks, *Fisheries*
Jason Froeba, *Fisheries*
Lt. Colonel Edward Skena, *Enforcement*
Lt. Colonel Clay Marques, *Enforcement*

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
Kenneth A. "Andy" Brister, *Chairman*
Nathan D. Wall, *Vice-Chairman*
Michael D. Lowrie
Jimmie B. Martin
Gene Reynolds
Kevin C. Sagrera
Jonathan D. Walker

For updated information and the latest regulations visit us online at *www.wlf.louisiana.gov*

INFORMATION HOTLINE
1-800-256-2749

HELP STOP POACHING
REPORT GAME VIOLATIONS
Operation Game Thief
1-800-442-2511
24 hours a day - 7 days a week

A HUNTER'S PLEDGE

Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of the sport depends on each hunter's behavior and ethics. Therefore, as a hunter, I pledge to:

- **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.

MAJOR CHANGES FOR 2026-2027 HUNTING REGULATIONS

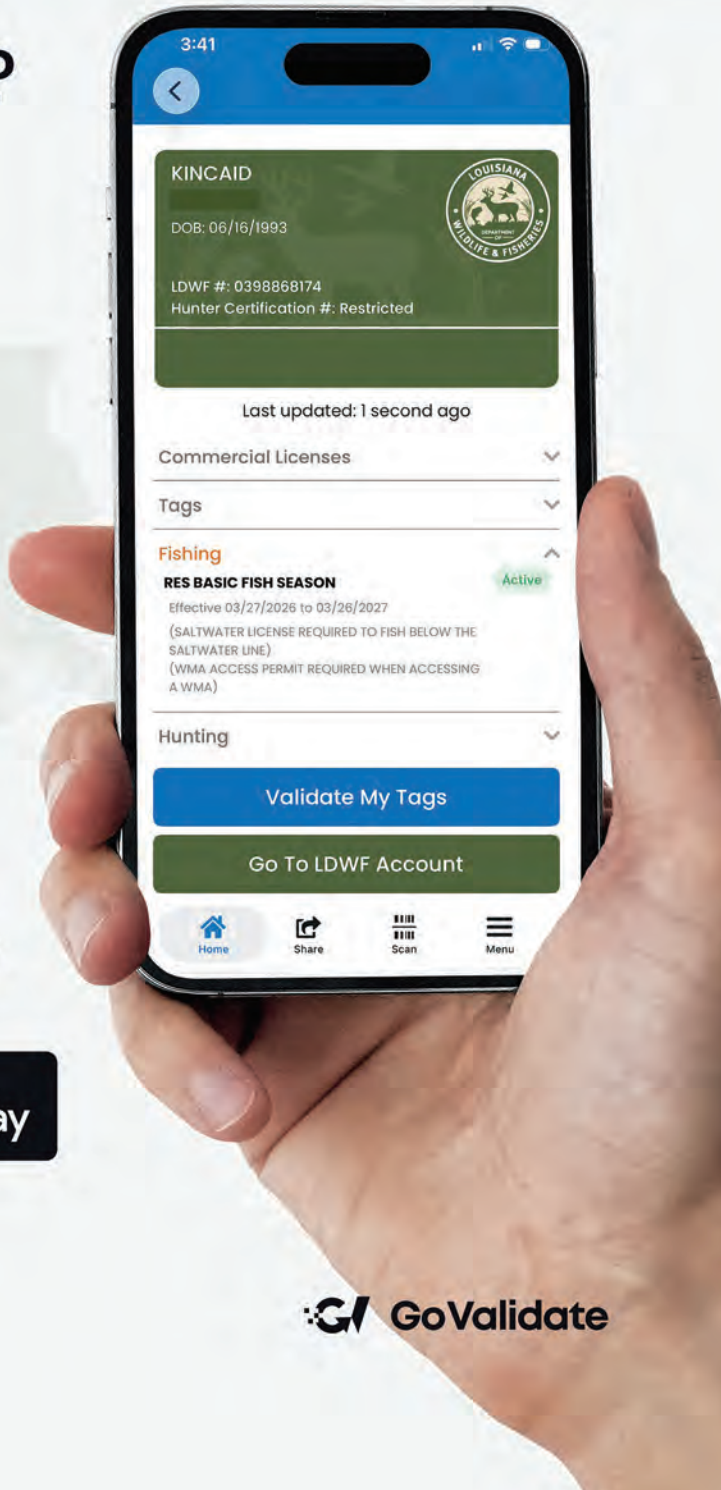
1. Black-bellied Whistling Duck Permit added (*page 6*).
2. Possession limit for Deer Area 1 changed to 6/season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 5 antlerless deer) (*pages 14 & 24*).
3. Addition of special archery season within CWD Zones in Deer Areas 1, 2, and 6 (*pages 16 & 20*). For current CWD Zone locations go to *www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/cwd*.
4. Definition of a legal antlered buck modified to include antlered bucks with velvet covered antlers 3 inches or longer (*page 23*).
5. Hunters 65 or older and disabled veteran licensees or properly licensed disabled hunters may hunt deer with any legal weapon during the Primitive Firearms Season in each deer hunting area (*page 24 & 50*).
6. Use of a drone to recover a mortally wounded deer or bear is permitted (*page 25*).
7. Added a squirrel youth season on private lands (*page 27*).
8. Black-bellied whistling duck season added (*pages 33-34*).
9. Operation of internal combustion engine powered vessels prohibited 12 noon- 4 a.m. from Nov. 1- Jan 31 for certain WMAs (*pages 47, 58-61 & 66-67*).
10. Youth deer season added to Camp Beauregard WMA (*page 48*).
11. Youth turkey season added to Hutchison Creek, Lake Ramsey and Tangipahoa Parish School Board WMAs (*pages 48, 63 & 70*).
12. Hunting small game with dogs allowed on certain WMAs beginning Nov 1 (*pages 58-59, 61, 65, 67 & 69-70*).
13. Waterfowl Sanctuaries on Biloxi, Boeuf, and Russell Sage WMAs are closed Nov. 1 through the final day of the Conservation Order (*pages 54, 59 & 67*).
14. Closes waterfowl hunting at 12 noon on all WMAs and public lands EXCEPT for Atchafalaya Delta and Pass-a-Loutre WMAs (*pages 54, 57-70 & 72-74*).
15. Established hunting seasons on Bogue Chitto, Camp Beauregard and Flatwoods Savanna WMAs (*pages 59-61*).
16. Added two days primitive firearms season on Pomme de Terre WMA (*page 66*).
17. Antler point restrictions removed on Indian Bayou Area (*page 73*).
18. Beaver removed from incidental take on Indian Bayou Area (*page 73*).
19. Change in hunter orange requirement for mourning dove hunters on Corps of Engineers property (*page 74*).
20. Days of the week waterfowl may be hunted at Old River Control and Lock Area Keller's Lake adjusted (*page 74*).
21. Hunting woodcock with dogs at the Old River Control and Lock Area permitted (*page 74*).

LA Wallet

YOUR LICENSES. YOUR TAGS. ON YOUR PHONE.

Forgot your license? Not anymore.

- Store your hunting and fishing credentials on your phone.
- Buy licenses, register for lotteries, all from one spot.
- Setup in 5 minutes, or less.



Scan QR code to get started

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

DOWNLOAD LA WALLET FOR FREE

www.LAWALLET.com

GoValidate

(LICENSES VALID FOR 365 DAYS FROM PURCHASE)

	Resident, Military & Student	Non-Resident	Non-Resident Native 10-Day	Non-Resident 5-Day
HUNTING				
Basic Hunting (*required for all hunters; additional licenses are required to hunt deer, waterfowl and turkey*)	$20.00	$200.00	$20.00	$65.00
Deer (*includes archery and primitive; includes tags; required for all deer hunters in addition to Basic Hunting*) [1]	$15.00	$100.00	$15.00	$35.00
Waterfowl (*required for all waterfowl hunters in addition to Basic Hunting*) [2]	$12.00	$50.00	$12.00	$35.00
Turkey (*includes tags; required for all turkey hunters in addition to Basic Hunting*) [3]	$12.00	$50.00	$12.00	$35.00
Youth Hunting (*ages 17 and under; required for hunting deer, turkey, trapping and WMA youth lottery hunts; includes tags*) [4]	$5.00			
Federal Electronic Duck Stamp [5]	$27.72			
Harvest Information Program (HIP) [6]	FREE			
Black-bellied Whistling Duck Permit [7]	FREE			
Hunting Preserve (Oct. 1 - April 30)		$15.00		

NOTE: ***Youth (ages 17 and younger) who are actively harvesting deer or turkey, participating in a lottery hunt or trapping are required to have the Youth Hunting license. Youths who are spectating (not actively hunting) are not required to have a license.***

RECREATION ON LDWF ADMINISTERED LANDS				
WMA Access Annual Permit (*this permit is included in the Sportsman's Paradise License, Senior Hunt/Fish License and all lifetime licenses; not required for youths 17 and under*) [8]	$20.00/year			
WMA Access 5-Day Permit (*valid for a five-consecutive-day period*) [8]	$5.00			
WMA Camping Permit (*required for each camping party of up to five adults camping together. Youths 17 and under are not required to have a camping permit.*) [9]	$7.00/day			

NOTE: ***Either a WMA Access Annual or 5-day Permit is required for all users of LDWF administered lands, including wildlife management areas, refuges and wetlands conservation areas. Persons 17 and under are not required to purchase WMA permits.***

COMBINATION LICENSES (all privileges above **EXCEPT** Lottery Hunts, WMA Camping Permit and Federal Duck Stamp)				
Sportsman's Paradise [10]	$100.00	$400.00	$100.00	$120.00
Senior Hunt/Fish (*born before June 1, 1940*)	FREE			
Senior Hunt/Fish (*born after June 1, 1940*) [11]	$5.00			
Resident or Native-Born Retired Military	$20.00			
Disabled (*blind, paraplegic, amputee, artificial limb(s), permanent brace(s), KIA surviving spouse*)	$4.00			
Disabled Veteran (*issued at no cost to the consumer; paid by LWFF*)	$4.00			

OTHER FEES				
Commercial Hunting Preserve (*pen-raised birds only; expires June 30*)	$420.00			
Game Breeder (*raising and selling wild game birds and/or wild game quadrupeds; expires Dec. 31*)	$50.00			
Hunting Guide [12]	$150.00	$600.00		

1 ***Deer Hunting:*** *Required of all deer hunters in addition to Basic Season License. This license includes deer tags, archery, and primitive privileges.*
2 ***Waterfowl Hunting:*** *Required of all waterfowl hunters in addition to Basic Season License.*
3 ***Turkey Hunting:*** *Required of all turkey hunters in addition to Basic Season License. This license includes turkey tags and archery.*
4 ***Youth License:*** *Any resident or non-resident under the age of 18 must obtain a youth license for hunting deer, turkey, trapping, and youth lottery hunts. This license includes deer and turkey tags. No ID or proof of residency is required for the purchase of this license. The youth license is not required when hunting squirrels, rabbits, or woodcock.*
5 ***Federal Electronic Duck Stamp:*** *The Federal Electronic Duck Stamp allows customers to buy Federal Duck Stamps online for immediate use. The stamp will be valid from the time of purchase through the end of season in June 2027. The customer can either download the stamp to their phone or print out the receipt when making the purchase. No physical stamps will be sent out before March 10, 2027 per the Federal Duck Stamp Modernization Act Law.*
6 ***Harvest Information Program (HIP):*** *Licensed hunters, 18-years and older, 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.*
7 ***Black-bellied Whistling Duck Permit:*** *Required of all black-bellied whistling duck hunters in addition to all other requirements. Post-season reporting of effort and harvest is required.*
8 ***WMA Access:*** *Either a WMA Access Annual or 5-Day Permit is required for all users of LDWF administered lands, including wildlife management areas, refuges, and wetlands conservation areas. Persons 18 and older are required to purchase a WMA permit.*
9 ***WMA Camping Permit:*** *A WMA Camping Permit is required for each camping party utilizing a LDWF-operated campground on a WMA. A camping party is defined as one to five individuals 18 or older. If any camping group is over five individuals 18 or older, then multiple WMA Camping Permits are required. Youths 17 and younger are exempt from the WMA Camping Permit requirement. The WMA Camping Permit(s) or camping permit number shall be displayed at each camping party's campsite. A campsite is defined as any tent, RV, camper, vehicle or site occupied within a campground or vessel/houseboat moored adjacent to a campground.*
10 ***Sportsman's Paradise License:*** *Includes Basic and Saltwater Fishing, Basic Hunting Season, Deer Hunting, Turkey Hunting, Waterfowl Hunting, WMA Access, and all Recreational Gear licenses (EXCEPT recreational trawls greater than 25 feet in length - additional license required)*
11 ***Senior Hunt/Fish License:*** *any resident who reached age 60 on or after June 1, 1940 must obtain a Senior Hunt/fish License to hunt or fish. This license is in lieu of Basic and Saltwater Fishing, Basic Hunting, Deer, Waterfowl, Turkey Stamp and WMA Access Annual Permit. Beginning June 1, 2027 the Senior Hunt/Fish license will be available to individuals 65+ on or after June 1, 2027 and will cost $20, except individuals born before June 1, 1940 the license will be FREE.*
12 ***Hunting Guide:*** *License is valid for one year, beginning on July 1 of each calendar year and expiring on June 30 of the following calendar year.*

AMERICAN HUNTING LEASE ASSOCIATION

4.9 ★★★★★ 620+ Reviews

HUNTING LEASE

INSURANCE

Starting at $260 • Up to 499 acres



- Monthly Policies
- All hunters covered
- Certificates Emailed Instantly
- Up to 7 landowners for free

GET YOUR QUOTE — SCAN ME

800K+ Hunters & Landowners

21.1M+ Acres in the U.S.A.

Protected by the AHLA

(866) 761-5380 • insurance.ahuntinglease.org/louisiana • Fishers, IN

Where Your Adventure Begins



Dream, Explore, Own

CONTACT A PotlatchDeltic | Preferred BROKER

ALABAMA
Farm and Forest Brokers

ARKANSAS
DDK Forestry & Real Estate

ARKANSAS/LOUISANA
United Country - Neeley Forestry Service

GEORGIA
Forest Resources Consultants, Inc.

MISSISSIPPI
Tom Smith Land and Homes

SOUTH CAROLINA
Compass South, Land Sales
Advance Land and Timber

FREE Land Buyers Guide at www.PotlatchDelticLandSales.com/tips32

All properties are owned and listed for sale by indirect subsidiaries of Rayonier Inc. (each, an "Owner"). No property is owned or listed by Rayonier Inc. Price and availability are subject to change without notice, and Owner shall have no obligation to any prospective purchaser with respect to any property until such time as Owner and said prospective purchaser have entered into a legally binding purchase and sale agreement. Owner is not making any representations or warranties regarding the condition of the properties, and no such representations or warranties shall be deemed to be made by Owner unless and until the same are contained in said purchase and sale agreement. No offer to sell will be made, and no sale will be made, to residents in any state in which applicable registration or regulatory requirements have not been met. Void where prohibited by law. Broker participation welcome. Equal Housing Opportunity.

Hunting and recreational fishing E-license may be purchased at LouisianaOutdoors.com. The E-license can be printed using a personal printer for immediate use or saved to an electronic device which is kept in possession while hunting. Methods of payment are Visa, MasterCard, & Discover. A convenience fee is assessed.

LIFETIME LICENSES

LIFETIME LICENSE FEES	Resident	Non-Resident
Lifetime Hunting/Fishing Combo (from birth to age 64; includes deer and turkey tags)	$500	$4,000
Lifetime Senior Hunting/ Fishing Combo (65 and older; includes deer and turkey tags)	$100	$4,000
Non-Resident Lifetime Infant Hunting/Fishing Combo (under 3 yrs old)	n/a	$1,000
Non-Resident Lifetime Hunting/Fishing Combo (3 yrs and older)	n/a	$4,000

Lifetime hunting licenses include basic hunting, deer hunting, waterfowl hunting, turkey hunting, and WMA Access Permit.

Lifetime licenses are available from the Baton Rouge office only. Allow three weeks processing time. Applicants are required to have lived in Louisiana for the immediate 6 months prior to making application to qualify for resident rates. Mandatory documents required with application for applicants under 18 are a copy of a birth certificate and a copy of both parents' drivers licenses. Mandatory documents required with application for anyone 18 and older are a valid LA driver's license issued a minimum of 6 months **and one of the following**:

1. Louisiana voter's registration card
2. Louisiana vehicle registration or
3. Two previous year's state tax filing, stamped by Department of Revenue and Taxation.
4. Documentation required for Non-Resident lifetime licenses.
   - For applicants under 3 yrs old - copy of birth certificate
   - For applicants 3 yrs and older - copy of driver's license

(Applications available at *www.wlf.la.gov/page/special-licenses-and-permits* or by calling 225-765-2887)

LICENSE EXCEPTIONS & EXEMPTIONS

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 person who possesses a military identification card that signifies that he is currently on active duty with any one 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.

Veterans having a permanent service-connected disability classification of 50% or more 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.

VETERAN BONA FIDE RESIDENCY

Effective Aug. 1, 2019, a Louisiana Resident who was honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard, for the purposes of purchasing a fishing/hunting license will be considered a bona fide resident of Louisiana once he/she possess a Louisiana driver's license, or, if not licensed to drive, is in possession of a special identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections under the provisions of R.S. 40:1321

SOCIAL SECURITY, RAILROAD, STATE AND PUBLIC SUBDIVISION DISABILITY RETIREMENT RECIPIENTS

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 Disabled/Special Needs License for $4. Contact the licensing staff at (225) 765-2887 for required documents.

BONA FIDE RESIDENT

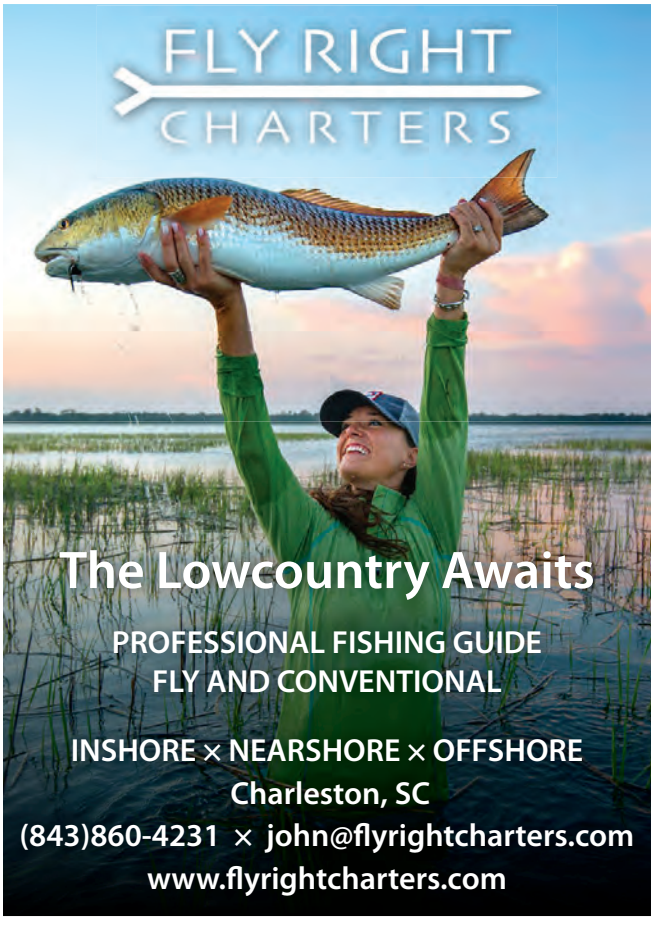
Any person who has resided in this state continuously during the 6 months immediately prior to the date on which he or she applies for any license and who has manifested his or her intent to remain in this state by establishing Louisiana as his or her legal domicile, as demonstrated by compliance with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

NATIVE LICENSES

Native Licenses can be purchased at any vendor location. Upon purchasing, the customer must show a copy of their Louisiana birth certificate every time. However, if you would like to be "certified" as a Native Born in the system, you can send a copy of your Louisiana birth certificate and a copy of your driver's license to the address below. The Licensing section will then "certify" you in the system as a Native Born, and you will be able to purchase any of the Native Licenses online or never have to show your birth certificate when purchasing in person at a vendor location.

To be certified as Native Born, mail a copy of your Louisiana birth certificate and a copy of your driver's license to:
Licensing Section
P O BOX 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898


FLY RIGHT
CHARTERS
The Lowcountry Awaits
PROFESSIONAL FISHING GUIDE
FLY AND CONVENTIONAL
INSHORE × NEARSHORE × OFFSHORE
Charleston, SC
(843)860-4231 × john@flyrightcharters.com
www.flyrightcharters.com


CoolBot
GET CONNECTED · STAY COOL
BUILD YOUR OWN GAME OR MEAT COOLER
• Save $1,000s by building your own walk-in cooler
• Cool a well insulated room down to 34 degrees with a CoolBot and window air conditioner
• Perfect for meat curing and aging
• Over 100,000 units sold in 70 different countries
Go to eregulations.com/coolbot to save $20 on your order!


GAME ON!
Book Your Hunt
ALABAMA BLACK BELT ADVENTURES
www.alabamablackbeltadventures.com
ANSWER THE CALL
in Alabama's Black Belt

GENERAL HUNTING INFORMATION

- A Basic 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 8 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. The minimum age to be hunter education certified is 9 years of age.

- **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** individuals 11 years of age and younger must hunt under direct supervision (as stated above) regardless of being hunter education certified.
- **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 has been issued a hunter education exemption. Application and instructions to apply for this exemption can be found at *www.wlf.la.gov/page/hunter-and-trapper-education*.

For information on scheduling a hunter education course, or to get the phone number for your local hunter education office, please visit our website at *www.wlf.la.gov/page/hunter-and-trapper-education*

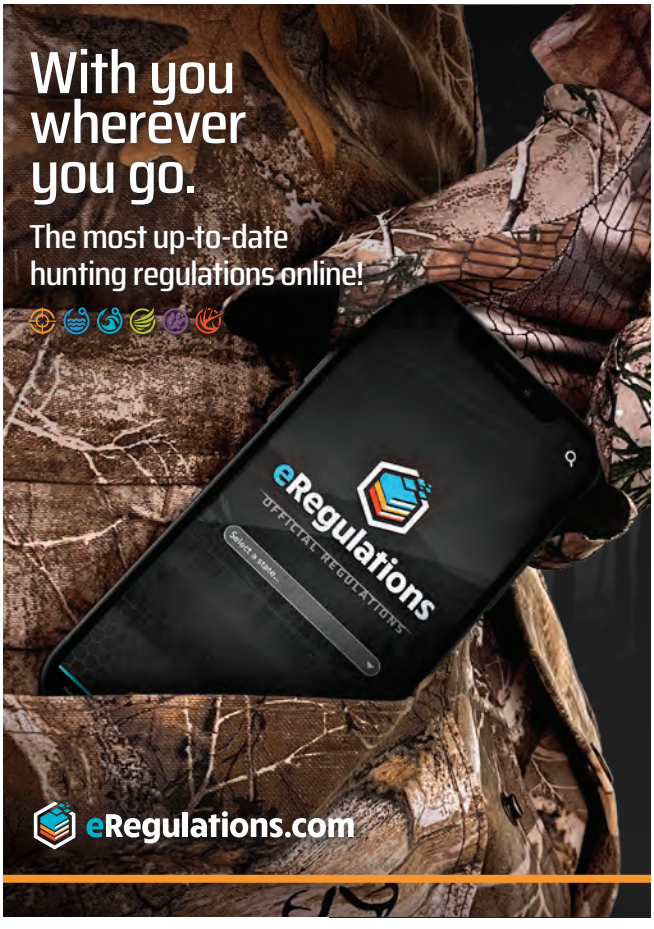
Baker Agri-Forest Properties

A Limited Liability Company

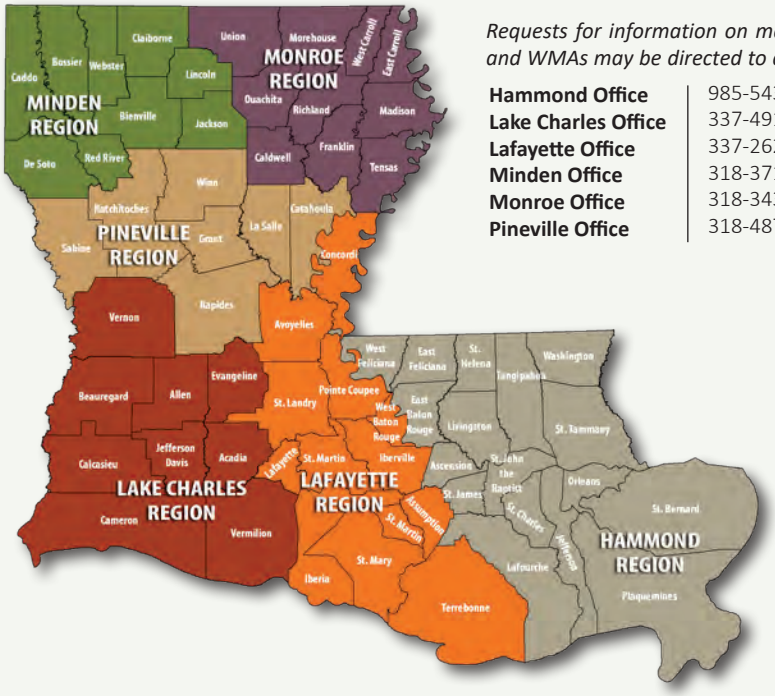
www.bakeragproperties.com

318-473-8751

Specializing in forest, recreation and agricultural properties



LDWF FIELD OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION



Requests for information on maps, technical assistance for landowners, permits and WMAs may be directed to any Field Office.

Hammond Office	985-543-4777	15449 W. Club Deluxe Rd., Hammond LA 70403
Lake Charles Office	337-491-2575	1025 Tom Watson Rd., Lake Charles, LA 70615
Lafayette Office	337-262-2080	200 Dulles Dr., Lafayette, LA 70506
Minden Office	318-371-3050	9961 Hwy 80, Minden LA 71055
Monroe Office	318-343-4044	368 CenturyLink Dr., Monroe LA 71203
Pineville Office	318-487-5885	1995 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA 71360

LDWF ENFORCEMENT OFFICES

For specific information on rules and regulations, contact your local Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Office.

Baton Rouge	225-765-2999
Lafayette	337-262-2080
Lake Charles	337-491-2580
Minden	318-371-3049
Monroe	318-343-2417
New Orleans	504-284-2023
Pineville	318-487-5634
Thibodaux	985-447-0821

RMA OUTFITTERS

RMA OUTFITTERS MISSOURI

Affordable Trophy Whitetail Hunts in N.W. Missouri!



Welcome to RMA Outfitters in NW Missouri!
Come harvest the buck of a lifetime with us! (free range)
Call for info: Ray 305-606-1611
Insta: @rma_outfitters

www.rmaoutfitters.com

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

2026 UPDATES: Important Deer Regulation Information

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries continues to monitor and test the state's white-tailed deer herd for chronic wasting disease (CWD). In 2022, Louisiana became the 29th state to detect CWD. It had been previously detected in Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi.

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

HELP PREVENT THE IMPORTATION AND SPREAD OF CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Import regulations have been implemented in an effort to reduce the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Louisiana and 43 other states have implemented similar transport regulations in an effort to slow further spread. CWD has been detected in 37 states and five Canadian provinces. Hunters returning to Louisiana can help prevent the spread of CWD by complying with cervid carcass import regulations.

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.

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.

CWD CERVID CARCASS IMPORT & EXPORT 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

LOUISIANA CWD MANAGEMENT ZONE REGULATIONS

Baiting and supplemental feeding is restricted within a LDWF designated CWD Management Zone, **EXCEPT** baiting and feeding may be allowed between Sept. 1 and March 31 under specified conditions within the CWD Management Zone regulations. It is the responsibility of hunters to check their hunting area for bait prior to each hunt. A baited area is an 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 attractant for wild quadrupeds or wild birds via ingestion. The use of approved bait not normally ingested by deer for feral hog trapping will still be allowed.

The export of any cervid carcass or part of a cervid carcass originating within a LDWF designated CWD Management Zone is prohibited, with the above exceptions. In addition, an exemption for intact deer heads from within the CWD Management Zone transported to Louisiana taxidermists for taxidermy purposes in parishes outside of the CWD Management Zone is allowed by waiver and adherence to waiver guidelines.

More information about CWD Management Zone regulations and a map of the current Louisiana CWD Management Zone is available at: *www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/cwd*

WHAT IS CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE?

CWD is a neurodegenerative disease found in most deer species, including but not limited to white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, red deer, moose and caribou. It is infectious, always fatal and there is no treatment. It's part of a group of diseases know as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) and is similar to BSE (mad cow disease) of cattle and scrapie in sheep. These diseases cause irreversible damage to brain tissue which leads to excessive salivation, neurological symptoms, emaciation and death of the animal.

HAS IT BEEN FOUND IN LOUISIANA'S WHITE-TAILED DEER POPULATION?

CWD has been detected in Louisiana. In addition, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas have detected it. The disease has been documented in 37 states and five Canadian provinces. LDWF has been monitoring and testing for CWD since 2002 and has tested approximately 24,500 deer.

WHAT CAUSES CWD AND HOW IS IT SPREAD?

CWD is caused by prions, which are proteins normally found in the body that have mutated. These prions accumulate in the brain and cause holes to develop in brain tissue. While prions are concentrated in the central nervous system, they can be found within other tissues of the infected animal, including muscle.

CWD is spread through direct deer-to-deer contact or through contact with urine, feces, saliva and body parts of infected deer or infectious materials in the soil. Prions will bind to soil particles once an infected deer carcass has decomposed. Once in a location, the disease is present indefinitely.

WHAT SIGNS DO DEER WITH CWD DISPLAY?

Prions can be shed within 6 months of infection, but it can take one to two years for CWD to incubate and exhibit outward symptoms in the infected animal. Symptoms include emaciation, lethargy, abnormal behavior, and loss of bodily functions. Other signs include excessive salivation, loss of appetite, progressive weight loss, excessive thirst and urination, teeth grinding and drooping ears.

CAN HUMANS CONTRACT CWD?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) there is no evidence that CWD can infect humans. However, the CDC recommends caution in handling venison in the infected region and that deer be tested for CWD before consuming. CWD positive deer should not be consumed by people.

HOW CAN I REPORT A SUSPECT DEER?

You can assist LDWF in disease surveillance by reporting any deer that exhibits CWD symptoms. Suspect deer should be reported to the nearest LDWF field office.

For more information: *www.wlf.la.gov/page/cwd*

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM

Join the largest and fastest growing youth clay target program in the United States!

LDWF has partnered with the Scholastic Clay Target Program to get more Louisiana youth and young adults involved in shotgun shooting sports through an organized team structure.

- The three shooting disciplines are Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays.
- Teams can be schools, scout groups, 4H groups, FFA, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc.





DIVISIONS

Rookie: 5th grade and below

Intermediate: Grades 6-8

Senior: Grades 9-12

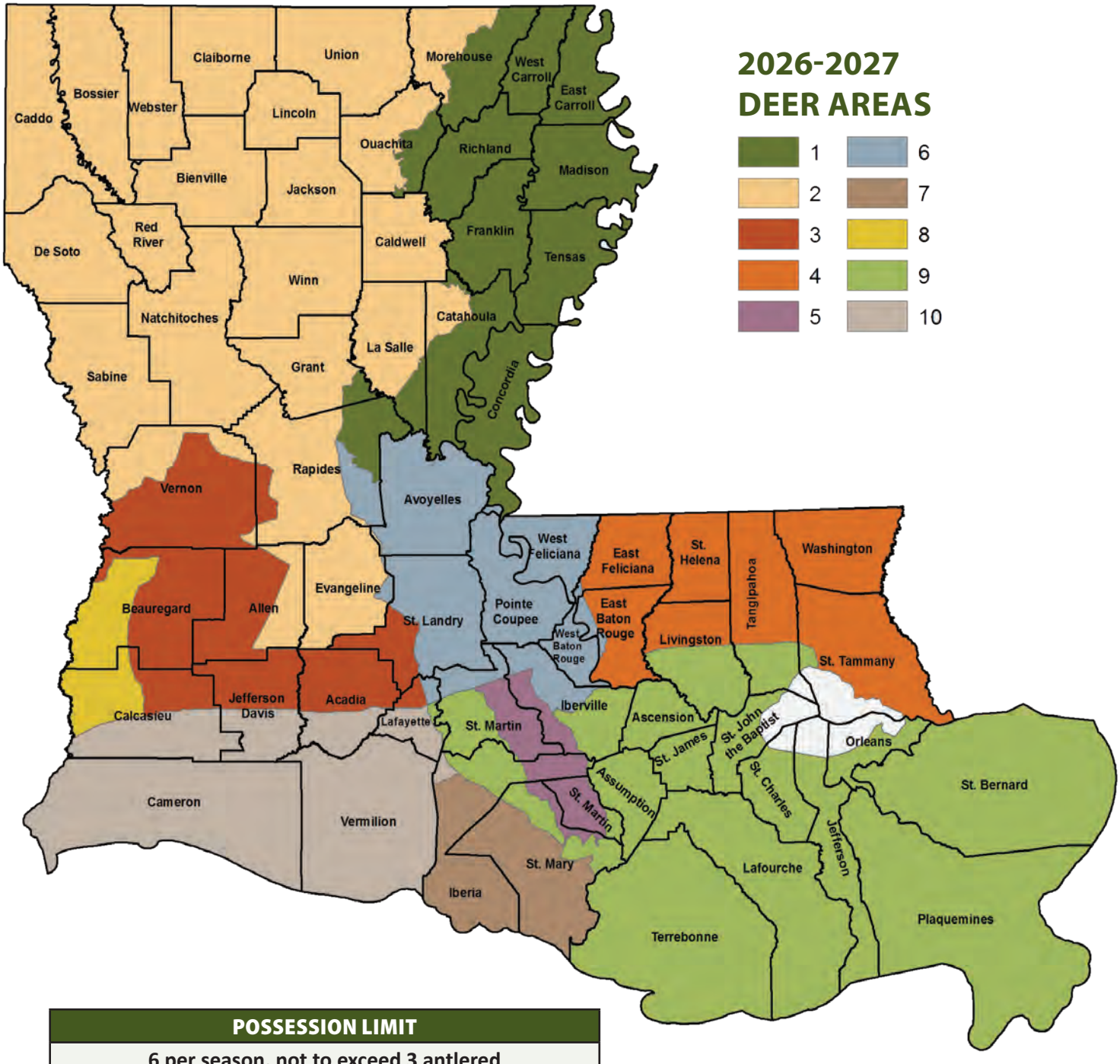
College: Full Time student age 25 and younger

For more information contact
shootingsports@wlf.la.gov

www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/clay-target-program

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	DAILY BAG LIMITS
6 per season, not to exceed 3 antlered OR 4 antlerless per season EXCEPT Deer Area 1 limit 6 per season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 5 antlerless deer), Deer Area 4 limit 4 per season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer), and Deer Area 10 limit 3 per season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer).	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)







ALAS

ARCHERY IN LOUISIANA SCHOOLS

NASP
National Archery in the Schools Program

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES





- **Over $20,000 cash in scholarships awarded in Archery in Louisiana Schools and $50,000 in national scholarships annually.**
- **4th - 12th Grade archery during school.**
- **State Bullseye and 3D competitions annually.**
- **Grants available to schools (including Home School Groups).**

HOW CAN YOUR SCHOOL JOIN?

Email alas@wlf.la.gov

Visit *www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/alas*

Like us on Facebook
ALAS-Archery in Louisiana Schools

Scan Here

DEER HUNTING - AREA 1

DEER AREA 1 SCHEDULE

	Either-Sex	Bucks Only (with or without velvet)
Archery	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	
Archery (Only within the CWD Management Zone)		Sept. 12-20
Primitive Firearms	Nov. 14-20 Jan. 25-31	
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Nov. 21 - Dec. 11 Jan. 4-24	
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 12 - Jan. 3	
Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans	Oct. 31 - Nov. 6	

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

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

HIGH WATER BENCHMARK CLOSURE

Deer hunting in that portion of Madison Parish, east of US-65 and north of the Port Elevator Road, and all lands east of US-65 in East Carroll Parish, will be archery hunting only once the Mississippi River water level at Vicksburg reaches 43.0 feel MSL (flood stage) and will reopen once level recedes below 41.0 fee MSL.

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

DEER AREA 2 SCHEDULE

	Either-Sex	Bucks Only (with or without velvet)
Archery	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	
Archery (Only within the CWD Management Zone)		Aug. 29 - Sept. 6
Primitive Firearms	Oct. 24-30 Jan. 18-24	
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Oct. 31 - Dec. 9	
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 10 - Jan. 17	
Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans	Oct. 10-16	

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.


LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AGENTS ASSOCIATION
Since 1972
SUPPORTLWAA.ORG
LWAA IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS
THE ENFORCEMENT AGENTS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
BY SCANNING BELOW
Supporter
LWAA


THE SHARPEST
REPLACEABLE BLADES ON THE MARKET
SHOP NOW
HAVALON.COM
HAVALON®
KNIVES
NEVER LOSE YOUR EDGE™

DEER HUNTING - AREA 3

DEER AREA 3 SCHEDULE	
	Either-Sex
Archery	Sept. 19 - Jan. 15
Primitive Firearms	Oct. 10-16 Jan. 4-10
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Oct. 17 - Nov. 29
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Nov. 30 - Jan. 3
Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans	Sept. 26 - Oct. 2

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN	
Acadia	North of I-10
Allen	South of LA 10 eastward to US 165 at Oakdale, West of US 165 at Oakdale southward to US 190 at Kinder, south of US 190 at Kinder eastward to parish line.
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

DEER AREA 4 SCHEDULE	
	Either-Sex
Archery	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31
Primitive Firearms	Nov. 14-20 Jan. 25-31
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Nov. 21 - Dec. 11 Jan. 4-24
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 12 - Jan. 3
Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans	Oct. 31 - Nov. 6

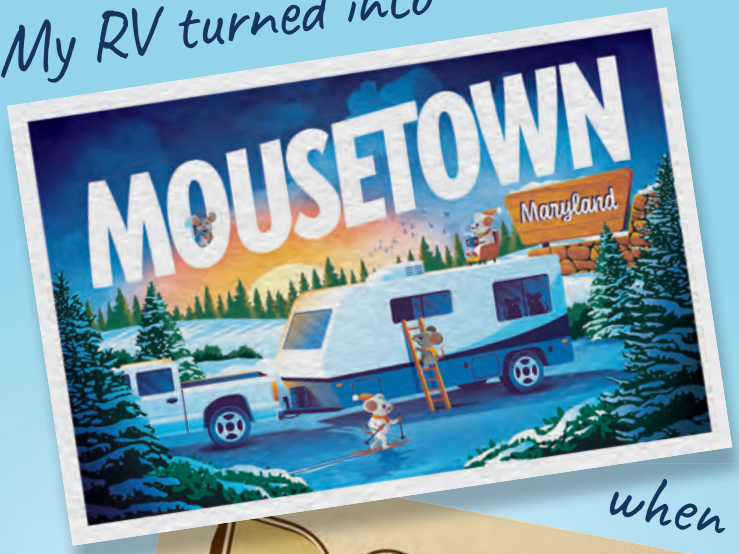
ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

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.
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.

My RV turned into



when I left the



open, causing a



Good thing we're protected by Progressive, a leader in RV insurance with over 1 million RVs insured.

1-800-PROGRESSIVE / PROGRESSIVE.COM

PROGRESSIVE®

Quote RV insurance in as little as 4 minutes

Progressive Casualty Insurance Co. & affiliates. RV includes both Travel Trailer and Motor Home.

DEER HUNTING - AREA 5

DEER AREA 5 SCHEDULE		
	Either-Sex	Bucks Only
Archery (Either-sex, unless a Bucks Only season is in progress)	Oct. 16 - Feb. 15	Oct. 1-15
Primitive Firearms	Nov. 14-20	Jan. 25-31
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Nov. 21-22 Nov. 27-29	Nov. 23-26 Nov. 30 - Dec. 11
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 12-13 Dec. 19-20	Dec. 14-18 Dec. 21 - Jan. 24
Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans	Oct. 31 - Nov. 6	

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 (commonly referred to as Crook Chene), 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.



DEER HUNTING - AREA 6

DEER AREA 6 SCHEDULE			
	Either-Sex	Bucks Only	Bucks Only (with or without velvet)
Archery	Oct. 16 - Feb. 15	Oct. 1-15	
Archery (Only within the CWD Management Zone)			Sept. 12-20
Primitive Firearms	Nov. 14-20 Jan. 25-31		
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Nov. 21 - Dec. 11		
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 12 - Jan. 24		
Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans	Oct. 31 - Nov. 6		

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana

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.

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 LA 964, east of LA 964 northward to US 61, north of US 61 westward 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

DEER AREA 7 SCHEDULE	Either-Sex
Archery	Sept. 19 - Jan. 15
Primitive Firearms	Oct. 10-16 Jan. 4-10
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Oct. 17 - Nov. 29
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Nov. 30 - Jan. 3
Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans	Sept. 26 - Oct. 2

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.

DEER HUNTING - AREA 8

DEER AREA 8 SCHEDULE	Either-Sex
Archery	Sept. 19 - Jan. 15
Primitive Firearms	Oct. 10-16 Jan. 4-10
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Oct. 17 - Nov. 29
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Nov. 30 - Jan. 3
Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans	Sept. 26 - Oct. 2

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.

DEER HUNTING - AREA 9

DEER AREA 9 SCHEDULE	Either-Sex	Bucks Only
Archery (Either-sex, unless a Bucks Only season is in progress)	Oct. 16 - Feb. 15	Oct. 1-15
Primitive Firearms	Nov. 14-20	Jan. 25-31
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Nov. 21-22 Nov. 27-29	Nov. 23-26 Nov. 30 - Dec. 11
Firearms (With or Without Dogs)	Dec. 12-13 Dec. 19-20	Dec. 14-18 Dec. 21 - Jan. 24
Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans	Oct. 31 - Nov. 6	

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

DEER AREA 10 SCHEDULE	Either-Sex
Archery	Sept. 19 - Jan. 15
Primitive Firearms	Oct. 10-16 Jan. 4-10
Firearms (Still-Hunt Only)	Oct. 17 - Jan. 3
Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans	Sept. 26 - Oct. 2

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.

DEER TAGGING INFORMATION (2026-2027)

Prior to hunting deer, all deer hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain either carcass or electronic deer tags for the current season. Tags must be in possession when hunting deer. Hunters purchasing licenses online at ***www.wlf.la.gov/page/hunting-licenses-permits-tags*** will be able to print an E-License using a personal printer for immediate use, email or save the licenses purchased to an electronic device which is kept in possession while hunting. Deer tags may only be used by the hunter to whom the tag was issued. Hunters who allow their deer tags to be used by another person, or who use tags issued to another person, are in violation of this Rule and are subject to fines and other administrative penalties, including, but not limited to, the automatic forfeiture of any remaining deer tags for the season for which they are issued.

PROCESS FOR TAGGING DEER

1. Immediately upon harvesting a deer, the hunter must tag the deer with the appropriate carcass or electronic 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 or report the harvest electronically.
3. The hunter must record the date and parish of kill on the carcass tag or report this information electronically.
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 76).
5. Within **72 hours** the hunter must validate the harvest. Hunters may validate deer by utilizing text-to-tag, tagging through the LDWF web portal or the LDWF web portal via LA Wallet or by calling the validation toll free number, **225-267-9998** or using the validation website: ***www.LouisianaOutdoors.com***.

Hunters harvesting deer on DMAP lands should follow the instructions provided to them by LDWF.

REPLACEMENT OF LOST TAGS

Duplicate tags are available to replace lost tags. Tags can be reprinted online at *www.wlf.la.gov/page/hunting-licenses-permits-tags* at no cost. 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.

MAKE YOUR OWN WILD GAME
SUMMER SAUSAGE AND SALAMI.
WE HAVE EVERTHING YOU NEED TO PROCESS
YOUR MEAT INTO DELICIOUS SAUSAGE
RIGHT IN YOUR OWN HOME.



COMPLETE KITS
STARTING AT $13.95

Butcher & Packer Supply
P.O. Box 71748
Madison Heights, Michigan 48071

Call 1-800-521-3188
www.butcher-packer.com



FISHNET CHARTERS
CAPE COD - BUZZARDS BAY
Targeting all species of gamefish • Sea Bass - Stripers - Tautog



508-951-9991 • capt.meltrue@gmail.com
www.captainmeltrue.com

DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

AREAS NOT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED AS OPEN ARE CLOSED.

METHODS OF TAKING DEER

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Basic Hunting License, Deer License (or equivalent combination license) and Deer Tags are required of all persons 18 and older hunting deer. Youth Hunting License and Deer Tags are required of all persons 17 and younger hunting deer. A resident who reaches age 60 between June 1, 2000 and May 31, 2022, may obtain an annual Senior Hunting and Fishing License for the cost of $5.00. *See page 8 for exceptions and exemptions.*

DEFINITIONS

- **Either-sex:** Antlered or antlerless deer.
- **Bucks Only:** Season whereby only Legal Antlered Deer may be harvested.
- **Still Hunting:** Stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s).
- **Legal Antlered Deer:** Deer with at least one visible antler, of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin or antlered bucks with velvet covered antlers 3 inches or longer.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

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

- Using or possessing scents or lures that contain natural deer urine or other bodily fluids while taking, attempting to take, attracting or scouting wildlife, EXCEPT natural deer urine products produced by manufacturers or entities that are actively enrolled and participating in the Responsible Hunting Scent Association or the Archery Trade Association Deer Protection Program, and which products have been tested and certified that no detectable levels of CWD are present, and clearly labeled as such.
- Take or possession of spotted fawns.
- Take of deer with centerfire firearms smaller than .22 caliber, rimfire firearms smaller than .30 caliber, or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or slug. Pre-charged pneumatic devices may be used during the modern firearm season for deer provided that they fire a projectile of at least .30 caliber in diameter and at least 150 grains in weight with a minimum muzzle velocity of 800 feet per second or any combination of bullet weight and muzzle velocity that produces muzzle energy of at least 215 foot pounds of energy. Arrows or bolts used with a pre-charged pneumatic device shall only be used with well sharpened broadhead points and may be used to hunt deer only during modern firearm deer season. Handguns may be used for hunting.
- 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 Floy Ward McElroy WMA and EXCEPT on some Federal Lands where the daily limit is one deer per day (see specific Federal Lands Regulations for details).

THINKING ABOUT **SELLING** YOUR LAND?
WORK WITH THE LAND SPECIALISTS.

CLINT WOOD
Northern Louisiana
c:318.348.0675
o:985.974.2911

BLAKE CHARLES
East Central Louisiana
c:337.945.4061
o:985.974.2911

JON BURTON CHARLES
Southwest Louisiana
c:337.692.7335
o:217.285.9000

DAVE FISHER
Northwest Louisiana
c:337.351.0076
o:217.285.9000

CADE TAYLOR
Southeast Louisiana
c:225.719.0495
o:985.974.2911

BLAKE SHELBY
Northern Louisiana
c:318.366.5913
o:217.285.9000

WHITETAIL PROPERTIES REAL ESTATE
HUNTING | RANCH | FARM | TIMBER
WHITETAILPROPERTIES.COM
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
2025 BEST BROKERAGES
Whitetail Properties Real Estate, LLC DBA Whitetail Properties, DBA Whitetail Properties Real Estate. Licensed in LA - Todd Edwards, Broker.

SEASON LIMIT

Season limit is six, not to exceed three antlered OR four antlerless deer, **EXCEPT** Deer Area 1 season limit is six (not to exceed two antlered or five antlerless deer), **EXCEPT** Deer Area 4 season limit is four (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. Deer Area limits apply to Wildlife Management Areas (*see page 50*).

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

- A Deer or Senior License, whichever is appropriate, is required of all persons hunting deer with primitive firearms during Primitive Firearms Seasons. Persons 17 and under must possess a valid, original youth license. *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 are designed to have projectiles, ball, shot, or bullet, including saboted bullets, loaded exclusively through the muzzle, or the muzzle end of the cylinder chamber and is fired by wheel lock, flintlock, percussion cap or centerfire primer and 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, individuals 65 or older, and disabled veteran licensees or properly licensed disabled hunters that meet the requirements of R.S. 56:3000.H(1,2,3, or 4) 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

CWD MANAGEMENT ZONE

Special archery seasons in Deer Areas 1, 2, and 6 are limited to private lands located within the CWD Management Zones.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- A Deer License or Senior License, whichever is appropriate, is required of all persons hunting deer with archery gear during Archery Seasons. Persons 17 and under must possess a Youth License. *See page 8 for exceptions and exemptions*.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Possession or use of 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, or any sighting device which projects a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target (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.

USE OF DOGS FOR TRAILING AND RETRIEVAL OF DEER

A dog may be used to trail and retrieve mortally wounded deer. **On private lands only**, a licensed hunter or tracker may pursue a deer that was legally shot and mortally wounded during legal hunting hours, after legal hunting hours, and to dispatch the deer if the deer is found alive. The licensed hunter or tracker pursing the mortally wounded deer may utilize lights and a blood-trailing or tracking dog. No more than one dog may be used per tracking party in pursuit of the wounded deer. A second dog may be utilized for the purpose of deer retrieval training. Tracking dogs shall be on a handheld leash or utilize a GPS tracking collar. Any mortally wounded deer, discovered alive, may be dispatched by the licensed hunter or tracker using a centerfire handgun with a barrel no longer than 6 inches, caliber no larger than .45 or smaller than .25.

USE OF DRONES FOR THE RECOVERY OF WOUNDED DEER OR BEAR

An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (drone) may be used for the recovery of a deer or bear, reasonably believed to be mortally wounded by a licensed hunter utilizing legal hunting methods, in the following circumstances: When it can be reasonably concluded that a deer or bear has been mortally wounded and cannot be located after traditional and historical tracking attempts. When the drone pilot and hunter are not in possession of a firearm or weapon that could be used for hunting deer or bear. A drone may only be used for deer or bear recovery outside of legal hunting hours. In no event may a drone be used during legal hunting hours. Drones may only be used to recover deer or bear over private property in which the hunter and drone pilot have permission to be upon.

Drone Requirements and Limitations. A drone must be registered with the FAA to be used for deer or bear recovery. A drone used for the recovery of deer or bear must be capable of using thermal imaging and be equipped with a light source powerful enough to visibly see if a deer or bear is alive, mortally wounded, or dead. A light source may only be used to verify the status of the animal. A drone shall not have any mechanism equipped to make animal calls or noise that could be used to scare or lure deer or bear. A drone may not have any type of mounted weapon system or onboard netting system when used for deer or bear recovery.

Responsibilities of Drone Pilots. A drone pilot shall have Remote Pilot (Part 107) Certificate issued by the FAA. In no event may a drone be used to hunt, harass, chase, drive, flush, attract, pursue, worry, or follow after deer, bear, or other wildlife while undertaking a recovery as contemplated by this Rule. When a deer or bear is located, and it is not immediately apparent that the animal is mortally wounded, the drone pilot may not provide location assistance to the hunter, and the recovery session must be immediately terminated. Providing assistance with a drone to locate a deer that is alive or not reasonably believed to be mortally wounded constitutes hunting and is illegal. If a deer or bear is found dead or mortally wounded, the location and/or coordinates of the deer may be given to the hunter. A drone pilot shall be responsible for their compliance with all matters related to legal property ownership and access. A drone pilot shall be responsible for their compliance with federal and state law, regulations, or guidelines relating to drone flight. Nothing contained in this rule confers any license or authority to a drone pilot to take any action beyond the aforementioned matters detailed herein. At all times, this Rule is subservient and supplemental to federal and state law.

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 a deer has been appropriately tagged and validated, and the proof of electronic or physical tag remains with the carcass, 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.

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 76 and may be used for such purposes*).

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED SEASON ON PRIVATE LAND

Oct. 3-4, 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. 31- Nov. 6
Area 2: Oct. 10-16
Areas 3, 7, 8 & 10: Sept. 26- Oct. 2

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

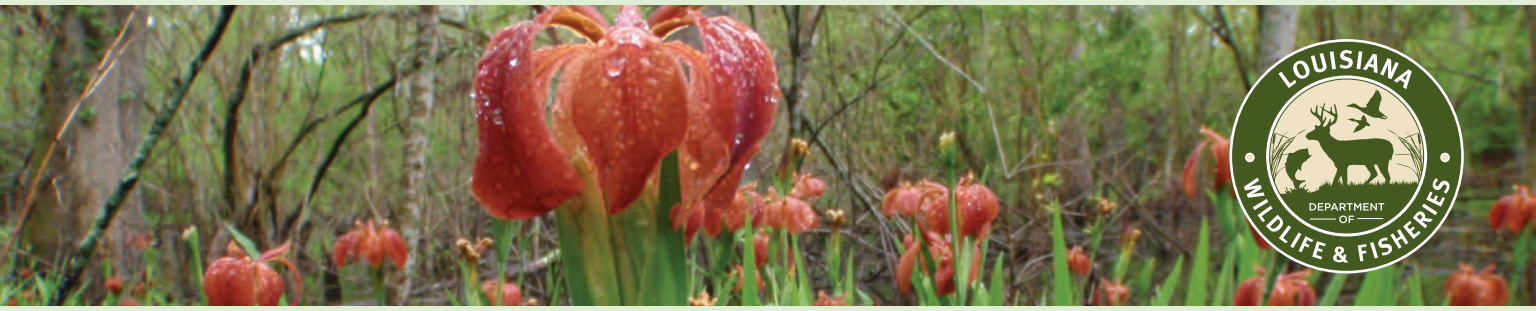
Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Youths must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for youths younger than 16 years of age. Youths must possess a Youth License. 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 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; 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 (*www.wlf.la.gov/page/dmap*). 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.



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.

More information about the Louisiana Natural Areas Registry Program:

WWW.WLF.LOUISIANA.GOV/PAGE/NATURAL-AREAS-REGISTRY

QUADRUPEDS & RESIDENT GAME BIRDS

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.

2026-2027 QUADRUPEDS & RESIDENT GAME BIRDS SCHEDULE

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 21 - Feb. 28	10	30
Rabbit	Oct. 3 - Feb. 28	8	24
Squirrel	Oct. 3 - Feb. 28	8	24
	May 1-23*	3	9
Squirrel youth (Private lands only)**	Sept. 26-27	8	16

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

***NOTE: Select state wildlife management areas and other public lands will be open for youth squirrel hunting (check WMA and public lands season schedules).*

SCHEDULES

BOBCAT

SEASON: Experimental Year Round Season

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- A Basic Hunting License is 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 Hunting 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 Hunting License required of all persons hunting Raccoon and Opossum.
- A Trapping License is required 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.
- Pelting or selling of skins and carcasses outside of the open 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 hunting 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.
  - Legal archery gear
  - Air rifles
  - Shotguns only during daylight hours.
- 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.
- Sale 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

- No daily limit

LEGAL GEAR

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

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 Lafayette field office: 337-262-2080.

CROWS

SEASON: Sept. 1- Jan. 1.

DAILY LIMIT
No limit

PHEASANT

SEASON: Open concurrently with Quail Season.

DAILY LIMIT
No limit

METHODS OF TAKING QUADRUPEDS & RESIDENT GAME BIRDS

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- Basic Hunting License for persons 18 and older is required of all persons hunting quadrupeds and resident game birds. Additional licenses are required for deer and turkey. *See page 8 for exceptions and exemptions.*

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Import, sell, use or possess scents or lures that contain natural deer urine or other bodily fluids, except natural deer urine products produced by manufacturers or entities that are actively enrolled and participating in the Responsible Hunting Scent Association or the Archery Trade Association Deer Protection Program, which has been tested using real-time quaking induced conversion (RT-QuIC) and certified that no detectable levels of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) are present and is clearly labeled as such.
- 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. 56:116.1(B)(3)(a-b)]. 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 muzzle-loading firearm larger than .36 caliber.

LEGAL GEAR

- Legal archery gear or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder 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, raccoons, opossum and outlaw quadrupeds.
- Pre-charged pneumatic devices are legal for taking deer. See page 23 for details.

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 Nutria, Beaver & 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, nutria or beaver during nighttime hours year round. However, no person shall be allowed to participate or be present during nighttime hunting activities if convicted of a class three or greater wildlife violation within the previous five years or if he has any other prohibition which would prevent the legal use of a firearm or participation in a hunting activity. Such taking may be with or without the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or night vision devices. Any person attempting to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria or beaver under the provisions of this paragraph, shall notify the sheriff of the parish in which the property is located of his intention to attempt to take outlaw quadrupeds, nutria or beaver within 24 hours prior to the attempted taking or immediately upon taking the animal.

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 discharging a firearm on or across an open LMV road or LMV road right-of-way.
- Spot-lighting or shining from public roads.

YOU CAN HELP PROTECT THIS ENDANGERED SPECIES!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR WHOOPING CRANES

Juvenile Standing (right): 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 Standing (left): Large (about 5 feet tall) white bird, red head, and black facial markings



Photo by Charles Martin

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

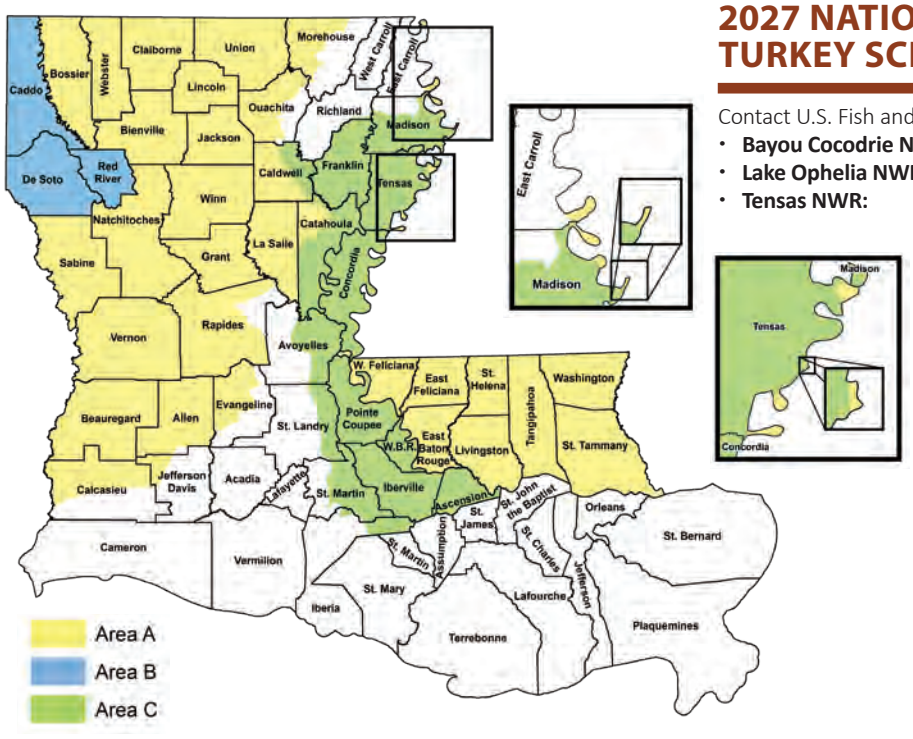
YOU CAN HELP

To report whooping crane sightings in Louisiana please contact Sara Zimorski (LDWF) at 337-536-7006.
Most birds have unique color bands and a transmitter, but not all birds are banded or have transmitters.

www.wlf.la.gov/page/report-a-whooping-crane-sighting-or-violation

TURKEY HUNTING SCHEDULES

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



2027 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE TURKEY SCHEDULES

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

- **Bayou Cocodrie NWR:** March 27-28 (Youth Lottery Only)
- **Lake Ophelia NWR:** March 27 (Youth Lottery Only) and April 3-18
- **Tensas NWR:** March 27-28 (Youth Only) and April 3-11

2027 TURKEY AREA SCHEDULES

Area A: April 3- May 2*

Area B: April 3-25*

Area C: April 3-18*

Youth & Physically Challenged Hunt (*restricted to youth and wheelchair confined physically challenged hunters - Areas A, B and C on private land only*): March 26-28

**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.*

TURKEY HUNTING - AREA A DESCRIPTION

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Claiborne, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Grant, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Natchitoches, Sabine, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Union, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Feliciana, and Winn

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Allen	North of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165 south of Kinder.
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.
East Carroll	That portion east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.
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.
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 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.
Rapides	All west of Red River and north of LA 28 from Pineville, LA east to LaSalle Parish line.
Tensas	That portion east of the main channel of the Mississippi River.

TURKEY HUNTING - AREA B DESCRIPTION

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Caddo, DeSoto and Red River

TURKEY HUNTING - AREA C DESCRIPTION

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

Ascension, Concordia, Franklin, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge

PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING PARISHES ARE OPEN

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
Caldwell	All east of the Ouachita River.
Catahoula	All of the parish **EXCEPT** for that portion located in Area A.
East Carroll	That portion east of the main line levee to the Mississippi River
Iberia	East of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee.
Madison	That portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80, south of US 80 and west of the main channel of the Mississippi River.
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 and 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
Tensas	That portion west of the main channel of the Mississippi River.
Upper St. Martin	All within the Atchafalaya Basin; in addition, that area bounded on the North by LA 352; on the West by LA 349, to LA 3039, to LA 347, to the Catahoula Hwy. (LA 96), to LA 679, to LA 345; and on the south by LA 3242

2027 TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Basic Hunting and Wild Turkey License (or equivalent combination license), and Turkey Tags are required of all persons 18 and older hunting turkey. Youth Hunting License and Turkey Tags are required of all persons 17 or younger hunting turkey. *See page 8 for exceptions and exemptions*.

DAILY LIMIT

One adult gobbler (male turkey) per day. An adult gobbler is defined by having one of the following: wing feathers that have white barring all the way to the tip, tail feathers that are the same length, beard that is longer than 6 inches, or a spur that is at least 1/2 inch long. Properly licensed youth under 18 years of age may take one juvenile male turkey (jake) with a beard less than 6 inches per season.

SEASON LIMIT

Two gobblers (male turkey) per season. Properly licensed youth under 18 years of age may take one juvenile male turkey (jake) with a beard less than 6 inches per season.

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.

IDENTIFYING ADULT GOBBLERS

An adult gobbler has at least one of the following:

1. The beard is longer than 6 inches.



2. Tail feathers are the same length.

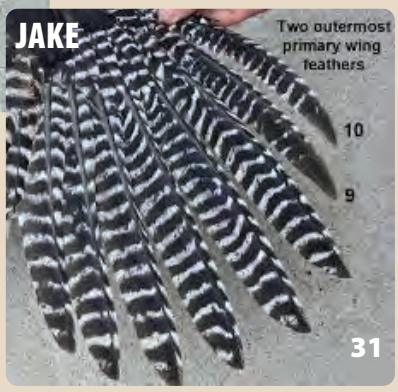




3. A spur is at least 1/2 in long.



4. Wing feathers have white barring all the way to the tip.



- **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).
- Take of juvenile turkeys (except youth may take one juvenile male turkey (jake) per season)
- Use of dogs, baiting, electronic calling devices and live decoys.
- Use of motorized 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.
- At the time of printing this document, a proposed rule prohibiting the use of hunting methods known as fanning or reaping for turkey hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and other public lands is under consideration and may be in effect for the 2027 turkey season. Hunters should check the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) hunting regulations webpage for the most current information and updates: *www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/seasons-and-regulations*.

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 possess a valid, original Youth License. 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 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 either carcass or electronic turkey tags for the current season. Tags must be in possession when hunting turkey. Turkey tags may only be used by the hunter to whom the tag was issued. Hunters who allow their turkey tags to be used by another person, or who use tags issued to another person, are in violation of this Rule and are subject to fines and other administrative penalties, including, but not limited to, the automatic forfeiture of any remaining turkey tags for the season for which they are issued.

PROCESS FOR TAGGING TURKEY

1. Immediately upon harvesting a turkey, the hunter must tag the turkey with the appropriate carcass or electronic 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 or report this information electronically.
3. The hunter must record the date and parish of kill on the carcass tag or report this information electronically.
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 72*).
5. Within **72 hours** the hunter must validate the harvest. Hunters may validate turkey by utilizing text-to-tag, tagging through the LDWF web portal or by calling the validation toll free number, 225-267-9998 or using the validation website: ***www.LouisianaOutdoors.com***.

TURKEY TAGGING PROCEDURE FOR LICENSES PURCHASED VIA INTERNET/MOBILE DEVICE

Hunters purchasing licenses online at *www.wlf.la.gov/page/hunting-licenses-permits-tags* can print an E-License using a personal printer for immediate use, and/or have the option to email or save the licenses purchased to an electronic device which is kept in possession while hunting. **Turkey tags will need to be electronic or printed and in possession while hunting turkey.**

REPLACEMENT OF LOST TAGS

Duplicate tags are available to replace lost tags. Tags can be reprinted online at *www.wlf.la.gov/page/hunting-licenses-permits-tags* at no cost. Hunters that have harvested a turkey tag 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 tags on the duplicate turkey tag license.

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 72 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.

2026-2027 MIGRATORY BIRDS HUNTING SCHEDULE

SHOOTING & HAWKING HOURS

1. **Ducks, geese, teal, rail, gallinule, snipe and woodcock: One-Half Hour before sunrise to sunset, EXCEPT**
   - **Shooting hours for black-bellied whistling duck is sunrise to sunset.**
   - **Shooting hours for snipe at the Spanish Lake Recreation Area in Iberia Parish, including the Conservation Order, shall end at 2 p.m.**
2. **Mourning dove: One-Half Hour before sunrise to sunset.**

2026-2027 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	*North Zone:* Sept. 5-27 Oct. 10 - Nov. 15 Dec. 19 - Jan. 17	*South Zone:* Sept. 5-20 Oct. 17 - Nov. 29 Dec. 12 - Jan. 10	15 in the aggregate	45 in the aggregate
Woodcock	Dec. 18 - Jan. 31		3	9
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon)	Sept. 19-27		6	18
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	Oct. 3-11		4	12
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 19-27 Nov. 7 - Jan. 6		15 in the aggregate	45 in the aggregate
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 19-27 Nov. 7 - Jan. 6		25 in the aggregate	75 in the aggregate
Gallinules	Sept. 19-27 Nov. 7 - Jan. 6		15	45
Snipe	Oct. 31 - Jan. 10 Jan. 25 - Feb. 28		8	24
Canada Geese*	*East Zone:* Nov. 14 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Feb. 7	*West Zone:* Nov. 14 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Feb. 7	1	3
Light Geese (Snow, Blue and Ross')			20	None
White-fronted Geese			3	9
Conservation Order for Light Geese (Snow, Blue and Ross')	*East Zone:* Dec. 7-18 Feb. 8 - March 7	*West Zone:* Dec. 7-18 Feb. 8 - March 7	No bag or possession limit. See "Geese" section for more detail	
Falconry for Ducks	*East Zone:* Nov. 5-20 Dec. 7-18	*West Zone:* Nov. 5-13 Dec. 7-18 Jan. 25-31	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. 1 - Jan. 31			
Falconry for Woodcock	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31			
Extended Falconry for Mourning Doves	Sept. 21 - Oct. 7			
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	*East Zone:* Nov. 14 and Feb. 6 (Youth and Veterans only) Nov. 21 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Jan. 31	*West Zone:* Nov. 7 and Jan. 30 (Youth and Veterans only) Nov. 14 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Jan. 24	See Ducks, Coots and Mergansers section for more details	



LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

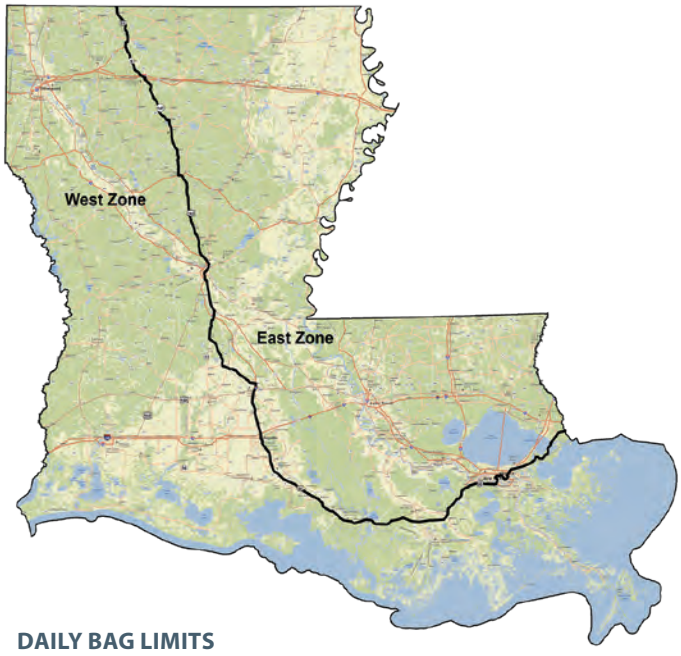
LDWF Private Lands Program

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 11*) to receive assistance.

WATERFOWL AND GOOSE HUNTING ZONES

West: That portion of the state between the Texas State line and the line going south on LA Hwy 79 from the Arkansas border to Homer; then south on LA 9 to Arcadia; then south on LA 147 to Hodge; then south on US 167 to Lafayette; then south and east on US Hwy 90 to the Mississippi state line.

East: Remainder of state.



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.

VETERANS WATERFOWL HUNT DAYS

Restricted to persons who served in the active military, naval, or air service who were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable, and members of the Armed Forces on active duty including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training). Veterans and active duty military personnel must possess a valid proof of service such as DD214 form, Active Military ID, Retired Military ID, Veterans Administration ID, or Veteran designation on their Driver's License, as well as mandatory waterfowl hunting license(s), HIP certification, and federal duck stamp to participate on these hunt days.

DAILY BAG LIMITS

- **Ducks:** Daily bag limit on ducks is 6 and may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 females), 3 wood ducks, 2 canvasbacks, 2 redheads, 1 black duck and 3 pintails (no more than 1 female). Only 1 scaup may be taken for the first 15 days of the season with 2 per day allowed for the remainder. No mottled ducks may be taken for the first 15 days of the season with 1 per day allowed for the remainder. Daily bag limits for scaup and mottled ducks during youth and veterans hunting days are 0 mottled ducks and 1 scaup if before the regular season, 1 mottled duck and 2 scaup if after the regular season.
- **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.

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCKS

Hunters participating in the black-bellied whistling duck season (Oct. 3–11) are required to possess a **Black-bellied Whistling Duck Hunting Permit** and must complete mandatory reporting of effort and harvest between Oct. 12-26. Report BBWD effort and harvest at: ***https://louisianaoutdoors.com/bbwd-report***

DAILY BAG LIMITS

Only black-bellied whistling ducks may be taken during the black-bellied whistling duck season (Oct. 3-11). Daily bag limit on black-bellied whistling ducks is 4.

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.

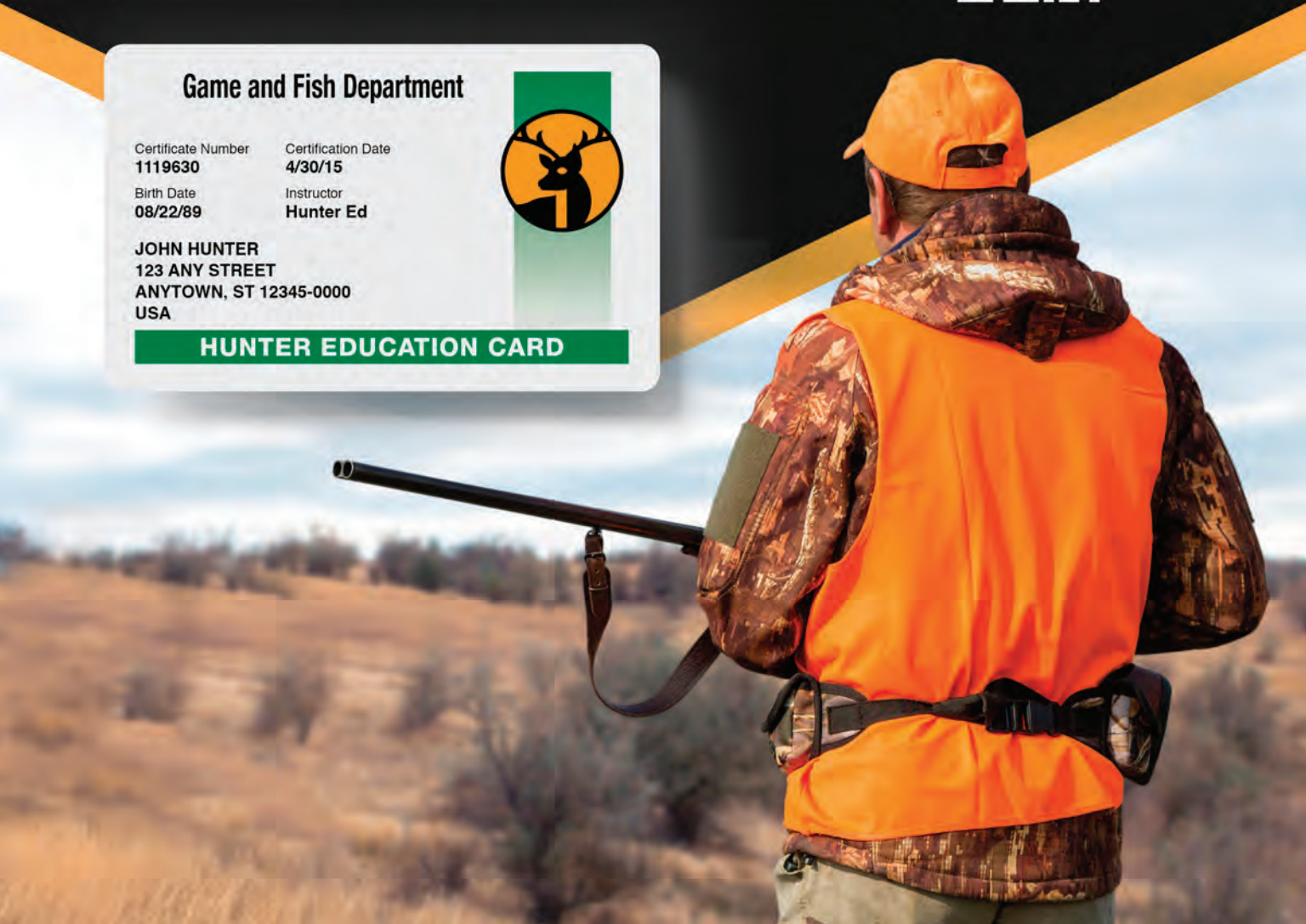
hunter-ed.com®

INTERNATIONAL HUNTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION U.S.A.

The Trusted Path to Certification

Hunter-Ed offers state-approved hunter safety education, built to teach the fundamentals of safety, responsibility, and confidence in the field. It's a trusted path to certification and a critical first step before the next season begins.

Start Your Certification Today at hunter-ed.com



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 begin one-half hour before sunrise and extend 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 America, then west along the shoreline of the Gulf of America 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.

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.usgs.gov/centers/pwrc/science/bird-banding-laboratory*) 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 telephone number, 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.usgs.gov/centers/pwrc/science/bird-banding-laboratory* 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.









ilearntohunt™

INTERNATIONAL HUNTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION U.S.A.

YOUR FIRST STEP TO THE FIELD IS CERTIFICATION

ilearntohunt offers a state-approved hunter education course with an interactive experience that helps you stay engaged, learn what matters, and complete your certification before your first hunt.

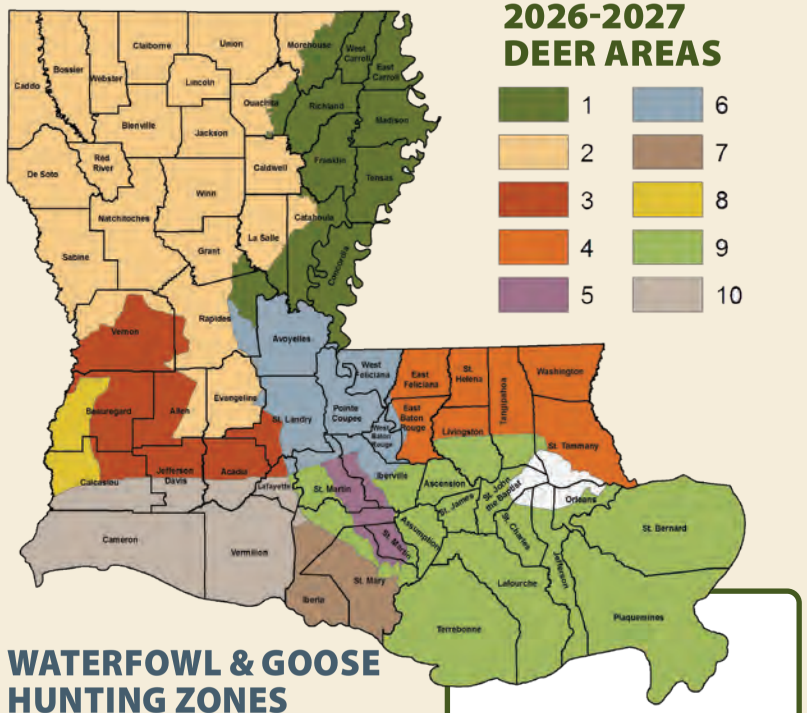
Enroll Today at ilearntohunt.com



2026-2027 LOUISIANA HUNTING SCHEDULES

For more information and precise hunting regulations, please refer to the 2026-2027 LDWF Hunting Regulation pamphlet.

2026-2027 DEER AREAS



WATERFOWL & GOOSE HUNTING ZONES



DEER POSSESSION LIMIT: 6 per season, not to exceed 3 antlered OR 4 antlerless per season EXCEPT Deer Area 1 limit 6 per season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 5 antlerless deer), Deer Area 4 limit 4 per season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer), and Deer Area 10 limit 3 per season (not to exceed 2 antlered or 2 antlerless deer).

DEER DAILY BAG LIMITS: 1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)

2026-2027 DEER HUNTING SCHEDULE

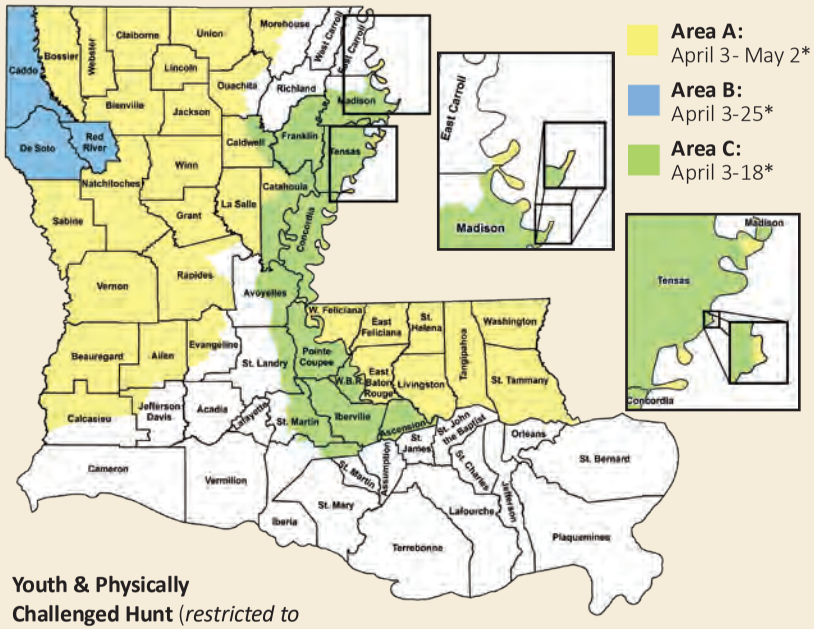
AREA	ARCHERY	ARCHERY (only within the CWD Management Zone)	PRIMITIVE FIREARMS	FIREARMS (Still-hunt only)	FIREARMS (With or w/o dogs)
1	*Either-sex:* Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	*CWD Zone Bucks Only (with or without velvet):* Sept. 12-20	*Either-sex:* Nov. 14-20 Jan. 25-31	*Either-sex:* Nov. 21 - Dec. 11 Jan. 4-24	*Either-sex:* Dec. 12 - Jan. 3
2	*Either-sex:* Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	*CWD Zone Bucks Only (with or without velvet):* Aug. 29 - Sept. 6	*Either-sex:* Oct. 24-30 Jan. 18-24	*Either-sex:* Oct. 31 - Dec. 9	*Either-sex:* Dec. 10 - Jan. 17
3	*Either-sex:* Sept. 19 - Jan. 15	n/a	*Either-sex:* Oct. 10-16 Jan. 4-10	*Either-sex:* Oct. 17 - Nov. 29	*Either-sex:* Nov. 30 - Jan. 3
4	*Either-sex:* Oct. 1 - Jan. 31	n/a	*Either-sex:* Nov. 14-20 Jan. 25-31	*Either-sex:* Nov. 21 - Dec. 11 Jan. 4-24	*Either-sex:* Dec. 12 - Jan. 3
5	Either-sex (*unless a Bucks Only season is in progress*): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15 *Bucks Only:* Oct. 1-15	n/a	*Either-sex:* Nov. 14-20 *Bucks Only:* Jan. 25-31	*Either-sex:* Nov. 21-22 Nov. 27-29 *Bucks Only:* Nov. 23-26 Nov. 30 - Dec. 11	*Either-sex:* Dec. 12-13 Dec. 19-20 *Bucks Only:* Dec. 14-18 Dec. 21 - Jan. 24
6	*Either-sex:* Oct. 16 - Feb. 15 *Bucks Only:* Oct. 1-15	*CWD Zone Bucks Only (with or without velvet):* Sept. 12-20	*Either-sex:* Nov. 14-20 Jan. 25-31	*Either-sex:* Nov. 21 - Dec. 11	*Either-sex:* Dec. 12 - Jan. 24
7	*Either-sex:* Sept. 19 - Jan. 15	n/a	*Either-sex:* Oct. 10-16 Jan. 4-10	*Either-sex:* Oct. 17 - Nov. 29	*Either-sex:* Nov. 30 - Jan. 3
8	*Either-sex:* Sept. 19 - Jan. 15	n/a	*Either-sex:* Oct. 10-16 Jan. 4-10	*Either-sex:* Oct. 17 - Nov. 29	*Either-sex:* Nov. 30 - Jan. 3
9	*Either-sex (unless a Bucks Only season is in progress):* Oct. 16 - Feb. 15 Bucks Only: Oct. 1-15	n/a	*Either-sex:* Nov. 14-20 *Bucks Only*: Jan. 25-31	*Either-sex:* Nov. 21-22 Nov. 27-29 *Bucks Only:* Nov. 23-26 Nov. 30 - Dec. 11	*Either-sex:* Dec. 12-13 Dec. 19-20 *Bucks Only:* Dec. 14-18 Dec. 21 - Jan. 24
10	*Either-sex:* Sept. 19 - Jan. 15	n/a	*Either-sex:* Oct. 10-16 Jan. 4-10	*Either-sex:* Oct. 17 - Jan. 3	n/a

Physically Challenged season on private land (Either-sex): Oct. 3-4
Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans season on private land (Either-sex):
Areas 1, 4, 5, 6 & 9: Oct. 31 - Nov. 6; *Area 2*: Oct. 10-16; *Areas 3, 7, 8 & 10*: Sept. 26 - Oct. 2

DOVE HUNTING ZONES



2027 TURKEY AREA SCHEDULES



Youth & Physically Challenged Hunt (*restricted to youth and wheelchair confined physically challenged hunters - Areas A, B and C on private land only*)**:** March 26-28

**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.*

LDWF FIELD OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION		
	Hammond Office	985-543-4777
	Lake Charles Office	337-491-2575
	Lafayette Office	337-262-2080
	Minden Office	318-371-3050
	Monroe Office	318-343-4044
	Pineville Office	318-487-5885

2026-2027 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	*North Zone:* Sept. 5-27 Oct. 10 - Nov. 15 Dec. 19 - Jan. 17	*South Zone:* Sept. 5-20 Oct. 17 - Nov. 29 Dec. 12 - Jan. 10	15 in the aggregate	45 in the aggregate
Woodcock	Dec. 18 - Jan. 31		3	9
Teal (Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon)	Sept. 19-27		6	18
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	Oct. 3-11		4	12
King and Clapper Rails	Sept. 19-27 Nov. 7 - Jan. 6		15 in the aggregate	45 in the aggregate
Sora and Virginia Rails	Sept. 19-27 Nov. 7 - Jan. 6		25 in the aggregate	75 in the aggregate
Gallinules	Sept. 19-27 Nov. 7 - Jan. 6		15	45
Snipe	Oct. 31 - Jan. 10 Jan. 25 - Feb. 28		8	24
Canada Geese*	*East Zone:* Nov. 14 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Feb. 7	*West Zone:* Nov. 14 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Feb. 7	1	3
Light Geese (Snow, Blue & Ross')			20	None
White-fronted Geese			3	9
Conservation Order for Light Geese (Snow, Blue and Ross')	*East Zone:* Dec. 7-18 Feb. 8 - March 7	*West Zone:* Dec. 7-18 Feb. 8 - March 7	No bag or possession limit. See "Geese" section for more detail	
Falconry for Ducks	*East Zone:* Nov. 5-20 Dec. 7-18	*West Zone:* Nov. 5-13 Dec. 7-18 Jan. 25-31	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. 1 - Jan. 31			
Falconry for Woodcock	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31			
Extended Falconry for Mourning Doves	Sept. 21 - Oct. 7			
Ducks, Coots and Mergansers	*East Zone:* Nov. 14 & Feb. 6 (Youth and Veterans only) Nov. 21 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Jan. 31	*West Zone:* Nov. 7 & Jan. 30 (Youth and Veterans only) Nov. 14 - Dec. 6 Dec. 19 - Jan. 24	See Ducks, Coots and Mergansers section for more details	

2026-2027 QUADRUPEDS & RESIDENT GAME BIRDS SCHEDULE

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Quail	Nov. 21 - Feb. 28	10	30
Rabbit	Oct. 3 - Feb. 28	8	24
Squirrel	Oct. 3 - Feb. 28	8	24
	May 1-23*	3	9
Squirrel Youth**	Sept. 26-27	8	16

**Spring squirrel season is CLOSED on the Kisatchie National Forest, some national wildlife refuges, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property and some state WMAs (check WMA season schedule in 2026-2027 LDWF Hunting Regulations pamphlet).*
***NOTE: Select state wildlife management areas and other public lands will be open for youth squirrel hunting (check WMA and public lands season schedules).*

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 *www.ecfr.gov/current/title-50/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-20* 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,



VISIT LDWF PUBLIC RANGES

Discover the thrill of shooting sports - whether you are a first-time shooter or a seasoned marksman



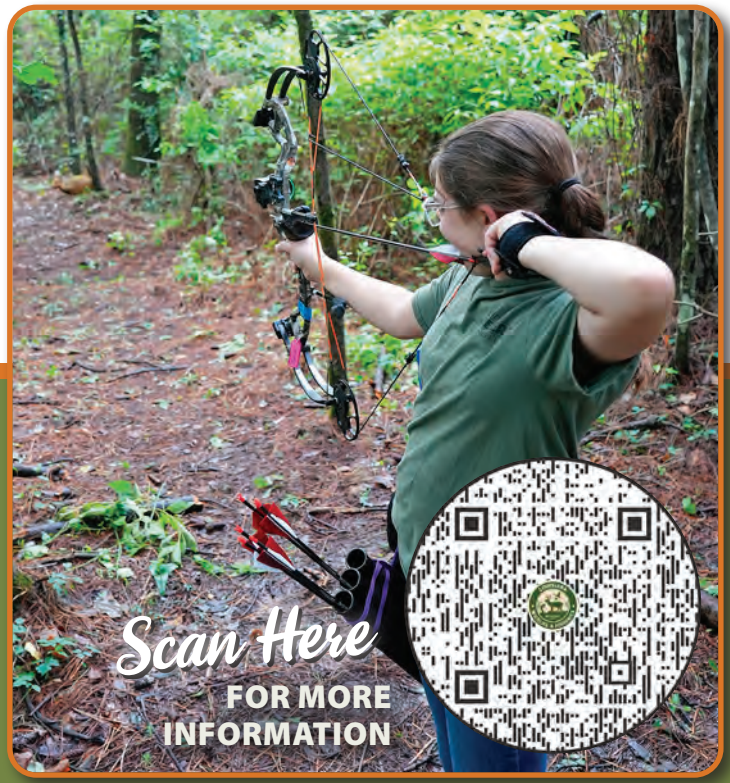


WHAT WE OFFER

- Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun Ranges
- Archery Ranges and Bow Hunting Practice
- Safety Courses and Introductory Firearm Training
- Family-friendly Atmosphere

WHY VISIT?

- Safe, welcoming environment
- Expert Range Safety Officers
- Great for groups, friends and families
- Support Louisiana's shooting sports community



MORE INFORMATION

SPECIAL EVENTS

- National Hunting and Fishing Day
- Top Shot Challenges
- Youth and Women Shooting Programs

Call today or visit online to learn more
www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/shooting-ranges

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.



Manulife
Investment Management

Manulife Investment Management offers *exclusive* hunting opportunities on nearly 1 million acres[1] of the *sustainable* timberlands we manage across Texas and Louisiana.

We believe that providing recreational opportunities on these lands can enrich our communities, while also serving to manage wild game populations.

1 As of September 30, 2023. This is not intended nor should be construed as an offer to buy or sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy or sell any security or to participate in an investment strategy.

©2023 Manulife Investment Management. All rights reserved. Manulife Investment Management is a trade name of Manulife Investment Management Limited (formerly named Manulife Asset Management Limited) and The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company.

Register your account now for more information
hancockrecreation.com

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 76 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 required to be licensed to hunt migratory birds must have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification and must possess proof of HIP certification while hunting. Migratory birds include mourning and white-winged doves, snipe, woodcock, rails, gallinules, ducks, geese and coots. If you are 17 and under you do not need a HIP certification. You must get HIP certified in every state you hunt migratory birds. The HIP certification can be obtained online at *www.wlf.la.gov/page/hunting-licenses-permits-tags* or at LDWF Baton Rouge headquarters.
- Persons 16 years of age and older who hunt ducks and geese must have a Migratory Bird Hunting Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp).
- Persons 18 years and older hunting ducks, geese and coots must have a basic and state waterfowl license or an equivalent combination licenses that grants those privileges and must have the license(s) in their possession when hunting. (*see page 6 for license details*)
- The Federal Electronic Duck Stamp allows customers to buy Federal Duck Stamps online for immediate use. The stamp will be valid from the time of purchase through the end of season in June 2027. The customer can either download the stamp to their phone or print out the receipt when making the purchase. No physical stamps will be sent out before March 10, 2027 per the New Modernization Act Law.

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 11*).

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE LICENSE PLATES



Your purchase of a wildlife license plate helps fund wildlife management and research

Any citizen of Louisiana can purchase a wildlife license plate when registering their vehicle, or if you have already registered your vehicle and would like to order a wildlife license plate go online to: ***expresslane.dps.louisiana.gov/SpecialPlatesPublic/SpecialPlates1.aspx***

QUALITY MANAGEMENT STARTS HERE.



FORESTRY CONSULTING

- Long-term land and timber management
- Timber sale administration
- Forest inventories and marketing
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping
- Wildlife management services



HUNTING LEASES and LAND SALES

Need a place to get away and enjoy the outdoors? RoyOMartin offers recreational leases.

With nearly 550,000 acres of responsibly-managed forests across Louisiana, it's easy to find a property that suits your needs.

Visit us online to find your sportsman's paradise!

Since 1923
RoyOMartin®

royomartin.com
800.299.5175

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).



THAT'S WHAT WE PROVIDE.

More than 3 million acres of Louisiana forests are managed in compliance with the principles of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®). We are meeting the demand for wood and paper products, while expertly managing the world's most renewable resource and protecting the environment. SFI®is globally recognized and supported by conservation and sportsmen's groups.

LOUISIANA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE

www.sfiprogram.org

Need lease liability insurance? visit *www.laforestry.com*

STAND FOR FORESTRY℠

2026-2027 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 must possess a WMA Access Permit.
- Users 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.
- All privately owned property which is completely surrounded by a wildlife management area shall be subject to all state hunting and fishing provisions, including those provisions regarding seasons. Such private property shall not be subject to the special hunting and fishing provisions which govern the wildlife management area, except that deer may not be taken with the aid of dogs. However, the owner or lessee of such property shall be required to participate in the deer management assistance program provided for in R.S. 56:110. In addition, the owner or lessee of such property shall not be allowed to hunt, trap or take resident game by the aid of baiting or placing bait intended to attract or entice the resident game to the area where hunters are attempting to take them.
- Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.
- Use of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) on WMAs is prohibited.
- Disorderly conduct or hunting under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.
- Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs and non-game 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, nuts, mushrooms, berries, wild greens and American lotus seeds and pods 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.
- Deer seasons are for legal antlered deer unless otherwise specified.
- Turkey seasons are closed 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.
- Unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas, refuges or limited access areas, is prohibited unless otherwise specified.
- Operating, modifying, tampering with or altering water control structures is prohibited.
- For your safety ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are restricted. Access 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).
- Trail cameras (also known as game cameras) are prohibited during turkey season.
- At the time of printing this doucment, a proposed rule prohibiting the use of hunting methods known as fanning or reaping for turkey hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and other public lands is under consideration and may be in effect for the 2027 turkey season. Hunters should check the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) hunting regulations webpage for the most current information and updates: *www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/seasons-and-regulations*.
- Any person entering or utilizing a LDWF designated shooting range must comply with posted range rules and Range Safety Officer (if present) commands.
- All of Manchac and certain areas on Bayou Macon, Bodcau, Boeuf, Buckhorn, Dewey W. Wills, Richard K. Yancey and Russell Sage WMAs: Operation of internal combustion engine powered vessels prohibited 12 noon- 4 a.m. from Nov. 1- Jan 31. See WMA map for locations.

PERMITS

WMA ACCESS PERMIT

A WMA Access Permit shall be required for use of LDWF- administered lands including wildlife refuges, wildlife management areas (WMAs) and wildlife conservation areas (WCAs). WMA access permits are not required for persons only traveling through the LDWF-administered lands provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.

- Persons 17 years of age and under are exempt from this requirement.
- A WMA Access Permit is not required for motorists/boaters traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.
- The WMA Access Permit is included in the Lifetime, Louisiana Sportsman's and Senior Hunt/Fish licenses.

SELF-CLEARING PERMITS

A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES on WMAs. ***Please see page 52 for information about the Self-Clearing App.***

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

- All persons must obtain a Self-Clearing Permit from a Self-Clearing Permit Station or check in/out electronically through the LDWF Self-Clearing Permit app/Internet Web portal. If checking in through a Self-Clearing Permit Station **check-in** portion **must** be completed and put in a permit box **before** each day's activity on the day of the activity. 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
- 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/boaters 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, Bayou Pierre, Big Colewa Bayou, Buckhorn, Clear Creek, Fort Polk-Vernon (*formerly Fort Johnson-Vernon*), Sandy Hollow, Sherburne and West Bay WMAs. Check WMA hunting schedules or call LDWF Field Offices for additional information.

SPECIAL SEASONS AND LOTTERY HUNTS

ONLINE LOTTERY APPLICATIONS
Lottery hunt applications will only be available online at *www.wlf.la.gov/page/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, **EXCEPT** on Sandy Hollow WMA Youth Dove Hunt (see specific WMA Schedule for details). 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 or who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a firearm and hunter education course approved by the department, this requirement is waived for youths. Additionally, any youth participating in the hunt shall have in their immediate possession a Youth License. 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): Alexander State Forest, Buckhorn, Dewey W. Wills, Floy Ward McElroy, Pointe-Aux-Chenes, Richard K. Yancey, and Sherburne WMAs. Online lottery applications must be returned no later than Aug. 31 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. 26-27.

MOURNING DOVE: 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, Bodcau, Hutchison Creek, J.C. Sonny Gilbert, Lake Ramsey Savannah, Pearl River, and Tangipahoa Parish School Board.

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 (*formerly Fort Johnson-Vernon*), Fort Polk North (*formerly Fort Johnson-North*), Sandy Hollow, Tunica Hills, and West Bay. Online lottery applications must be returned no later than Feb. 8 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: Sherburne WMA. Online lottery applications must be submitted no later than Sept. 30 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, Richard K. Yancey, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne and West Bay. Contact Field Offices for permit application and map of specific hunting area.

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): Sherburne WMA. Visit www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts to apply online.

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): Bogue Chitto, Clear Creek, J.C. Sonny Gilbert, Pearl River, Sabine, Tunica Hills and West Bay WMAs. Visit www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts to apply online. Only one turkey per hunter is allowed to be taken during lottery hunts.

DOVE: Elbow Slough only (reference individual WMA listings for dates). Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts to apply online.

TRAPPING

Consult 2026-2027 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, two per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open hunting season on WMAs.

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

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

SELF-CLEARING PERMIT APP

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife Management Area System makes public lands available for recreation across the state. The Self Clearing Permit App allows WMA users to complete the required self-clearing permit process from their mobile device. While physical self-clearing permit stations are available on our WMAs, LDWF offers this convenient mobile option to provide easy compliance with the self-clearing permit process.



TO DOWNLOAD FOR ANDROID OR iPHONE

ANDROID APP ON Google play

Available on the iPhone App Store

This application features a convenient, organized, dropdown interface from which users may check in and out when they visit a wildlife management area.

FOR LINKS TO DIRECTLY DOWNLOAD THE APP, PLEASE VISIT
www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/wmas-refuges-and-conservation-areas

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, Bodcau, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, John Franks, Marsh Bayou, Pomme de Terre, Richard K. Yancey, Russell Sage, Sandy Hollow, Sherburne, Tunica Hills and Walnut Hill WMAs. See individual WMA schedules for details.

BIRD DOG TRAINING AREA

Bird Dog Training Area (BDTA) Rules and Regulations Summary
Bird dog training areas (BDTA) are established on select wildlife management areas (WMA) to afford users an opportunity to train recognized breeds of pointing dogs, spaniels, and retrievers with live released birds. All dogs must wear a collar or tag imprinted with the name and phone number of the owner or trainer. The BDTA is not intended to serve as a hunting preserve. BDTA boundaries are marked with signs and/or paint.

General Rules:

- Each person using the BDTA for dog training must have a valid self-clearing permit in his/her possession while engaged in dog training on the BDTA. Said permit must indicate the number and species of birds released for training purposes in the comments section.
- Only bobwhite quail, mallards or pigeons may be released within the boundaries of the BDTA for dog training activities (use of pigeons and mallards may be prohibited on specific BDTAs). When WMA/public land hunting seasons are closed, only bobwhite quail, mallards and pigeons may be taken and possessed.
- No more than 6 quail or mallards per day may be released, taken, or possessed per permittee. Wild quail may be taken on the BDTA at any time the BDTA is open to dog training and must be included in the 6-bird limit. There is no limit on the number of pigeons that may be taken, released, or possessed. All mallards must be toe-clipped, or fitted with a seamless band, or otherwise marked in accordance with federal regulations. Pigeons are not required to be banded. Persons in possession of live bobwhite quail or mallards must have a valid game breeders license or bill of sale from a licensed game breeder.
- When the WMA/public land hunting seasons are closed, only shotguns with shells containing shot not larger than lead size 8 or steel size 6 are permitted on the BDTA. Mallards may only be taken with steel or other approved non-toxic shot. Firearms must be encased or broken down upon entering and leaving the BDTA when the WMA hunting seasons are closed. Pistols capable of firing only blanks are also permitted.
- Persons engaged in dog training on BDTAs during WMA hunting seasons must comply with WMA/public land hunter orange requirements.
- See individual WMA hunting schedule for season/BDTA open dates.

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, individuals 65 or older, and disabled veteran licensees or properly licensed disabled hunters that meet the requirements of R.S. 56:3000.H (1,2,3, or 4) may use any legal weapon during the primitive firearms season on WMAs (*Refer to Legal Gear for Primitive Firearms Season on page 22*).

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 **EXCEPT** Floy Ward McElroy 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 2 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 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.
- Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited **EXCEPT** for quail hunting or as otherwise specified. Horse-drawn conveyances are prohibited.





Rayonier™
Hunting & Rec

DON'T MISS YOUR SHOT AT NEXT SEASON

Know About New Hunting Properties Before Anyone Else

Find out how to get your land. Visit **Rayonierhunting.com**





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."

FIREARMS

- Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber and crossbows cocked in the ready position are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, ATCs, WMA check stations, or in camping areas on WMAs. Rifles, shotguns, pre-charged pneumatic devices, 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 permitted pursuant to R.S. 56:109(C) and for purposes of transport pursuant to 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. Any person who meets the qualifications of R.S. 14:95(M) may possess handguns 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.
- Hunting with the following firearms or ammunition on any WMA is prohibited, except during modern or primitive firearm deer season, or a firearm season established on any WMA for feral hogs.
  - Centerfire rifles
  - Centerfire break-action and centerfire bolt action handguns, centerfire scoped handguns, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel
  - Pre-charged pneumatic rifles approved for deer hunting
- Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified.
- Any person entering or utilizing a LDWF designated shooting range must comply with posted range rules and Range Safety Officer (if present) commands.
- 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.

CAMPING

- A WMA Camping Permit is required for each camping party utilizing a LDWF-operated campground on a WMA. A camping party is defined as one to five individuals 18 or older. If any camping group is over five individuals 18 or older, then multiple WMA Camping Permits are required. Youths 17 and younger are exempt from the WMA Camping Permit requirement. The WMA Camping Permit(s) or camping permit number shall be displayed at each camping party's campsite. A campsite is defined as any tent, RV, camper, vehicle or site occupied within a campground or vessel/houseboat moored adjacent to a campground.
- Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, vessels, 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 during a 30-day period) 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 and vessels utilized for recreational activities are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs **EXCEPT** on stream banks adjacent to designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. Houseboats and vessels 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 five-year bid lease program. Contact the Lafayette 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.
- Only hunting dogs are allowed in WMA camping areas.

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.
- 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. This provision does not apply to properly licensed and insured charter fishing guides operating on WMAs unless specifically prohibited on WMAs identified by the Department. Any person performing for-hire fishing guide activity within a WMA shall possess a valid state charter boat fishing guide license, a valid captain's license issued by the United States Coast Guard, proof of commercial marine insurance, a valid state recreational fishing license that grants fishing privileges appropriate for his charter activity, and a valid state WMA Access Permit. Additionally, charter fishing guides and crew members shall not retain a bag limit while engaged in for-hire fishing guide activity within a WMA. Charter fishing guides and crew may engage in fishing activity to assist passengers to catch, retrieve, or land, or to demonstrate to passengers how to catch.

VEHICLES

ATV (definition): An All-Terrain Vehicle is a wheeled or tracked off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) 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, wheeled or tracked, not legal for highway use, designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four or more low-pressure tires not to exceed the following: weight- 1900 lbs; length- 128 inches; width- 68 inches. UTV tires are restricted to those no larger than 27 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, and **EXCEPT** type A personal water craft, model year 2003 and beyond, which are eight feet in length and greater, may be operated within WMAs, **EXCEPT** Bussey Brake WMA, 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, and **EXCEPT** airboats are allowed on designated waterways within Maurepas Swamp WMA. See WMA map for details. 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 or 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.
- Operation of electric bicycles off of designated roads and ATV/UTV trails as indicated on WMA maps.
- 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 powered vessels within designated Limited Access Areas (LAAs) prohibited during the months of September through January. Trolling motors may be used to access and navigate within LAAs. A trolling motor is defined as a self-contained unit that includes a completely submerged electric motor at the end of the shaft, propeller and controls, and is affixed to a vessel, either at the bow or stern. Vehicles prohibited November through January. LAAs are on Atchafalaya Delta, Boeuf, Dewey W. Wills, Joyce, Manchac, Pass-A-Loutre, Pomme de Terre, Pointe-Aux-Chenes and Russell Sage WMAs. See WMA maps for specific locations.
- Operation of vessels beyond bare steerage speed (the slowest speed a vessel can travel while maintaining directional control) in no wake zones.
- Operation of a powercraft with an altered muffler or muffler cut-out or in a manner that bypasses or reduces the effectiveness of the muffler system.

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED ATV/UTV PERMITS AND ATV/UTV TRAILS

Use of special ATV/UTV trails for physically challenged persons is restricted to ATV/UTV physically challenged permittees. Physically challenged ATV/UTV permittees are restricted to physically challenged ATV/UTV trails or other ATV/UTV 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 or electric bicycle, EXCEPT on Atchafalaya Delta, Biloxi, Elm Hall, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken, Sherburne, and Thistlethwaite WMAs, and the Crusel Tract of Maurepas Swamp WMA and KNF Vernon Unit lands within Fort Polk-Vernon WMA (*formerly Fort Johnson-Vernon*), under the following conditions:
  1. No firearms or archery equipment is in possession of the retrieval party or on the ATV or electric bicycle.
  2. The retrieval party may consist of no more than one ATV or electric bicycle and one helper.
  3. ATVs or electric bicycle 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.

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.
- Only hunting dogs are allowed in WMA camping areas.

2026-2027 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. During this February dog season, all hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions, and hunters may use centerfire handguns 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.

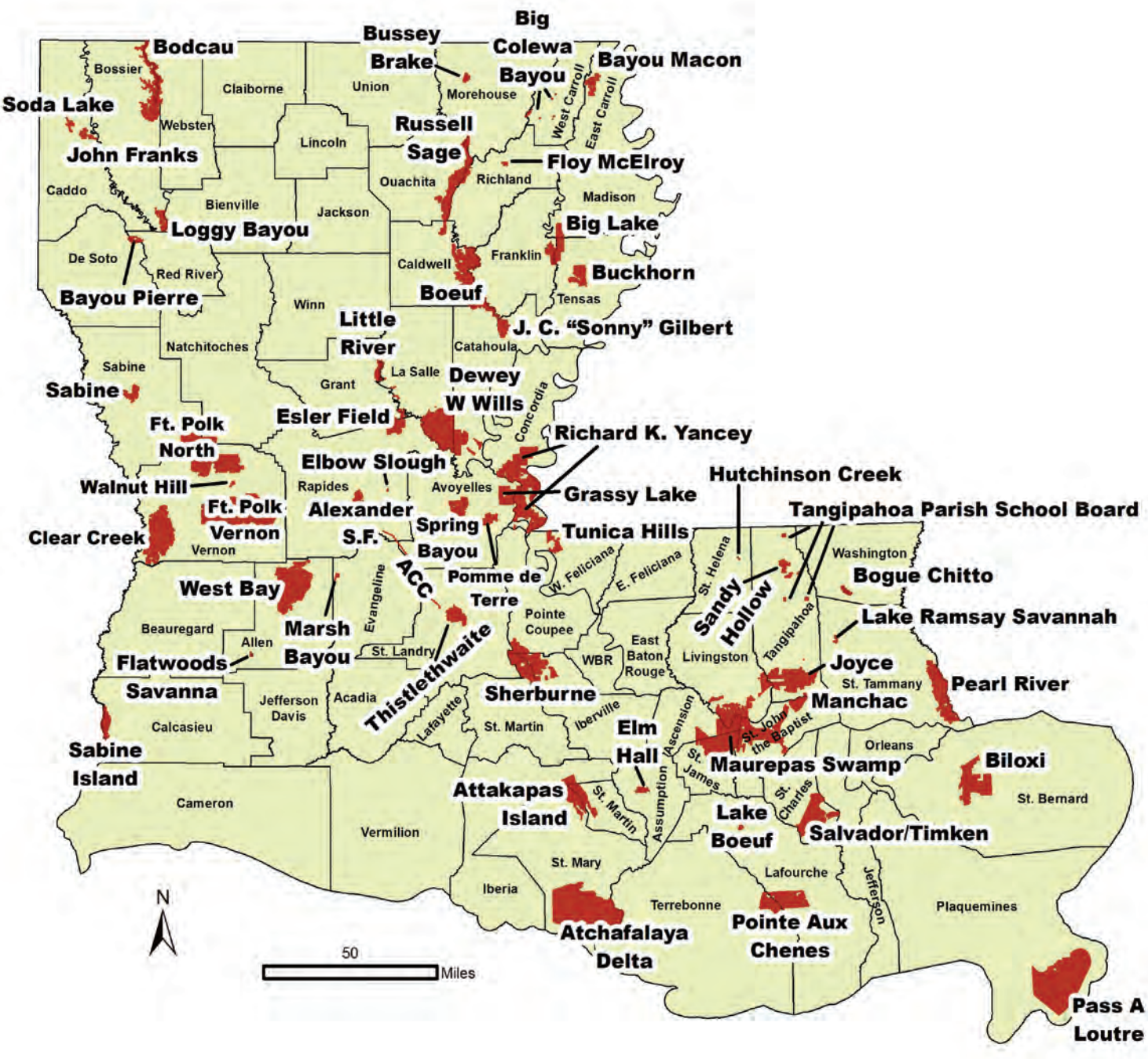
WATERFOWL (DUCKS, GEESE AND COOTS)

- Same as outside unless otherwise specified on certain WMAs (see WMA schedule for closures and details).
- Hunting after 12 noon is prohibited on all WMAs EXCEPT for Atchafalaya Delta and Pass-a-Loutre WMAs. Consult the specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.
- Areas designated, marked and depicted on WMA maps as Waterfowl Sanctuary, and depicted via "Waterfowl Sanctuary" signage on Biloxi, Boeuf, and Russell Sage WMAs are closed to all public access and activity beginning Nov. 1 through the final day of the Conservation Order for Light Geese in each location's respective waterfowl zone.

OUTLAW QUADRUPEDS (COYOTES, ARMADILLOS AND 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 28 for seasons and regulations pertaining to crows.*

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS MAP





Manage the Damage
Stop Feral Swine

FERAL SWINE CAUSE DAMAGE!

Feral swine damage agriculture, natural resources, property and cultural sites

For more information
Call **1-866-4-USDA-WS**
or your state wildlife agency

www.aphis.usda.gov/operational-wildlife-activities/feral-swine

USDA

HAVE YOU SEEN ME?

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries is looking for sightings of the EASTERN SPOTTED SKUNK

Eastern Spotted Skunk

Spilogale putorius



WAYS TO REPORT

- Upload your observations to the Eastern Spotted Skunk Project at *www.inaturalist.org/taxa/41881-Spilogale* or use the iNaturalist smartphone app.
- Please report sightings to Jennifer Hogue-Manuel at 337-735-8674 or email sighting information and photographs with GPS latitude/longitude coordinates (enable location services for photos on your smartphone) to jhogue-manuel@wlf.la.gov.

Striped Skunk

Mephitis mephitis



© Sheri Amsel | www.exploringnature.org

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA LOTTERY HUNTS

LDWF Wildlife Management Areas offer a multitude of lottery hunts for youth hunters, physically challenged hunters, disabled veterans, and the general public

- Lottery opportunities are offered for deer, squirrel, waterfowl and turkey.
- Hunters are able to partake in unique, once in a lifetime experiences, specifically catered to their enjoyment.
- Applications are made available online at *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts*

LDWFFB **LDWF**



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/wmas-refuges-and-conservation-areas

2026-2027 INDIVIDUAL WMA HUNTING SCHEDULES

ACADIANA CONSERVATION CORRIDOR

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

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

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)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. 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 225-202-2773 for information on burning schedules. 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 Wheelchair-Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Pineville Office for details and applications. Hunting PCHP blind hunting by reservation Class I, III and IV PCHP permittees only. See dates below.

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 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.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, **EXCEPT** (bucks only) Nov. 27-29

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 7-8, mandatory deer check.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 27-29

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 10-11, mandatory deer check.

Physically Challenged Deer Hunting Area (either-sex): Nov. 7-8, mandatory deer check, and Dec. 14-15

Deer Youth Lottery (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 19-20

Turkey: CLOSED

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 10-11 and Nov. 7-8 & 27-29 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Dec. 19 - Feb. 28.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** after 12 noon (Certain areas may be closed as posted).

ATCHAFALAYA DELTA

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. 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) or through the LDWF Self-clearing Permit app or internet/web portal. Camping and houseboat mooring allowed ONLY in designated campgrounds. Houseboat mooring allowed by permit only in designated areas, during hunting season (*see page 52 for details*).

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: EXCEPT for Youth Deer Hunting (provided for below), all other hunting **CLOSED** from Oct. 1 through the last day of youth deer seasons.

AREA CLOSED: Main Delta area **CLOSED** to all hunters **EXCEPT** for Youth Deer Hunters when youth deer season is open.

Limited Use Area: Access prohibited March 1 - Jan. 31. Hunting restricted to rabbit with shotgun only from Feb. 1-28. Non-toxic (maximum size #6) shot only, without beagles only. See WMA map for specific location.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31 on Main Delta only; no deer hunting on Wax Lake Delta.

Deer Youth Shotgun (buckshot only, either-sex) and Archery (either-sex): Oct. 3-4 & 10-11 on Main Delta only; no deer hunting on Wax Lake Delta.

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

- **Wax Lake Delta:** Oct. 3-31 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 12 noon 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.

ATTAKAPAS

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 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 recedes 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. 31 - Nov. 1

ATTAKAPAS (cont.)

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 12-13

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 26 - Jan. 3

Deer Primitive Firearms (bucks only): Jan. 16-17

Turkey: Closed

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 12-13. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 18 - Feb. 28 and open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs.

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 12-27 and Jan. 18 - Feb. 28

BAYOU MACON

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED: Closed to all activities **EXCEPT** youth deer hunters Oct. 31 - Nov. 1

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

Operation of internal combustion engine powered vessels prohibited 12 noon - 4 a.m. from Nov. 1 - Jan. 31. See WMA map for locations.

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

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check. Nov. 29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 30 - Dec. 6

Turkey: CLOSED

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Dec. 7 - Feb. 28 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, 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. 19 - Nov. 22, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 1-16 and Jan. 2 - Feb. 28

BAYOU PIERRE

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

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.

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

Waterfowl: Desoto Tract portion same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** after 12 noon. Remainder of WMA closed to waterfowl hunting.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair-Confined Waterfowl Blind: PCHP Waterfowl Blind available on Desoto Tract for use by PCHP Wheelchair Bound class only. One helper allowed to hunt per qualified PCHP permittee. PCHP blind use is first come/first serve.

Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Dec. 19 - Feb. 28 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs.

Raccoon (nighttime): Dec. 19 - Feb. 28

BIG COLEWA BAYOU

Owner: LDWF (899 acres, Monroe Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. All nighttime activities prohibited.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair-confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Call Monroe field office 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. 27-29, either-sex. Dec. 12-27, bucks only

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9 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. 19 - Nov. 22, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

BIG LAKE

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED (portion): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 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.

CWD Management Zone: Attention deer hunters, Big Lake WMA is located within a CWD Management Zone. *See page 12* for more information about deer carcass transport regulations.

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

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 ONLY on that portion of the area South of Big Lake and Crystal Roads. See WMA map for details.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check. Nov. 29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 12-25

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 26 - Jan. 8

Turkey: April 3-11

Turkey Youth: March 26-28

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 (**ONLY** that portion of the area South of Big Lake and Crystal Roads. See WMA map for details) and Nov. 27-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting from Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during any gun deer season (modern or primitive firearms). Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** after 12 noon. and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 27-29.

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 9 - Feb. 28

Fishing: Yoyos, limb lines and trotlines prohibited on Big and Chain lakes. Commercial fishing prohibited.

BILOXI

Owner: Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation (35,644 acres, Hammond Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

Vessels/Vehicles: All airboats, mud boats, vessels powered by air-cooled engines, ATVs/UTVs, motorcycles, horses, and mules are prohibited. All types of mud boats, "long-tail," air cooled propulsion vessels, including "surface-drive" boats, are prohibited. Overnight mooring of vessels 50 feet in length or less is only allowed at the designated camping area (see WMA map for location), vessels greater than 50 feet in length are prohibited from mooring overnight.

Dogs prohibited except retrievers allowed for waterfowl hunting. No structures may be erected including fixed or permanent blind of any type.

All nighttime activities are prohibited EXCEPT hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. during hunting season. Fish may only be taken by rod and reel, and/or hook and line. Bowfishing is prohibited.

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

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

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** to waterfowl after 12 noon and squirrel hunting during the spring season. Waterfowl Sanctuary **CLOSED** to all public access Nov. 1 - March 7. See map for details

BODCAU

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED (portion): Closed to all hunters **EXCEPT** youth deer hunters Oct. 10-11, on designated portion. See WMA map for details. Towable watersports prohibited in Ivan Lake.

Limited Use Area: Small game, turkey and waterfowl same as rest of WMA. Deer hunting archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

Small Game Emphasis Area: Beagles allowed for rabbit and dogs allowed for squirrel Oct. 3-30 and training of beagles for rabbits and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Sept. 30.

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. 10-11. On designated portion only.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, mandatory deer check. Nov. 2-29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 30 - Dec. 6

Turkey: April 3-18

Turkey Youth: March 26-28 and April 24-25

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED ONLY** during youth deer hunt on designated portion and entire area Oct. 24-25, and **EXCEPT** spring squirrel season will be open May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Dec. 7 - Feb. 28. Operation of internal combustion engine powered vessels prohibited 12 noon to 4 a.m. from Nov. 1 - Jan. 31 in the green tree reservoir. See WMA map for more details.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-27

Raccoon (nighttime): Dec. 7 - Feb. 28 and May 1 - Sept. 30

Fishing: Nets and traps prohibited in Ivan Lake.

BOEUF

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. Internal combustion engines and craft limited to 10 Hp rating or less in the Greentree Reservoir. All motorized vessels prohibited after 12 noon in the Greentree Reservoir.

Limited Access Areas: See WMA map for locations.

AREA CLOSED: Closed to all south of LA 4 **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters when youth deer season is open (Oct. 10-11). North of LA 4 open to all activities.

CWD Management Zone: Attention deer hunters, Boeuf WMA is located within a CWD Management Zone. *See page 12* for more information about deer carcass transport regulations.

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

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 10-11

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 5-18

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 14-15, mandatory deer check. Nov. 16-20, self-clearing permit. Dec. 19 - Jan. 1

Turkey: CLOSED

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 10-11 (South of LA 4 ONLY), and Nov. 27-29 and **EXCEPT** spring squirrel season will be open May 1-9 only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting from Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during any gun deer season (modern or primitive firearms). Open to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9 with or without dogs. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, same as outside, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed same as outside. Waterfowl Sanctuary CLOSED to all public access Nov. 1 - March 7. See map for details.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-27

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 12-25 and Jan. 2 - Feb. 28

BOGUE CHITTO

Owner: LDWF (1,643 acres, Hammond Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. Internal combustion engines prohibited. Trolling motors allowed.

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

Turkey Lottery: April 3-4 & 10-11. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** to waterfowl after 12 noon and squirrel hunting during the spring season.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Feb. 1-28

BUCKHORN

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 to all **EXCEPT** youth and physically challenged deer hunters.

Limited Use Area: Access prohibited Oct. 1 - Jan. 15. Hunting restricted to small game Jan. 16 - Feb. 28.

CWD Management Zone: Attention deer hunters, Buckhorn WMA is located within a CWD Management Zone. *See page 12* for more information about deer carcass transport regulations.

Operation of internal combustion engine powered vessels prohibited 12 noon - 4 a.m. from Nov. 1 - Jan. 31. See WMA map for locations.

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

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1
- **Youth Lottery:** Dec. 12-13 & 26-27 and Jan. 2-3, Either-sex. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.
- **Physically Challenged:** Dec. 12-13 & 26-27 and Jan. 2-3, Either-sex. Hunting by reservation; restricted to wheelchair-confined PCHP permittees only. Contact the Monroe Field Office for details.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-29, self-clearing permit. Dec. 12-13, mandatory deer check.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 19 - Jan. 1

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 2-15

Turkey: CLOSED

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 12-13, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 16 - Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 16 - Feb. 28

BUSSEY BRAKE

Owner: LDWF (2,614 acres, Monroe Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING AND TRAPPING ACTIVITY: Area closed to all activities between two hours after sunset until 4 a.m. with the exception of rod and reel or cane pole fishing. Fishing may take place between these hours at the north fishing pier or by boat. Access to all other areas are prohibited between these hours. Recreational fishing and all other allowed non-consumptive uses only. No personal watercraft or water skiing. No camping. No atvs/utvs or electric bicycles allowed. No motorized vehicles of any type allowed on reservoir levee except at boat launch for purpose of launching boat or to access fishing pier. Pulling boats over levees or any other activities that cause detriment to the levees is prohibited. Horseback riding and non-motorized bicycles are allowed only on the designated trail named levee trail (see map at boat launch kiosk). Access is granted at two marked locations, adjacent to the boat launch and just beyond the boat launch parking area. No tying boats to channel marker poles. A no-wake zone is in effect in the harbor inside the wave break. No boats allowed within 30 feet of fishing piers.

Fishing: Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or cane pole for recreational purposes. Tournament fishing allowed by Special Use Permit only. All types of nets, including but not limited to gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, wire nets, fyke nets and fish seines are prohibited. Trotlines, yo-yos, limb lines, stump lines, slat traps, jugs, cans, and pipes are prohibited. Shoreline (non-boat) fishing only allowed at designated locations. No fishing or lake access from rocks along interior of reservoir levee. Special harvest regulations apply at Bussey Brake; please refer to LDWF Recreational Fishing Regulations.

CAMP BEAUREGARD

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED: Nov. 14-15 to all **EXCEPT** youth deer hunters.

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 318-290-6300 for information on open areas before entering the WMA.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact Range Operations at 318-290-6300, T-F, 7am to 4:30pm.

The use of metal detecting and magnet fishing is prohibited.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Dec. 25 and Jan 2-31

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

Deer Youth (either-sex): Nov. 14-15, on designated portion of the WMA.

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

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check. Nov. 29 and Dec. 12-13, self-clearing permit. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

Turkey: April 3-11

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 14-15 & 27-29 and Dec. 12-13, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 2 - Feb. 28.

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 30 - Feb. 28

Fishing: Special regulations to be posted at Twin Lakes.

CLEAR CREEK

Owner: Manulife Investment Management and Roy O. Martin (52,559 acres. Lake Charles Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 24-25 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. 19 - Jan. 15, either-sex when bucks only firearms is closed

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 24-25

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, mandatory deer check. Nov. 27-29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 9-26 and Dec. 12 - Jan. 1

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 2-8

Turkey: April 12 - May 2

Turkey Lottery: Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.
- **Youth Lottery:** March 26-27
- **General Lottery:** April 3-4 & 10-11

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 24-25, Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27-29 and **EXCEPT** spring squirrel season will be open May 1-9 only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 2 - Feb. 28.
- **Youth Squirrel Season:** Sept. 26-27

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)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, 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 archery only for deer. All vehicles, including ATVs/UTVs, prohibited.

Limited Access Area: See WMA map for location and specific rules.

High Water Benchmark Road Closures: Hunt Road (South of the Catahoula Lake Diversion Canal) and Muddy Bayou Road east of Nolan Bayou Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gauge reaches 45.0 ft. msl, and will reopen when water levels recede to 43.0 ft. msl, and Muddy Bayou Road west of the intersection of Nolan Bayou Road and Sandy Bayou Road will be closed when water levels at the Larto Lake gauge reaches 42.0 ft. msl and will reopen when water levels recede to 40 ft. msl.

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

Operation of internal combustion engine powered vessels prohibited 12 noon - 4 a.m. from Nov. 1 - Jan. 31. See WMA map for locations.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, **EXCEPT** (bucks only), Dec. 12-13 and Dec. 26 - Jan. 10

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1. Only that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal. The remainder of the area is open to other use.

- **Youth Lottery:** Dec. 5-6 and Jan. 2-3, 9-10 & 16-17. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check. Nov. 29, 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. 26 - Jan. 10

Deer Primitive Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 12-13

Turkey: Closed

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 (ONLY north of the diversion canal) and Nov. 27-29 (entire area), **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting will be allowed in the greentree impoundment and Catahoula/Little River Basin (formerly Catahoula Lake) Nov. 27-29, if duck season is in progress. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting from Nov. 1- Feb. 28, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during any firearms deer season (modern or primitive). **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, same as outside.
Catahoula Basin: Nov. 1 - Jan. 31, all motorized vessels prohibited 12 noon to 4 a.m., and all nightime activities prohibited during open waterfowl season **EXCEPT** for the Catahoula Basin buffer zone, which will remain open to motorized vessels year round for recreation and navigation.

Raccoon (nighttime): Dec. 14 - 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)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. All motorized vehicles prohibited. Non-toxic (maximum size #6) shot only for all hunting.

Mourning Dove: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only from Sept. 5-27 and Oct. 10 - Nov. 15 **EXCEPT** hunting by pre-application lottery only Sept. 5-12. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

Rabbit: Feb. 1-28. Beagles allowed.

Crawfish: March 1 - July 31. 100 pounds per person per day. Recreational crawfishing only, no traps or nets left overnight.

Woodcock: Same as outside.

All other seasons CLOSED.

ELM HALL

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. ATVs/UTVs prohibited.

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

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

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 29 and Dec. 26 - Jan. 3

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 23-24

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 27-28 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 25 - Feb. 28.

FLATWOODS SAVANNA

Owner: LDWF (426 acres, Lake Charles Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Sept. 19 - Jan. 15

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles are allowed for rabbits and dogs are allowed for squirrels Jan. 2 - Feb. 28.

FLOY WARD McELROY

Owner: LDWF (681 acres, Monroe Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

Access restricted. Contact Monroe Field Office for information.

Deer Limit: Limit 1 deer per participant per weekend for all hunts.

Deer Lottery: Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

- **Youth Lottery:** Dec. 12-13 & 26-27 and Jan. 9-10. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.
- **Beyond Becoming an Outdoors Woman Lottery Deer Hunt:** Dec. 5-6. 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 318-345-3912 for more information.

FORT POLK-VERNON

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. Information on open areas and special ATV regulations can be accessed at the following website: *https://home.army.mil/polk/my-Fort-Polk/fort-Polk-hunting*. 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.

Fishing: Magnet fishing is prohibited.

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. 19 - Jan. 15. Special Archery regulations apply to Archery Only Areas, check locally at Building 2396, 22nd Street, Fort Polk. On Archery Only Areas, either-sex deer are legal Sept. 19 - 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. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 29, self-clearing permit. Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 2-26 and Dec. 12 - Jan. 1

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 10-16, self-clearing permit.

Turkey: April 3 - May 2

Turkey Youth Lottery: March 27. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27-29 and **EXCEPT CLOSED** to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Hunter Orange or Blaze Pink must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Nov. 30 - Dec. 11 and Jan. 2 - Feb. 28.

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 19 - 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.

FORT POLK NORTH

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. Information on open areas and special ATV regulations can be accessed at the following website: *https://home.army.mil/polk/my-Fort-Polk/fort-Polk-hunting*. 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.

Fishing: Magnet fishing is prohibited.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Sept. 19 - Jan. 15, either-sex when bucks only firearms is closed

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 2-26 and Dec. 12 - Jan. 1

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 29, self-clearing permit. Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check.

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 10-16, self-clearing permit.

Turkey: April 3 - May 2

Turkey Youth Lottery: March 27. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27-29, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** to squirrel hunting during the spring season. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Nov. 30 - Dec. 11 and Jan. 2 - Feb. 28. Hunter Orange or Blaze Pink must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress.

Feral Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 19 - Jan. 1. In addition, 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.

GRASSY LAKE

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Hunters.

CWD Management Zone: Attention deer hunters, Grassy Lake WMA is located within a CWD Management Zone. *See page 12* for more information about deer carcass transport regulations.

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

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

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check. Nov. 29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 26 - Jan. 3

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 12-13

Turkey: CLOSED

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27-29 and open to squirrel hunting during the spring squirrel season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Dec. 14-25 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-27

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 12-27, Dec. 14-25 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season, and **EXCEPT** allowed after 10 a.m. during early teal season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

- **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 the Lafayette Field Office.

HUTCHINSON CREEK

Owner: LDWF (129 acres, Hammond Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

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

Turkey Youth: March 26-27

Turkey: Same as outside

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring squirrel season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 2 - Feb. 28.

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 12-27 and Jan. 2 - Feb. 28

J.C. "SONNY" GILBERT

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

CWD Management Zone: Attention deer hunters, J.C. "Sonny" Gilbert WMA is located within a CWD Control Area. *See page 12* for more information about deer carcass transport regulations.

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

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 5-18

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 19 - Jan. 1

Turkey Youth: March 26-28

Turkey General Lottery: April 3-5, 6-8 & 9-11. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27-29, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 2 - Feb. 28.

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

JOHN FRANKS

Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (3,664 acres, Minden Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

Small Game Emphasis Area: Beagles allowed for rabbit and dogs allowed for squirrel Oct. 3 - Feb. 28 and training of beagles for rabbits and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Sept. 30.

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

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Dec. 19 - Feb. 28.

JOYCE

Owner: LDWF (35,562 acres); Joyce Foundation (851 acres); Tangipahoa School Board (484 acres, Hammond Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

Limited Access Area: 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.

AREA CLOSED: Nov. 7-8, 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): Nov. 7-8

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-29

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 19 - Jan. 3

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 9-10 & 18-24

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27-29, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 25 - Feb. 28.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-27

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan 25 - Feb. 28

Crawfish: 100 lbs per person per day.

LAKE BOEUF

Owner: LDWF (802 acres, Lafayette Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. Self-Clearing Permit available at Theriot Canal boat landing off LA 308 or through the LDWF Self-clearing Permit app or internet/web portal. All nighttime activities prohibited, **EXCEPT** that hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. and must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified. 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, **EXCEPT CLOSED** after 12 noon.

Small Game: Nov. 1 - Feb. 28 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles prohibited November and December.

LAKE RAMSAY SAVANNAH

Owner: LDWF (796 acres, Hammond Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. Foot traffic only. All vehicles restricted to parish roads and designated parking areas, **EXCEPT** retrieval of game with ATVs allowed (*see page 53 for details*).

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 Youth: March 26-27

Turkey: April 3-18

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 2 - Feb. 28.

LITTLE RIVER

Owners: LDWF (4,936 acres, Pineville Office); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1,109 acres); Lasalle Parish School Board (441 acres)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, **EXCEPT** (bucks only) Oct. 31 - Nov. 15

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Oct. 31 - Nov. 15

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 12-13

Turkey: April 3-18

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT** spring squirrel season will be open May 1-9 only, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Dec. 19 - Feb. 28.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-27

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 10 - 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.

Crawfish: March 1 - July 31. 100 pounds per person per day. Recreational crawfishing only, no traps or nets left overnight.

LOGGY BAYOU

Owner: LDWF (4,262 acres); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (2,189 acres, Minden Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

Limited Use Area: Small game and waterfowl same as rest of WMA. Deer hunting archery only. See WMA map for specific location.

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

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check. Nov. 29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 30 - Dec. 6

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 27-29, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Dec. 19 - Feb. 28.

Raccoon (nighttime): Dec. 19 - Feb. 28

MANCHAC

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

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 12 noon, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, 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)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

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

Small Game: Same as outside and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles are allowed for rabbits and dogs are allowed for squirrels Jan. 2 - Feb. 28. Additionally, they are allowed for training on the Small Game Emphasis Area June 1 - Aug. 31.

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 12-27 and Jan. 2 - Feb. 28

MAUREPAS SWAMP

Owner: LDWF (112,615 acres, Hammond Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. 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. 7-8, to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

Benchmark Closure: Area closed to all deer hunting when USGS water level gauge at Airline Canal at Blind River near Gramercy, LA - 07380212 is at or above 2.25 gauge height, feet and reopens to deer hunting when water levels recede to 1.75 gauge height, feet following a closure. Gauge information and levels are available at: *https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/07380212/#dataTypeId=continuous-00065-0&period=P7D&showMedian=false*.

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

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

Deer Youth (either-sex): Nov. 7-8

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check. Nov. 29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 19 - Jan. 3

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 9-10 & 18-24

Turkey: CLOSED

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27-29, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagle allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 25 - Feb. 28.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-27

Raccoon (nighttime): Jan. 25 - Feb. 28

Crawfish: 100 lbs per person per day.

PASS-A-LOUTRE

Owner: LDWF (115,596 acres, Lafayette Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. Permits available through the LDWF Self-clearing Permit app or internet/web portal or 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.

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

Deer Youth Shotgun (bucks only): Oct. 24-25

Deer Shotgun: Bucks only may be taken with shotguns with either slugs or buckshot for seven days starting the day after the closure of the first split of duck season.

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. 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)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, La., reaches 16.5 feet (*https://water.noaa.gov/gauges/PERL1*). All hunting, **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting south of US Hwy 90, 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.honeyislandshootingrange.com*.

AREA CLOSED: Nov. 7-8 to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth Hunters.

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

Deer Youth (either-sex): Nov. 7-8

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 5-20

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 14-20 and Dec. 21 - Jan. 3

Youth Turkey: March 26-27

Turkey Lottery: Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

- **General Lottery:** April 3-4

PEARL RIVER (cont.)

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27-29 north of US 90.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting from Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during any gun deer season (modern or primitive firearms). **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-28

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 12-27 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28

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

POINTE-AUX-CHENES

Owner: LDWF (35,267 acres, Lafayette Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. Self-clearing permits available at Island Road Boat Launch, Grand Bayou Boat Launch, WMA Campground/Pirogue Launch, Pointe Aux Chene Marina, Bayou Blue Boat Launch, and at Point Farm gate behind Montegut Middle School or through the LDWF Self-clearing Permit app or internet/web portal.

All nighttime activities prohibited, **EXCEPT** that hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 4 a.m. and must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified. Possession of more than one daily limit of fish/crab/shrimp while on the WMA is prohibited. Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with LDWF, Coastal WMAs, Wildlife Division. Parking of vehicles on levees prohibited. Fishing, crabbing, cast netting or any other activities or trespassing on water control structures are 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 or Blaze Pink and wear a Hunter Orange or Blaze Pink cap during special shotgun season for feral hogs.

All Pointe-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 Cutoff Canal, 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. 27-29 and Dec. 12-18

Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** after 12 noon.

All Pointe-aux-Chenes Property EXCEPT Point Farm Unit and Restricted Areas (cont.)

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during bucks only firearms season and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, 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. No drop nets left unattended at any time. A maximum of 12 drop nets may be possessed/attended per boat or vehicle. 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 1,300-acre area inside the Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA which is generally bounded on the west by the double gates behind the Montegut Middle School, the Point Farm Levee and the WMA boundary, and on the north by the WMA boundary, 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 closed until after the last day of youth deer hunts.

Limited Use Area: Archery only, firearms prohibited. See WMA map for specific location.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 3-4 & 10-11 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer Youth Lottery (either-sex): Oct. 3-4 & 10-11. Daily Youth Hunt Permit required. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 16 - Jan. 14

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 1-9, 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). 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, Lafayette Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 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. 31 - Nov. 1

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check. Nov. 29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 26 - Jan. 3

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 12-13 and Jan. 16-17

Turkey: April 24 - May 2

Turkey Youth: April 17-18

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27-29, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbit and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Dec. 14-25 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles allowed for rabbit and dogs allowed for squirrel Oct. 3-30, Nov. 30 - Dec. 11 and Dec. 14-25, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-27

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 12-27 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season and **EXCEPT** open after 10 a.m. during early teal 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, via permit only, issued from the Lafayette Field Office. **CLOSED** during duck season

RICHARD K. YANCEY

Owner: LDWF (57,235 acres); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (12,802 acres); Office of State Lands (835 acres); Concordia Parish School Board (560 acres, Lafayette Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

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. 31 - Nov. 1, to all hunters **EXCEPT** youth and physically challenged hunters. The remainder of the area is open to all other use.

In the Waterfowl Impoundment, operation of internal combustion engine powered vessels prohibited 12 noon to 4 a.m. from Nov. 1- Jan. 31. See WMA map for location.

CWD Management Zone: Attention deer hunters, Richard K. Yancey WMA is located within a CWD Management Zone. *See page 12* for more information about deer carcass transport regulations.

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

Deer Youth Lottery (either-sex): Dec. 19 & 26 and Jan. 2 & 9. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1. **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.

RICHARD K. YANCEY (cont.)

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check. Nov. 29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 26 - Jan. 3

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 12-13

Turkey: CLOSED

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 27-29. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting from Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during any gun deer season (modern or primitive firearms). **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9 with or without dogs. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, same as outside.

Quail: CLOSED

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 12-27 and Jan. 4 - 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.

Sport and Commercial Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** from 30 minutes before sunrise until 2 p.m. on: Grand Bay, Silver Lake, Lower Sunk Lake, Lac A' Sostien and Moreau Lake during open waterfowl seasons, **EXCEPT** during early Teal Season, recreational fishing allowed after 10 a.m.

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).

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

Limited Access Areas: See WMA map for locations.

Wham Brake: CLOSED to all motorized vessels 14 days prior to opening day of duck and teal seasons, excluding youth and Veteran days. Also closed to all motorized vessels during waterfowl season splits, and Sept. 1 - Jan. 31, all motorized vessels prohibited 12 noon - 4 a.m., and all nighttime activities prohibited during open waterfowl season.

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. Open to waterfowl hunting.

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. 31 - Nov. 1 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. 31 - Nov. 1, south of I-20 only.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check. Nov. 29, self-clearing permit.

RUSSELL SAGE (cont.)

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 12-25

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 14-20

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 27-29, **EXCEPT** Wham Brake Area, South Bosco Tract and Pintail Alley Area will remain open. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting from Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during any gun deer season (modern or primitive firearms). **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Are, same as outside, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel same as outside. Snipe hunting after 12 noon prohibited during open waterfowl seasons.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-27

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 5-20 and Dec. 26 - Feb. 28

Crawfish: 100 lbs per person per day.

SABINE

Owner: Manulife Investment Management (6,217 acres); Martin Timberlands (493 acres); Red Oak Timber Company (120 acres); Weyerhaeuser (100 acres)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 17-18 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

All gates closed March 1 - Aug. 31. Walk-in only

Deer Archery (either-sex): Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, **EXCEPT** (bucks only) Nov. 2-25 and Dec. 5-13

Deer Youth & Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 17-18

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 24-25 and Nov. 27-29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 2-25 and Dec. 5-13

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 26 - Nov. 1

Turkey General Lottery: Apr. 9-11 & 23-25. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 17-18 & 24-25 and Nov. 27-29 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Dec. 19 - Feb. 28.

Raccoon (nighttime): Dec. 19 - Feb. 28

SABINE ISLAND

Owner: State of Louisiana (7,143 acres, Lake Charles Office); Calcasieu Parish School Board (921 acres); Rayonier (600 acres)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. 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.

AREA CLOSED: Sept. 26-27 to all **EXCEPT** youth deer hunters.

Deer: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Deer Youth (either-sex): Sept. 26-27

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Sept. 26-27 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Squirrel and rabbit hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 4 - Feb. 28.

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

SALVADOR/TIMKEN

Owner: LDWF (31,956 acres, Lafayette Office); New Orleans City Park Improvement Association (2,867 acres)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. Permits available at Pier 90, Bayou Gauche, Bayou Segnette State Park landings, and at Airboat Adventures in Lafitte or through the LDWF Self-clearing Permit app or internet/web portal.

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. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18 & 24-25

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 20-22

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 23 - Dec. 20

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 21-27

Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** after 12 noon.

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.

Experimental Nighttime Activity 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 nighttime activity is prohibited.

SANDY HOLLOW

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. 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. 7 - Nov. 8 and Feb. 1-28, **EXCEPT** restricted to that portion south of LA 10 and west of LA 1061 (see WMA map) 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.

AREA CLOSED: Closed to all hunters Nov. 7-8 **EXCEPT** for youth and physically challenged hunters.

Physically Challenged Wheelchair-Confined Deer Hunting Area: Access restricted. Check WMA map for locations and call Hammond office for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only.

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

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Nov. 7-8

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 19-20

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 12-18 and Dec. 26 - Jan. 3

Turkey: April 3-18

Turkey Youth Lottery: March 26-27

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 7-8 & 27-29, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 4 - 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. 26-27

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

Mourning Dove: Sept. 5 & 12 through the end of first split. **CLOSED** Sept. 6-11 of first split. Second and third splits are same as outside **EXCEPT** youth hunt on Northern Tract (north of LA 10) during the opening day of the first split (Sept. 5). 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, Lafayette Office); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (15,220 acres); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (16,618 acres)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

South Farm: No hunting allowed on South Farm EXCEPT lottery hunts and **EXCEPT** open migratory game bird hunting is allowed during early teal season, statewide youth waterfowl seasons, and any open goose seasons that occur after the close of Duck Season.

Physically Challenged Deer and Waterfowl Hunting Areas: Access restricted. Call the Lafayette Field Office for details. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same hunting seasons listed below.

Bird Dog Training Area: Open to bird dog training year-round **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex modern firearm hunts for deer and opening weekend of first and second segments of dove season. Contact the Lafayette Field Office (337-262-2080) for more information.

AREA CLOSED: Closed Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 to all hunters, **EXCEPT** 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. 31 - Nov. 1. **ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED**. Self-clearing permits.

Deer Youth Lottery (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, Dec. 28 and Jan. 3 & 10. Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check. Nov. 29 and Dec. 5-6, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 26 - Jan. 3

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Jan. 8-10

Turkey: CLOSED

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail and Gallinules: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 5-6.

- **Lottery Hunts**
  - **Waterfowl Youth Lottery:** Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.
  - **South Farm Waterfowl General Lottery:** Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 5-6. Non-toxic shot only within waterfowl impoundments. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during any gun deer season (modern or primitive firearms). **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, same as outside.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-27

Quail: CLOSED

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 12-27 and Jan. 11 - Feb. 28

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

SODA LAKE

Owner: Caddo Levee District (1,191 acres); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1,200 acres, Minden Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. 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: NO FIREARMS HUNTING ALLOWED.** Small game and waterfowl hunting allowed by **FALCONRY METHOD ONLY**. Dates and times for **FALCONRY ONLY** hunting are the same as on the other portion of the WMA.
- **Portion East of Twelve Mile Bayou:** Same as outside, **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Dec. 19 - Feb. 28.

SPRING BAYOU

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

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. No hunting allowed in Headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. Water skiing prohibited **EXCEPT** allowed in Old River and Grand Lac.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 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. 31 - Nov. 1

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 26 - Jan. 10

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

Turkey Youth: April 17-18

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT SMALL GAME CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27-29, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 18 - Feb. 28. **WATERFOWL** to remain open during either sex firearms hunts for deer.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-27

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 12-27 and Jan. 18 - Feb. 28

Recreational Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** only allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season, **EXCEPT** during early teal season, recreational fishing allowed after 10 a.m.

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

Commercial Fishing: Gill and trammel nets 3.5 inches and greater, allowed from close of waterfowl seasons to last day of February, via permit only, issued from the Lafayette Field Office.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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

Self-Clearing Permit 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 Youth: March 26-27

Turkey: Same as outside.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, 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, Lafayette Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. 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. 31 - Nov. 1, **EXCEPT** to Youth Deer Hunters.

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

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

Deer Youth (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-28, mandatory deer check. Nov. 29 and Dec. 5-13 & 26-27, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 28 - Jan. 10, self-clearing permit.

Deer Primitive Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 14-15 and Jan. 11-17

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 5-13 & 26-27, and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9. 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)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**. Camping limited to tents only in designated area. Refer to WMA map.

AREA CLOSED: Nov. 7-8, to all users **EXCEPT** youth deer hunters, and **CLOSED** to all users Friday through Sunday before opening day of statewide turkey season **EXCEPT** youth hunters, and remained **CLOSED** through the first nine days of the statewide turkey season **EXCEPT** for turkey hunters.

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

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

Deer Youth (either-sex): Nov. 7-8

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 12-20

Turkey: April 3-11

Turkey Lottery: Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

- **Youth Lottery:** March 27-28

TUNICA HILLS (*cont.*)

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 7-8 & 27-29 and Dec. 12-20 and **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season on the South Tract only, May 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Oct. 17-23 and Feb. 1-28 on South Tract Only. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area (South Tract Only), training of beagles for rabbits and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

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

WALNUT HILL

Owner: LDWF (595 acres, Lake Charles Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

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 1-9, with or without dogs. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 2 - Feb. 28. On that portion designated as Small Game Emphasis Area, beagles are allowed for rabbit and dogs are allowed for squirrel Oct. 3 - Feb. 28, and training of beagles for rabbit and dogs for squirrel allowed June 1 - Aug. 31.

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 12-27 and Jan. 2 - Feb. 28

WEST BAY

Owner: Manulife Investment Management, Roy O. Martin, AgVictus Capital Management, and Rayonier (59,189 acres, Lake Charles Office)

Self-Clearing Permit required for **all activities**.

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

PCHP Limited Use Area (PCHP Wheelchair Bound Hunting Area): Access restricted. Check WMA map for location and call Lake Charles or Baton Rouge office for details and applications. Hunting by reservation for wheelchair confined PCHP permittees only. Same deer season as listed below.

AREA CLOSED: Oct. 24-25, to all **EXCEPT** youth and physically challenged deer hunters.

Deer Archery (either-sex): Sept. 19 - Jan. 15, either-sex when bucks only firearms is closed

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 24-25, for youth and physically challenged hunters only.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, mandatory deer check. Nov. 27-29, self-clearing permit.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 9-26 and Dec. 12 - Jan. 1

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 2-8

Turkey Lottery: Hunting by pre-application lottery only. Visit *www.wlf.la.gov/page/lottery-hunts* to apply online.

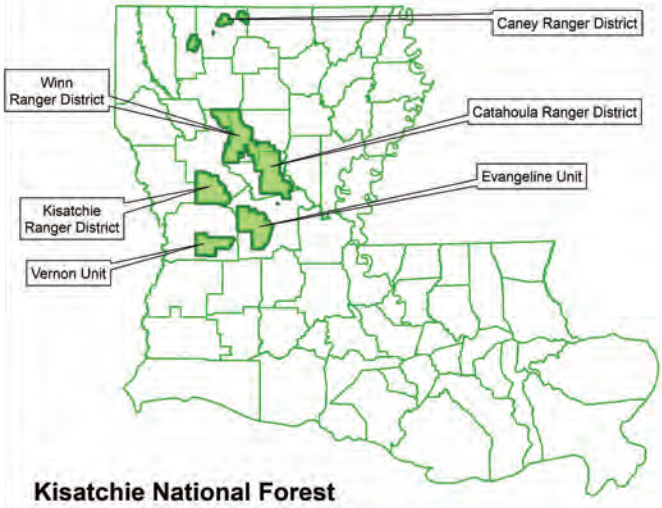
- **Youth Lottery:** March 26-27
- **General Lottery:** April 3-4, 10-11 & 17-18

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT WATERFOWL CLOSED** after 12 noon, and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 24-25 and Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27-29. . Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting from Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during any gun deer season (modern or primitive firearms). **OPEN** to squirrel hunting during the spring season, May 1-9, with or without dogs.

- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-27

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

2026-2027 FEDERAL LANDS HUNTING SCHEDULES



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

All Seasons for KNF are for 2026-2027 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: *www.fs.usda.gov/kisatchie*.
- ATV/UTV (50-inch maximum width) operation is prohibited on public roads and road right-of-way. Use is allowed on KNF 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 along specifically 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.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST (cont.)

Firearms (For a full description of USFS regulations, consult the Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations)**:**
- Hunting or discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property is prohibited 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 2026-2027 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 [*formerly Fort Johnson-Vernon*]).
- LDWF WMA regulations for using dogs on leash to recover downed deer are in effect on KNF (unless otherwise specified, refer to "Dogs" section of the LDWF WMA regulations). No dogs allowed to hunt deer or hogs.

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/Blaze Pink requirements during any firearm season for deer.
- **Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District** (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk-Vernon WMA [*formerly Fort Johnson-Vernon*]): Sept. 19 - Jan. 15

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST (cont.)

Archery - Deer Hunting:

- **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 District** (Natchitoches Parish), **Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District** (Rapides Parish), and the **Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District** (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Polk - Vernon WMA):
  - ***Youth only, either-sex:*** Oct. 10-16, 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. 24-25 and Jan. 2-3, still hunt only. LDWF Youth Deer Hunt regulations apply.
  - ***Firearms, either-sex*****:** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27, still hunt only.
  - ***Firearms, bucks only:*** Nov. 7-26 & 28-29 and Dec. 12-27, still hunt only.
- **Caney Ranger District** (Webster and Claiborne parishes): Same as outside including Youth Only Hunt and Primitive Firearms (Area 2) **EXCEPT** still hunt only. 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. 26-27
- **Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting ceases at 12 noon. 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.
- **Fox (chase only), Raccoons & Opossum (nighttime, 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:** May be taken Sept. 1 - Jan. 1 only.
- **Turkey:** Caney Ranger District: April 3-18. All remaining KNF lands: April 3-25.
  - ***Youth Only:*** March 26-28 on all Ranger Districts (except Vernon Unit lands within Fort Polk-Vernon WMA [*formerly Fort Johnson-Vernon*]).
  - At the time of printing this document, a proposed rule prohibiting the use of hunting methods known as fanning or reaping for turkey hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and other public lands is under consideration and may be in effect for the 2027 turkey season. Hunters should check the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) hunting regulations webpage for the most current information and updates: *www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/seasons-and-regulations*.
- **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.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST (cont.)

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 hogs, 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.usda.gov/activity/kisatchie/recreation/hunting.* 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. Hunters may also check-in/out electronically through the LDWF Self-Clearing Permit app/Internet Web portal.

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.

CATAHOULA AND RED DIRT NATIONAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVES (NWMP) (cont.)

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. 10-16, 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/Blaze Pink apply.

Physically Challenged Deer Hunt (either-sex): Oct. 10-11, 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. 24-25, still-hunt only. Self-clearing daily permit required. Mandatory deer check at main check stations.

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 27, still-hunt only. Self-clearing daily permit required. Mandatory deer check at main check stations.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Nov. 28-29, still-hunt only. Self-clearing daily permit required.

Turkey: April 3-25
- ***Youth Only:*** March 26-28

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. 26-27

Squirrel and Rabbit (with dogs): Jan. 2 - Feb. 28

Raccoon (nighttime, with dogs): Jan. 2 - Feb. 28

Quail (with dogs): Same as outside

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 (cont.)

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 *www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/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.

Prohibited Activities:
- Possessing a loaded firearms while traveling within the area by motor vehicle, ATV, UTV, horse, bicycle, and while in a vessel under mechanical power. Possessing a loaded weapon within 100 feet of a parking area or designated trail. Hunting or possessing loaded weapons within 100 feet of pipelines during deer gun and primitive weapon hunts. Hunting, possessing weapons, in any No Hunting Areas, except, registered Wheelchair Bound Hunters within that designated area. See project map for locations. Loaded is defined as a firearm having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder, or clip when attached to the firearm or crossbow cocked and in the ready position. Target practicing or skeet shooting.
- Operation of motorized vehicles, which includes automobiles, ATVs, UTVs, electronic bicycles, and motorcycles off specifically designated roads and trails as indicated on area map. Operating motorized vehicles on Physically Challenged trails while being under the age of 60 or without a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit issued by Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries. Operating an ATV or UTV with a tire lug greater than 1 inch. Use of airboats.
- Camping, parking, or mooring houseboats overnight.
- Hunting from a permanent blind or stand constructed of non-natural vegetation or held together by metallic fasteners. Natural vegetation is defined as natural branches that are two inches or less in diameter. Leaving personal property on project property overnight including tree stands, blinds, decoys, and trail cameras etc.
- Baiting, hunting over bait, or possession of bait, salt, or ingestible attractant while on project property. Feeding of any wildlife including alligators.
- Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers, standers and/or noise-making devices.
- Cutting trees, limbs, or brush.

Daily limit on deer is one per day.

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

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

Deer Firearms (either-sex): Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 5-6, mandatory deer check.

Deer Firearms (bucks only): Dec. 26 - Jan. 3, mandatory deer check.

Deer Primitive Firearms (either-sex): Dec. 11-13

Deer Youth and Physically Challenged (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, mandatory deer check. All other seasons **CLOSED**.

Deer Youth Lottery: Nov. 21 and Dec. 19 & 22. Contact Project Office for details.

Turkey: CLOSED

Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 5-6 (**EXCEPT** waterfowl season will remain open during all Deer Gun hunts). Hunting waterfowl after 12 noon prohibited. Squirrel and rabbit hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 9 - Feb. 28. No spring squirrel season.
- **Youth Squirrel Hunt:** Sept. 26-27

Raccoon (nighttime): Sept. 12-27 and Jan. 11 - Feb. 28. Special use permit required.

Feral Hogs, Coyotes and Armadillos: 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 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 brown box in front of Old River campground for *Old River Hunting and Trail Guide 2026-2027*
- visit the Old River website *www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Old-River-Control*
- phone 225-492-2169

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. 31 - Nov. 1

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

Deer Muzzleloader - Blackpowder Only (either-sex): Dec. 12-13

Deer Shotgun (either-sex): Nov. 27-29

Deer Shotgun (bucks only): Dec. 26 - Jan. 3

Turkey: CLOSED

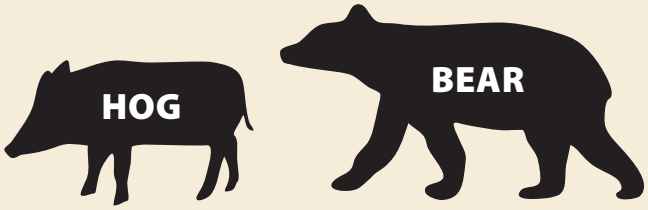
Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** hunting waterfowl after 12 noon prohibited, waterfowl hunting on Keller's Lake same as outside **EXCEPT** prohibited on Sun, Mon, Wed and Fri, no firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, and **EXCEPT** hunting squirrel and rabbit with dogs allowed Nov. 30 - Dec. 11 and Jan. 4 - Feb. 28.

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

Hogs, Coyote, Beaver and Nutria: May be taken incidental to any hunt with weapons legal for that hunt

Attention Hunters

KNOW YOUR TARGET



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

318-343-4044

www.wlf.la.gov

BARATARIA PRESERVE

Owner: National Park Service, Crown Point (22,200 acres within Jefferson Parish)

Additional Permit and regulations apply. Contact Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve at 504-689-3690 ext. 18 or *www.nps.gov/jela* for additional information.

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/Missions/Recreation/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.

The use and/or possession of firearms is prohibited in the ARCHERY-ONLY area. Baiting or hunting over bait for any species is prohibited. The use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while in possession of a firearm.

Motorized Vehicles and All-Terrain Vehicles: all motorized vehicles, including automobiles, ATVs and motorcycles are restricted to designated roads and trails. ATVs must be operated under a valid permit from Spillway Office, be brought in to the area by vehicle or trailer, off loaded in parking areas and may only be operated on designated trails. Vehicles must park in designated parking areas. Blocking gates or roads with a vehicle or ATV is prohibited. ATVs are not allowed off designated trails. The use of ATVs outside of the ATV area without a permit is strictly prohibited, NO EXCEPTIONS! Designated trails are open from 4 a.m. until two hours after sunset.

Firearms: The possession of firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons are prohibited except during designated area hunts. Hunters must have firearms unloaded at all times while traveling within the area by motor vehicle, ATV, horse, bicycle and while in a vessel under mechanical power. Loaded weapons are not allowed within 100 feet of designated ATV trails, foot trails, and roads; or within 100 yards of designated parking areas or the Bonnet Carre Spillway Structure. Loaded is defined as shells or cartridges in the gun's chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms or crossbows cocked and in the ready position, or caps on muzzleloader.

All users **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters must display a total of 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during the open gun hunts for deer. Hunter orange must be worn the entire time while in the field.

DEER NOTES: Archery and Shotgun (buckshot) only.

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

Deer Archery (either-sex, EXCEPT during bucks only seasons): Oct. 16 - Feb. 15

Deer Shotgun (either-sex): Nov. 27-29

Deer Shotgun (bucks only): Dec. 19 - Jan. 3

Deer Gun Youth (either-sex): Oct. 31 - Nov. 1. Additional permit required from Spillway office.

USACE - BONNET CARRE SPILLWAY (cont.)

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. 27-29 and Dec. 19 - Jan. 3.

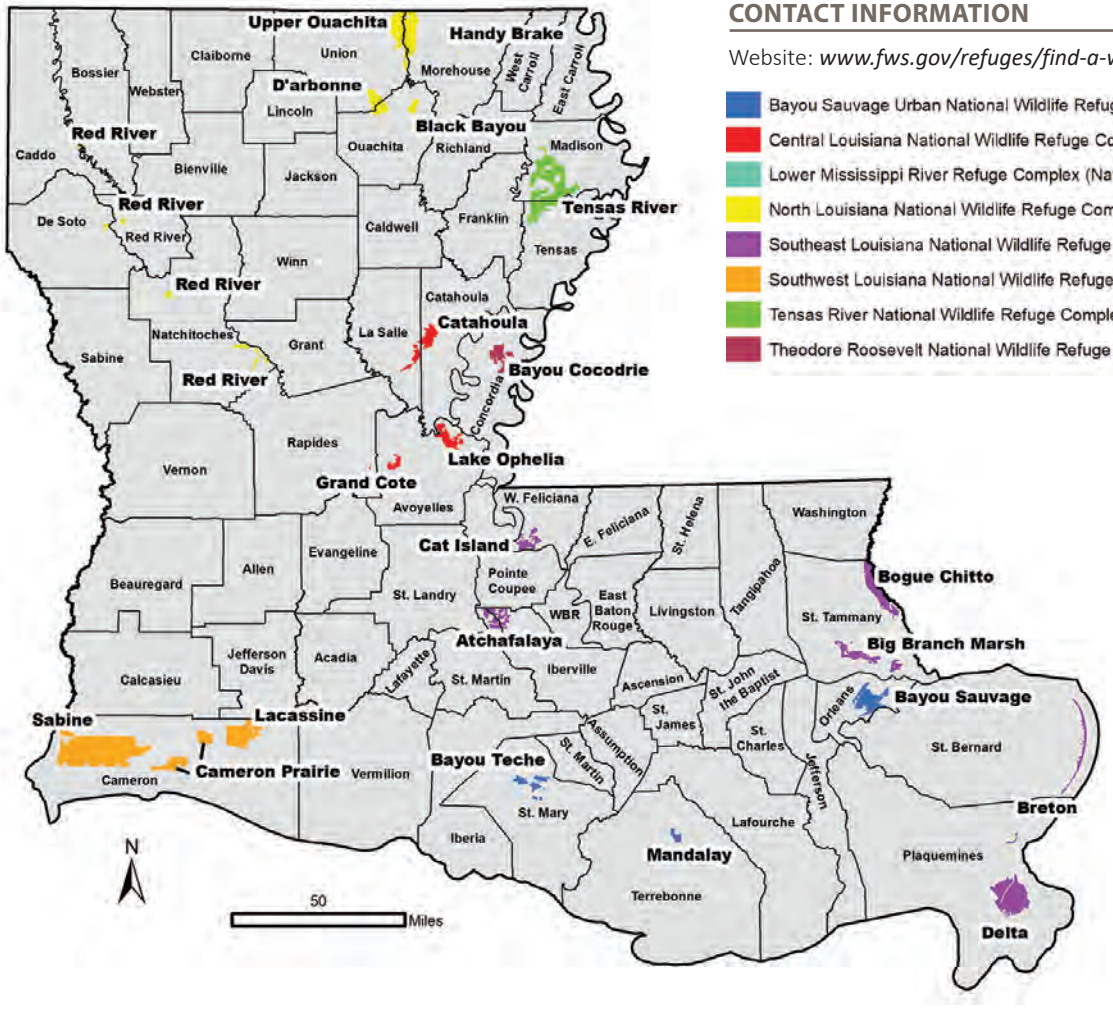
Armadillos, Beaver, Feral Hogs, Nutria and Coyotes: May be taken incidental to any Spillway hunt with weapons legal for that hunt.

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: *www.fws.gov/refuges/find-a-wildlife-refuge*

- Bayou Sauvage Urban National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Lacombe): 985-882-2000
- Central Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Marksville): 318-253-4238
- Lower Mississippi River Refuge Complex (Natchez, MS): 601-442-6696
- North Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Farmerville): 318-762-4222
- Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Lacombe): 985-882-2000
- Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Bell City): 337-598-2216
- Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Tallulah): 318-574-2262
- Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Yazoo City, MS): 662-836-3004

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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. 56:125).

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).

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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. 56:125).

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).

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

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. 56:125).

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).

HUNTERS CAN SAVE LIVES



2,000+

Louisiana friends, neighbors, and loved ones are waiting for their life saving gift.

When you get your hunting license, you have the potential to impact lives around you. Registering as organ donor can help save up to 8 lives.

REGISTER TODAY AT lopa.org/register

LOPA™
MAKING LIFE HAPPEN



LOUISIANA State Parks

"Whether you're fishing for the day or staying overnight, let the trip begin at our State Parks. Catch a record setting bass at Jimmie Davis State Park. Try your luck saltwater fishing at Cypremort Point or Grand Isle State Parks. There truly is something for everyone to enjoy."

-Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser-

STATE OF LOUISIANA · UNION · JUSTICE · CONFIDENCE ·

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
BILLY NUNGESSER



