General Fishing and Hunting Provisions

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting and fishing on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable State regulations subject to the following conditions.

Permits are required for all hunters.

Take pride in your refuge. Report violations.

Firearms/Ammunition

Firearms carried in vehicles or boats must be unloaded and encased or dismantled.

Firearms are permitted only during the refuge hunting

Possession of a loaded firearm in a campsite is prohibited.

The possession of slugs and buckshot, or rifle and pistol ammunition larger than .22 caliber rimfire, is permitted only during the refuge gun hunts for deer.

Shotguns using shot larger than size No. 2 are prohibited during turkey season.

Disabled Sportsmen

Please contact the refuge office for information.

Camping

Primitive camping is permitted within 100 feet of designated streams. These include either bank of the Bogue Chitto River, Wilson Slough, and West Pearl River south of Wilson Slough; refuge lands along the East Pearl River and Holmes Bayou.

No campsite will be left unattended longer than 24 hours.

Campsites cannot be established longer than 14 consecutive days.

Sport Fishing Regulations

Fishing is permitted year-round in accordance with State regulations.

Only cotton limb lines are permitted.

Trotlines are permitted, but last five feet of trotline must be 100% cotton.

Camping is permitted in designated areas.

Specific Hunting Regulations

Warning: Identify target before shooting and be aware of other hunters in the area.

Public hunting is permitted refuge-wide, except for the east levee of the Pearl River Navigation Canal as indicated on the map.

Any hunter under 16 years of age must possess proof of completing an approved Hunter Safety Course and be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age. Each adult can supervise only one youth during deer gun hunts and only two youths during small game hunts.

All hunters except waterfowl hunters must wear 400 square inches of Hunter Orange during open gun season for deer. All non-hunters are encouraged to wear Hunter Orange.

The refuge will be closed to camping and hunting, except waterfowl, when the Pearl River reaches 15.5 feet on the Pearl River gauge.

Only those species listed may be taken.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages are not permitted while hunting.

All bowhunters are encouraged to complete a certified bowhunter education course.

Non-toxic shot will be required for all small game hunts. This requirement applies only to the use of shotgun ammunition.

All deer stands must be removed within 14 days following the end of the refuge deer season.

Prohibited Activities

Baiting or hunting with the aid of bait.

Hunting from permanent tree stands (attached by nails, spikes, or other metal objects).

Hunting within 150 feet of any road, trail or residence.

Motorized vehicles off public roads and designated parking

Houseboats within refuge boundaries except for navigation purposes.

Possession of lead shot during refuge small game hunts is prohibited.

Littering on the refuge is prohibited

Target shooting on the refuge is prohibited

Signs and Boundaries

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording of the signs below apply to the areas behind the signs. Pay attention to the signs, watch for boundary corners, and check your location with the maps.



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These two top signs mark the refuge boundary. Public entry is generally authorized. However, other refuges in the system may have different regulations concerning general entry. Always know the regulations before entering.



This sign means that the area is closed to all entry. Do not trespass behind this sign for any reason.



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National Wildlife Refuge
Hunting and Fishing
Regulations 2004-2005





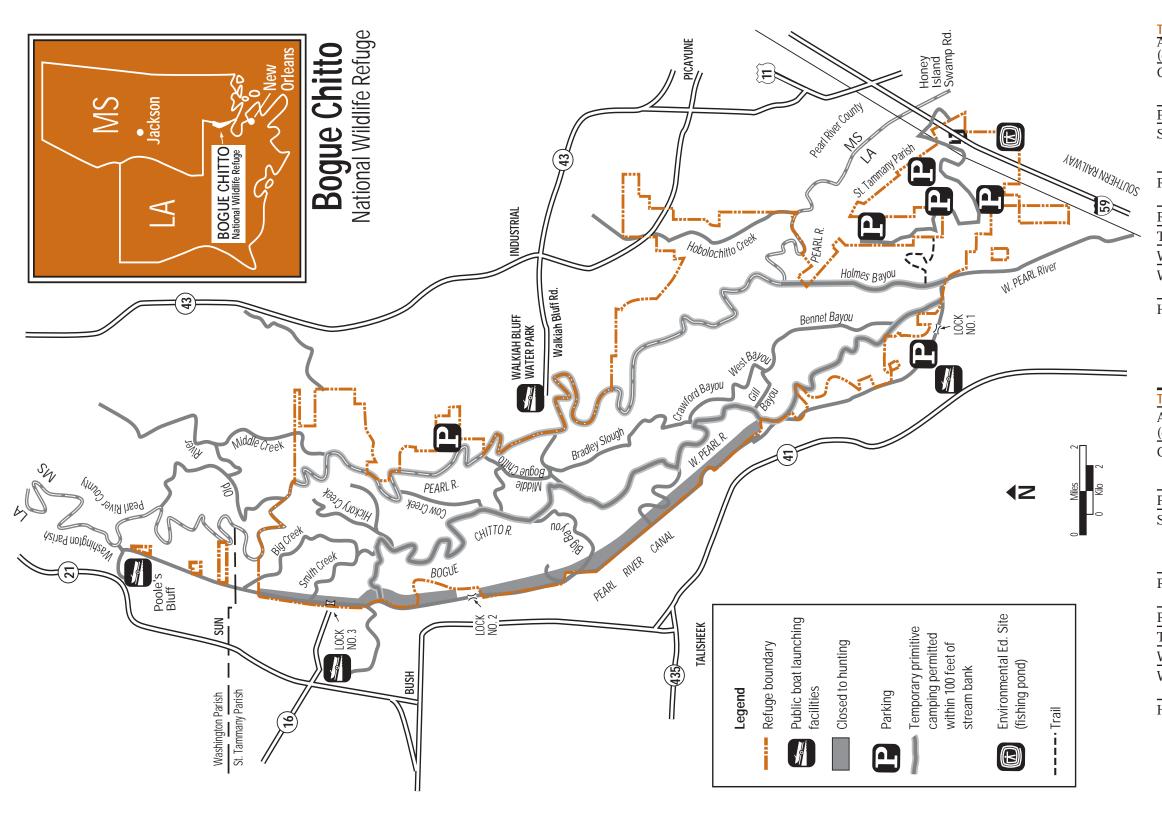
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Boque Chitto Refuge Hunting Permit 2004-2005

When signed and in your possession, this serves as your permit for all refuge hunts, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Expires June 30, 2005.

Signature (permits are not transferable)



Type Hunt	Season (Mississippi)	Special Conditions
Archery deer (either sex)	Oct.1 - 31, 2004 Jan. 1-9, 2005	Refuge permit required. Portable stands only.
General gun deer	Nov. 27-28, 2004 (either sex) Nov. 20-26, 2004 (bucks only) Dec. 11-19, 2004 (bucks only)	Refuge permit required. Still hunt only. No dogs.
Primitive weapon	Dec. 4- 10, 2004 (either sex)	Refuge permit required. Still hunt only. No dogs.
Squirrel	State season	Refuge permit required. Non-toxic shot only. Dogs may be used Nov. 1-9 and from Dec. 22 to the end of the State squirrel season.
Rabbit	State season	Refuge permit required. Non-toxic shot only. Dogs may be used Nov. 1-9 and after close of state gun deer season.
Raccoon	Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 2005	Refuge permit required. Dogs are allowed.
Turkey	State season	Refuge permit required. Only gobblers may be taken.
Waterfowl	State season	Refuge permit required. Hunting permitted until noon only.
Woodcock	State season	Refuge permit required. Non-toxic shot only. Recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.
Hog	May be taken only during refuge archery, primitive weapon and general gun deer hunts. Also, from Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 2005 may be taken only with the aid of trained hog hunting dogs from sunrise to sunset.	Refuge permit required. All hogs must be killed prior to removal from the refuge. Hunters may use pistol or rifle ammunition not larger than .22 caliber or a shotgun with non toxic (steel, bismuth) shot.
Type Hunt	Season (Louisiana)	Special Conditions
Archery deer (either sex)	Oct. 1-31, 2004 Jan. 1-9, 2005	Refuge permit required. Portable stands only.
General gun deer	Nov. 27-28, 2004 (either sex) Nov. 20-26, 2004 (bucks only) Dec. 11-19, 2004 (bucks only)	Refuge permit required. Still hunt only. No dogs.
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