

- You must unload and encase or dismantle firearms before transporting them in a vehicle or boat within the boundaries of the refuge or along rights-of-way for public or private land within the refuge.
- Each hunter must have in his/her possession a current, signed copy of the Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Permit while participating in refuge hunts.
- Hunters under the age of 16 must have passed a State approved hunter education course, must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. The adult may supervise no more than two youths.

Big Game Hunting

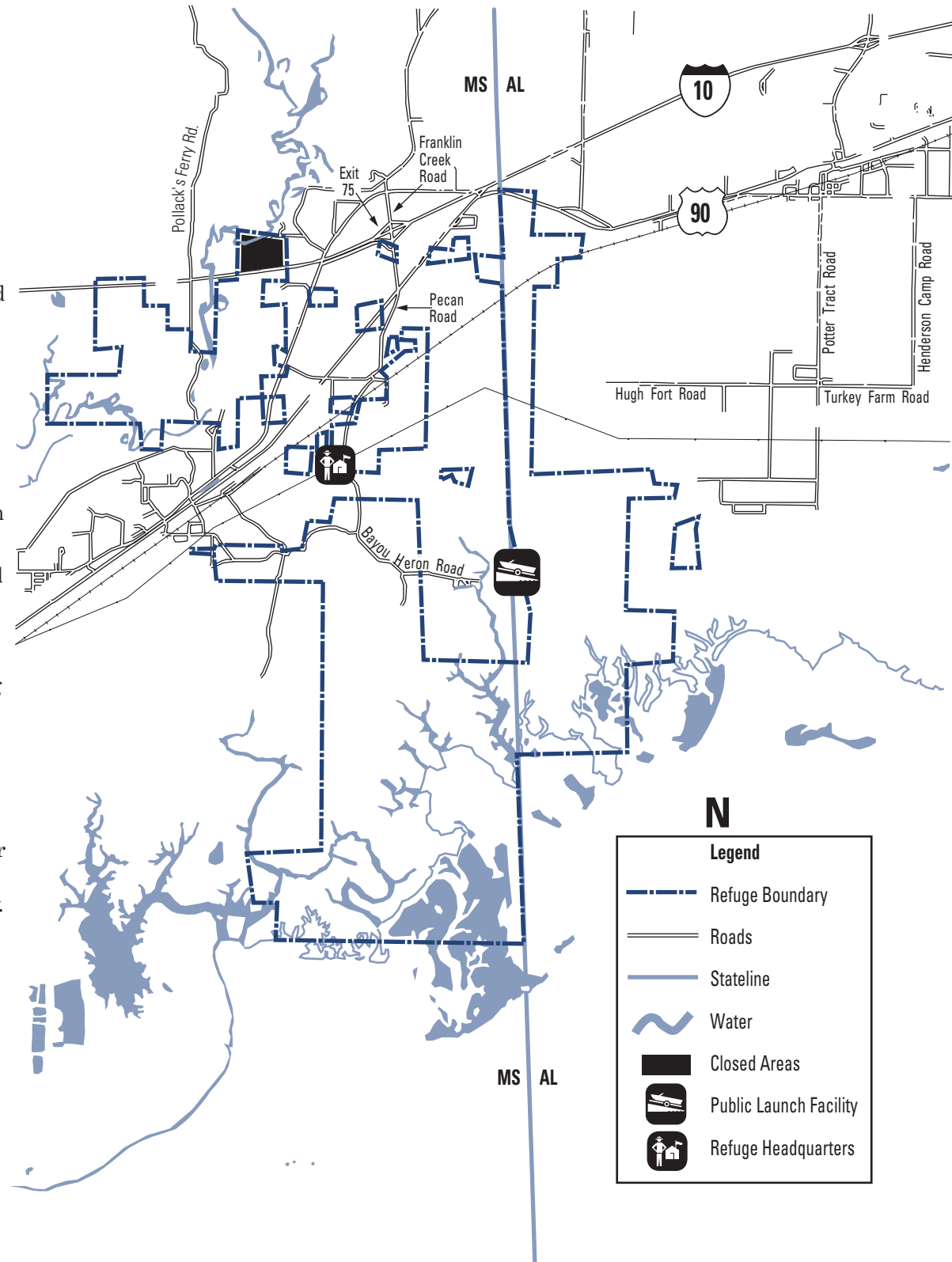
We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to State regulations and the following conditions:

- Hunting is permitted with bow and arrow only, no firearms are allowed. The use of poisonous arrows is prohibited.
- Archery Feral Hog hunting is permitted only during refuge deer hunts.
- We prohibit the use or construction of any permanent tree stand. We allow portable and climbing stands, but you must remove them from the tree when not in use or they will be subject to confiscation.
- The refuge is a day-use area only with the exception of legal hunting activities.
- We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles on all refuge hunts.
- We prohibit the use of mules and horses on refuge hunts.
- You may not hunt by organized deer drives of two or more hunters. The definition of drive is: the act of chasing, pursuing, disturbing, or otherwise directing deer so as to make the animals more susceptible to harvest.
- We prohibit target practice on refuge property.
- Hunting with the aid of bait is prohibited.
- The use of dogs is prohibited.
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History

Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is one of over 536 National Wildlife Refuges managed as part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge System. Grand Bay NWR was established in 1992 under the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986 to protect one of the largest expanses of undisturbed pine savanna habitats in the Gulf Coastal Plain region.

The regulations listed in this brochure supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. State bag limits, arms, ammunition and other applicable State laws and regulations apply.



Grand Bay

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2008-2009

Hunting of Migratory Game Birds

We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots, and mourning doves on designated areas of the refuge subject to State regulations and the following conditions:

- Hunting of waterfowl is allowed from 30 minutes before sunrise until noon on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- You may use only portable or temporary blinds.
- You must remove portable or temporary blinds and decoys from the refuge by 1 pm.
- You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting waterfowl in the field.
- The refuge is a day-use area only with the exception of legal hunting activities, waterfowl hunters may access the refuge two hours before daylight.
- We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles on all refuge hunts.
- We prohibit target practice on refuge property.
- We prohibit mules and horses on refuge hunts.
- Retrievers are allowed for waterfowl hunting. All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.
- You must unload and encase or dismantle firearms before transporting them in a vehicle or boat within the boundaries of the refuge or along rights-of-way for public or private land within the refuge.
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Upland Game Hunting

We allow hunting of squirrel on designated areas of the refuge subject to State regulations and the following conditions:

- We prohibit mules and horses on refuge hunts.
- We prohibit the use of all-terrain vehicles on all refuge hunts.
- The refuge is a day-use area only with the exception of legal hunting activities.
- We prohibit target practice on refuge property.
- All shotgun ammunition must meet legal shot-size requirements and be federally approved non toxic shot. Only .22 rimfire are permitted.

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Grand Bay Refuge Hunting Permit 2008-2009

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

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Signature (permits are not transferable)

Expires June 30, 2009

Season dates and bag limits may vary between states. A valid state hunting license, refuge permit, and identification, are required to be carried on person by hunters.