

Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 540 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of native wildlife. The harvest of animals is one tool used to manage fish and wildlife populations. Carefully managed hunting and fishing help maintain these populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome recreational opportunities, and permit the use of valuable renewable resources.

The regulations in this pamphlet supplement the general regulations governing hunting and fishing on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable state regulations except as noted below.

As you use the refuge, take pride in America and the refuge resources. Report violations promptly. Respect the rights of others using the refuge.

General Hunting Regulations

Permits

A signed refuge hunting permit (front of this brochure) must be carried by all hunters.

Restricted Areas

Hunting is permitted only in certain areas as shown on the hunting map. No hunting is allowed within the maintained right-of-way of roads and ATV trails shown on the map. Hunters may not access the hunting area by boat from the public launch site.

Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4:00 am and must exit no later than 1 hour after legal shooting hours unless otherwise specified.

Youth

All hunters under age 16 must have completed a hunter education course and carry a card or certificate with them. Youths must be closely supervised (in sight and in normal voice contact) by an adult at least 21 years old. An adult may supervise only one youth under 16 years old on a big game hunt and no more than 2 youths under 16 years old on a small game or waterfowl hunt.

Firearms and Ammunition

Firearms are permitted only during the refuge gun hunting seasons. Except for raccoon hunting, firearms

are not allowed on the refuge at night. Firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, and buckshot are prohibited. Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited. Firearms being transported in motorized vehicles (including ATVs) must be completely unloaded.

Disabled

Medically certified disabled sportsmen that need assistance should contact the Refuge Manager.

ATVs

ATVs are permitted only on trails designated for their use (see map). The trails are marked with signs and will be closed March 1 through August 31. ATVs are prohibited from one hour after legal shooting hours to 4:00 am. Raccoon hunters may not use ATVs. ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 lbs. psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

General Fishing and Boating Regulations

Warning - Use caution when operating boats. Many obstructions/obstacles in the lake are submerged and unmarked.

Fishing and boating in Black Bayou Lake are permitted year round during daylight hours only. Licenses, limits, and boating safety requirements are the same as those adopted by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Permits

Self-service permits (properly filled out and displayed) are required for boat launching. Fee is \$2.00 per launch (Interagency Senior Pass holders pay \$1.00). Boats may only be launched at the designated ramp (see map).

Prohibited Activities

- Launching boats with motors greater than 50 horsepower.
- Littering.
- Taking of wildlife (including frogs, turtles and mollusks) and plants other than specified in refuge regulations.
- Using motorized vehicles off the designated public access roads. This includes motorcycles, ATVs, jeeps, cars, trucks, etc. Parking is restricted to parking areas and along public access roads which are shown on maps.



- Taking or possessing waterfowl, any game animal, fish or plant by use of a guide or outfitter; except by special use permit.
- Leaving personal property unattended or overnight (includes boats, deer stands, blinds, decoys).
- Driving or screwing a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or hunting from any tree in which a nail, spike, or other metal object has been driven or screwed.
- Baiting or hunting over a baited area.
- Possessing or using alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Target practice.
- Commercial fishing.
- Using trotlines, limb lines, yo-yos, traps or nets.
- Open fires.
- Camping or overnight parking.
- Participating in deer drives.
- Launching personal watercraft (jet skis).
- Crossing the plastic water hyacinth booms in a boat.
- Searching for or removing any object of antiquity, including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts.
- Using horse and mules.

Warning

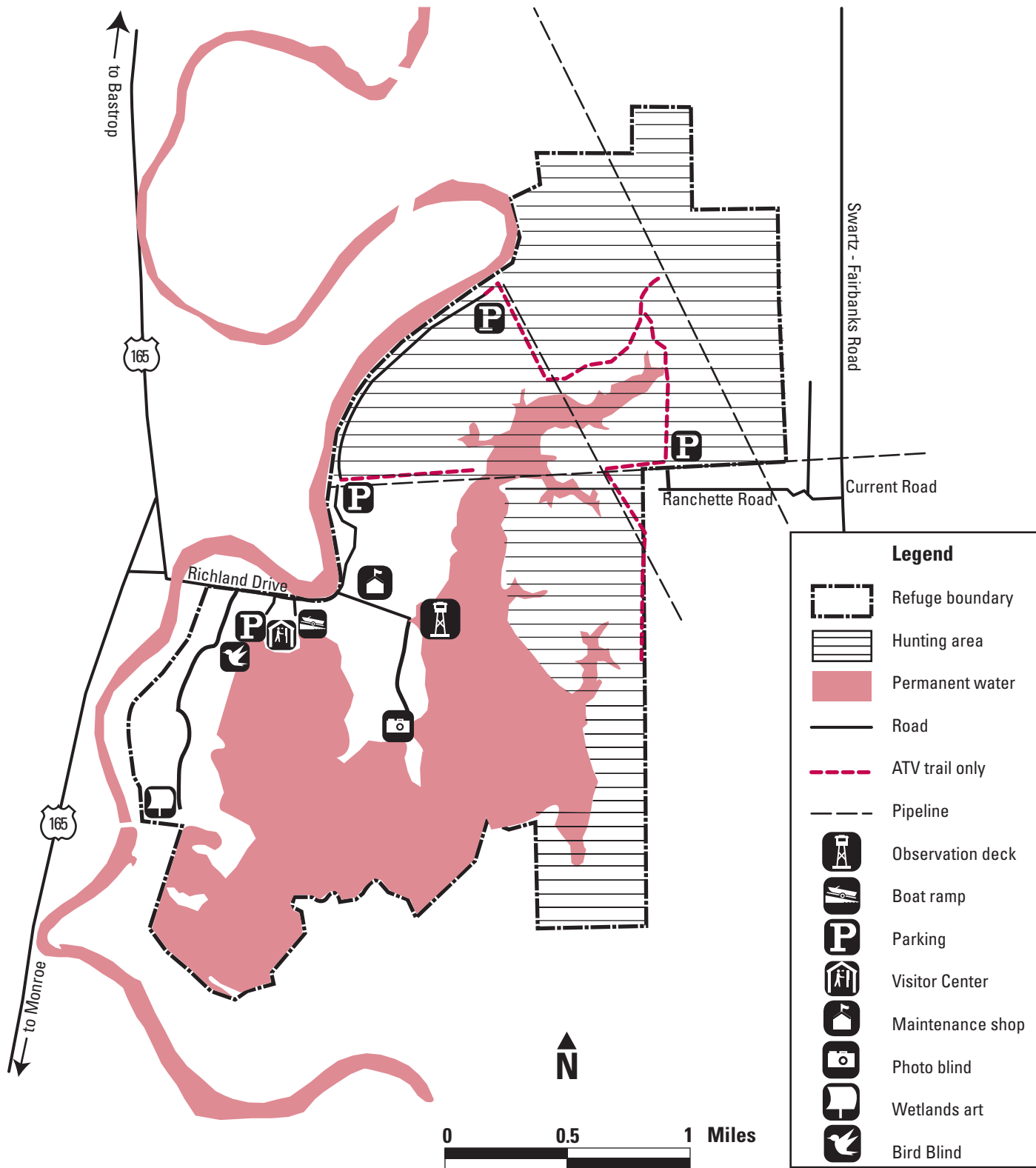
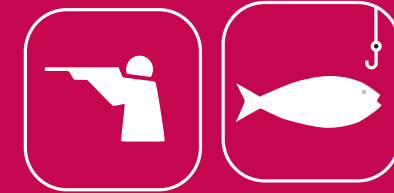
On May 29, 2003, the state of Louisiana issued the following fish consumption advisory for Black Bayou Lake: women of childbearing age and children under the age of seven - no consumption of bowfin (choupique, grinnel); other adults and children over the age of seven - limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to 1 meal per month.

2008 - 2009 Hunting Seasons/Regulations

Type	Season Dates	Specific Regulations
Duck, Coot	State season; closed during special teal season	Hunting until noon in designated area; recognized breeds of retrievers may be used; construction of and/or hunting from permanent blinds is prohibited; boats, blinds, and decoys may not be left unattended.
Quail, Woodcock	State season	Hunting in designated area only; recognized breeds of bird dogs may be used.
Squirrel, Rabbit	State season, except closed in Spring season	Hunting in designated area only; dogs may be used in January and February only.
Raccoon, Opossum	Dec. 1, 2008 - Jan. 31, 2009 for night hunting; may be taken during daylight hours of rabbit and squirrel season.	Hunting in designated area only; elevated levels of mercury have been found in area raccoons. It is recommended that they not be eaten. Raccoon may not be sold for human consumption.
Coyotes, Beaver	All refuge hunts	Hunting in designated area only; no bag limit; may be taken with weapons legal for particular season.
Deer Archery	State season	Hunting in designated area only; possession or use of pods prohibited; all archery hunters must possess proof of completion of International Bowhunters Education Program; limit 1 deer per day - either sex.
Deer Gun Hunting	CLOSED	

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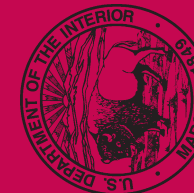
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Refuge Hunting Permit 2008 - 2009 Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge

I have read and understand these regulations.

Signature of hunter

This permit is valid only when signed and must be carried on hunter's person (may cut out)