

Delta

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting, Fishing and Camping Regulations 2008 - 2009



Southeast Louisiana Refuges
Delta National Wildlife Refuge
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Lacombe, LA 70445
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Delta Refuge Hunting Permit

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, 2009.

Signature (permits are not transferable)

**Delta National Wildlife Refuge
General Fishing, Hunting and Camping Regulations**

The regulations listed below supplement Louisiana State hunting and fishing regulations and the general regulations governing hunting and fishing on National Wildlife Refuges set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

All hunters must possess a refuge permit. This brochure when signed and in your possession, serves as a permit for all refuge hunts.

Attached to this permit is a self check, harvest form. The harvest data helps us better manage your wildlife resources. Please complete all harvest information and return it to the brochure box at the refuge office in Venice or mail to the refuge office.

Hunters and fishermen are cautioned that travel to the refuge may be hazardous due to rough water, fog and swells from ships and crew boats.

Firearms are permitted only during the refuge hunting season. Firearms, while being carried in vehicles or boats, must be unloaded and encased or dismantled. Possession of buckshot, lead shot, slugs, rifles or rifle ammunition is prohibited.

No firearms may be discharged within 250 yards of buildings or worksites such as oil or gas production facilities.

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

All commercial activities including guiding or participating in a guided hunt are prohibited.

Target shooting on the refuge is prohibited.

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 hunts and only two youths during other hunts. Parents or adult guardians responsible for supervising hunters under the age of 16 must remain within sight and normal voice contact of the juvenile. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under the age of 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of the refuge regulations.

All refuge lands between Main Pass and Raphael Pass are closed to public entry during the refuge waterfowl hunting season.

The refuge is open 30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset.

Air boats, mud boats, aircraft, and air cooled propulsion engines are prohibited on refuge waters.

Camping is not permitted on the refuge.

The possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, mineral, other feed, or non-naturally occurring attractant on the refuge is prohibited.

Cutting, removing or damaging trees and other live plant matter is prohibited.

Fires are not permitted on the refuge.

Specific Sport Fishing Regulations:

Sport fishing is permitted year-round in accordance with State Regulations subject to the following conditions.

Limb lines, trotlines, slat traps, nets, and jug fishing are prohibited.

Sport fishing and crabbing are permitted only during daylight hours and only after 12:00 pm in the waterfowl hunting areas during State waterfowl hunting season.

Specific Hunting Regulations:

State hunting regulations apply unless otherwise listed.

Archery deer hunts are permitted on the refuge during the archery season.

Type Hunt

Archery deer
Bucks only Oct. 1-15
Either sex Oct. 16-30

Rabbit

Waterfowl
(ducks and geese)

Season

Oct. 1-31 and from the day after the close of the State waterfowl season until January 31.

From the day after the close of State waterfowl season until the end of the state rabbit season.

Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday during State Teal, General State Waterfowl, and “light Goose” special Conservation seasons.

Special Regulations

Bow and arrow only. Hunters are encouraged to complete a certified Bowhunter Education course. No dogs or “man drives”. Hogs may be taken with bow and arrow during deer archery season.

Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size must be #4 or smaller. Dogs may be used.

Hunting permitted until noon. Temporary blinds only that must be removed daily by noon. Retrievers are allowed. Coots, Rails and Gallinules may be taken from the refuge only during waterfowl hunting days. Hunting is allowed on those portions of Delta Refuge that lie northwest of Main Pass or south of Raphael Pass (shown on map).

Delta NWR Hunter Bag Report

Place in designated check boxes or mail to:
S.E. Louisiana Refuges
61389 Highway 434
Lacombe, LA 70445

Name: _____

Address: _____

Dates Hunted: _____

Enter type and number of animals harvested:

Species	Waterfowl/Coots	# harvested
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Deer (buck) # _____ Archery Antler pts: _____
Deer (Doe) # _____
Hog # _____

Species	Small Game/Other	# harvested
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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