

2007-2008 Hunting Seasons

Type	Season Dates	Specific Regulations
Deer-Archery Either sex International Bowhunters Safety Course required for all Archers.	Nov. 3, 2007-Jan. 31, 2008 (closed during youth and modern firearms hunts).	Closed during Youth Hunt and Modern Firearm hunts. Possession/use of pods or firearms prohibited. Hunters using archery equipment on muzzleloader hunts must follow all muzzleloader regulations (including all hunter orange requirements).
Deer-Youth, Either sex	Nov. 17-18, 2007	Each youth must be 8-15 years old. Use/possession of buckshot is prohibited.
Deer-Modern Firearms Hunts, Either sex (Special Limited Hunts)	Dec. 1-2, 2007 Dec. 15-16, 2007	Special limited Permit (both hunts). One Either sex deer per day. Use/possession of buckshot is prohibited. Hunting in and shooting into or across reforested area or closed area is prohibited. Hunters using muzzleloaders must follow all modern firearms regulations (no hunting in reforested areas)
Deer Muzzleloader Either sex	Jan. 7-9, 2008	State Muzzleloader regulations apply. "I Line" muzzleloaders are allowed. Hunting in and shooting into or across a closed area is prohibited. Hunters utilizing ground blinds will be required to display 400 square inches of Hunter Orange outside of the blind which is visible from all sides of the blind.
Turkey	First 16 days of the State season	Limit 1 gobbler per day/2 gobblers per season.
Youth Turkey	The Saturday and Sunday before the 1st day of the regular State season	Each youth must be 8-15 years old. Limit 1 gobbler per day/2 gobblers per season.
Squirrel & Rabbit (without dogs)	Oct. 6, 2007-Nov. 30, 2007 (closed during youth deer hunt)	Closed during youth and Special Limited Gun and Muzzleloader Hunts. Approved non-toxic shot required.
Squirrel & Rabbit (with/without dogs)	Dec. 3, 2007-Feb. 3, 2008 (closed during gun deer hunts) required.	Closed during Special Limited Hunts. Approved non-toxic shot required.
Raccoon	Jan. 1, 2008-Feb. 3, 2008	Approved non-toxic shot required. No bag limit. Horses and mules allowed sunset to sunrise.
Woodcock	State Season	Approved non-toxic shot required.
Ducks and Coots	(Closed during Youth, Special Limited, and Muzzleloader hunts.) Tuesdays, Thursdays Saturdays, Sundays until noon during regular State season.	Hunting permitted refuge wide EXCEPT in areas designated as CLOSED AREAS and NO WATERFOWL HUNTING AREAS on the map in this brochure. Constructing or hunting from permanent blinds prohibited. Portable blinds and decoys must be removed daily. Approved non-toxic shot required. Possession of lead shot prohibited.
Incidental Species coyote, beaver, raccoon skunk, opossum	Oct. 6, 2007 - Feb 3, 2008 (weapon legal for the day)	

NOTE:

ALL game must be checked at a check station nearest to point of take after each hunt before leaving the refuge! Each hunter is responsible for reporting harvest information on a hunter Information Report Card which is located at the self clearing check stations. Please provide your own writing utensil.

Volunteers are needed at Tensas River NWR. Stop by the visitor center or call 318/574 2664 for more information.

Black Bears are Protected!

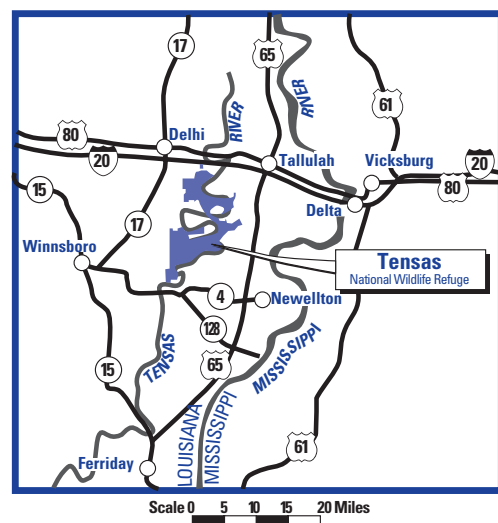
The Louisiana black bear is Federally protected under the Endangered Species Act. It is illegal to harm or possess any part of a Louisiana black bear. Hunters, please note sightings of black bears on your Hunter Information Report Card. If a bear approaches you, make loud noises and make yourself appear as large as possible. You may carry air horns to discourage curious bears. NEVER FEED OR APPROACH BEARS.

ATV Permits

To assist in ATV trail maintenance, an ATV user permit is required and must be permanently affixed to all ATV's used on the refuge. The permit may be purchased at the refuge visitor center (Monday-Friday) or by mail, providing your name and complete mailing address (print clearly) along with a \$10.00 money order or cashiers check for each ATV permit. All fees must be made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. ATV permits are issued on an annual basis. NO CASH or PERSONAL CHECKS will be accepted at any time.

NOTE:

Hunters must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to operate an ATV on a Physically Challenged ATV Trail or be



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