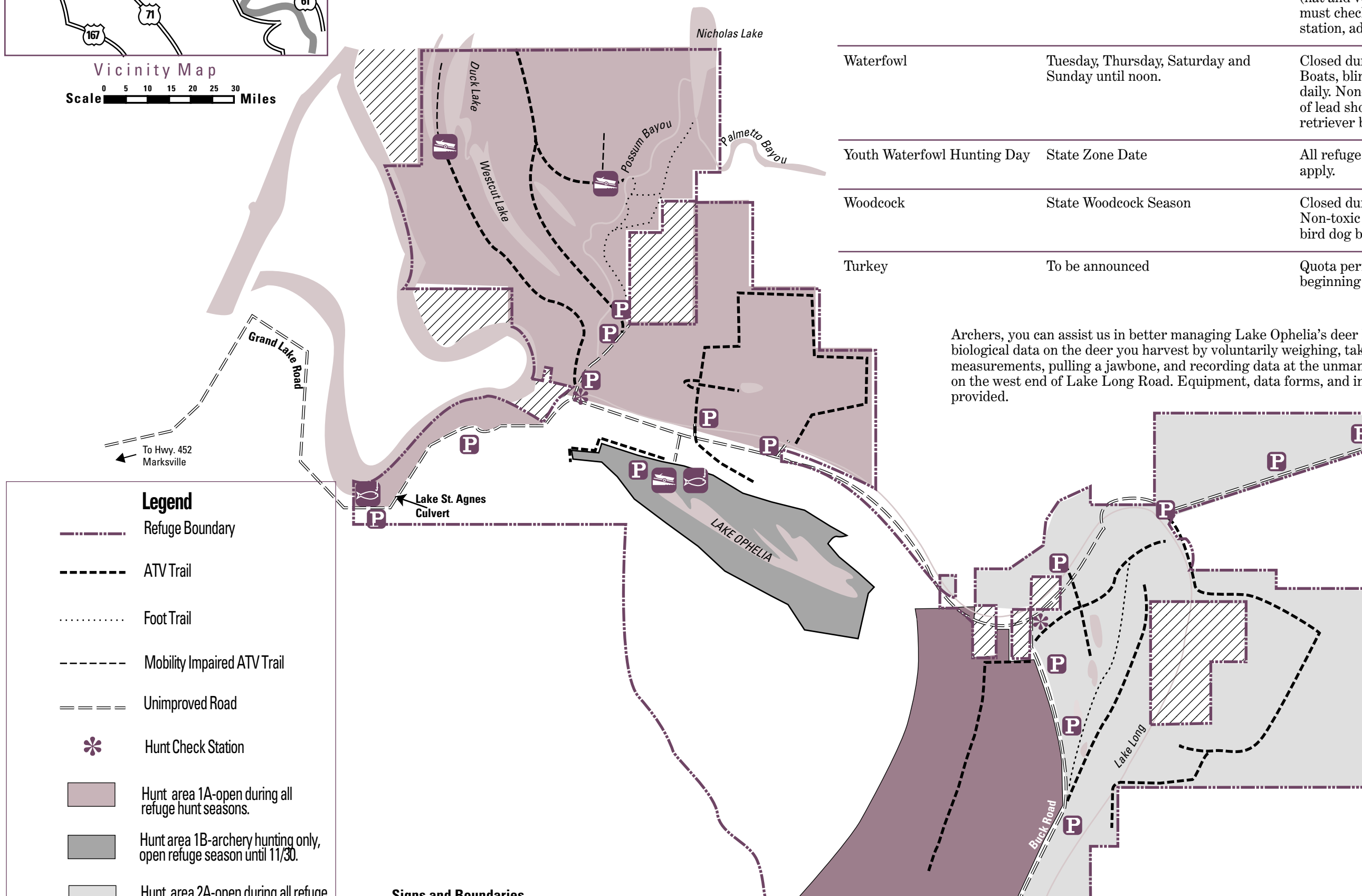


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Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge

2001-2002 Hunting Seasons

Type	Season Dates	Specific Regulations
Squirrel and Rabbit	Oct. 6, 2001 - Feb. 10, 2002	Closed during youth and muzzleloader deer hunts. Recognized squirrel and rabbit breed dogs permitted Jan. 19- Feb. 10, 2002.
Raccoon	Open during squirrel and rabbit seasons during daylight hours only.	Closed during youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.
Deer-Archery	Nov. 1, 2001 - Jan. 31, 2002	One, either-sex deer per day, closed during youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.
Deer-Muzzleloader Hunt 1 Hunt 2 Hunt 3	Dec. 1 - 2, 2001 Dec. 15 - 16, 2001 Jan. 5 - 6, 2002	Special Quota Permit Required. One, either sex deer per hunt, hunter orange (hat and vest) required, hunters must check in and out at a manned check station.
Deer-Youth Hunt	Nov. 10 - 11, 2001	Each youth must be 8 - 15 years old. One, either sex deer per hunt, shotguns with slugs only or muzzleloader, hunter orange (hat and vest) required, youth hunters must check in and out at a manned check station, adult supervision required.
Waterfowl	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday until noon.	Closed during muzzleloader deer hunts. Boats, blinds, and decoys must be removed daily. Non-toxic shot required. Possession of lead shot prohibited. Only recognized retriever breeds permitted.
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day	State Zone Date	All refuge waterfowl hunting regulations apply.
Woodcock	State Woodcock Season	Closed during muzzleloader deer hunts. Non-toxic shot required. Only recognized bird dog breeds permitted.
Turkey	To be announced	Quota permit, applications excepted beginning February 1, 2002.



Archers, you can assist us in better managing Lake Ophelia's deer herd by collecting biological data on the deer you harvest by voluntarily weighing, taking antler measurements, pulling a jawbone, and recording data at the unmanned check station on the west end of Lake Long Road. Equipment, data forms, and instructions will be provided.

Legend

- Refuge Boundary
- ATV Trail
- Foot Trail
- Mobility Impaired ATV Trail
- Unimproved Road
- Hunt Check Station
- Hunt area 1A-open during all refuge hunt seasons.
- Hunt area 1B-archery hunting only, open refuge season until 11/30.
- Hunt area 2A-open during all refuge hunt seasons.
- Hunt area 2B-archery, youth deer, squirrel, and rabbit hunting only, open refuge season only 11/30.
- Parking Area
- Private Inholding
- Water
- Refuge Headquarters
- Boat Launching
- Bank Fishing Area

Signs and Boundaries

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording of the sign applies to the area behind the sign. Please respect the following signs.



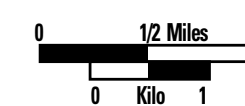
This sign delineates the refuge boundary. Always know the regulations before entering.



All hunting and possession of any weapon is prohibited beyond this sign.



This area is closed to all public entry. Exceptions stated on sign.



Caution Hunters, Black Bear Advisory!

In a cooperative effort between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the Black Bear Conservation committee, Louisiana black bear sows and cubs have been released on Red River WMA in an attempt to reestablish these threatened bears within their historical range. This area is not far from Lake Ophelia NWR and bears could easily be on the Refuge. Report all bear sightings on your self-clearing permit. Hunters must positively identify their target before pulling the trigger or releasing an arrow! Black bears and feral hogs are sometimes hard to distinguish in heavy cover. Black bears are a protected species in Louisiana.