

Posted Restrictions

For Hunting at Bonnet Carré Spillway

2011-2012 Hunting Season

All Corps property is managed in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, under the authority vested by Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 327. ALL LOUISIANA STATE and FEDERAL HUNTING LAWS APPLY.

Also applicable are St. Charles Parish ordinances regarding firearms in the Bonnet Carré Spillway:

1. St. Charles Parish ordinances prohibit bodily possession of, or discharge of any rifle, pistol or weapon discharging ball ammunition within the boundaries of the Bonnet Carré Spillway Project. Ball ammunition is defined as a single lead and/or metal projectile, including all rifles, muzzleloaders, shotgun slugs, BB guns, and pellet rifles.
2. Parish ordinances also prohibit the bodily possession of a loaded shotgun or the discharge of any shotgun within 800 feet of the Bonnet Carré Spillway levees from the Mississippi River to Lake Pontchartrain, U.S. Hwy 61 (Airline Highway), and SC - 12 (Spillway Road).

In addition, the following posted restrictions will be enforced on Corps property at the Bonnet Carré Spillway:

1. All hunters must have in their possession a Bonnet Carré Spillway Hunting Permit, picture ID, and valid State Hunting License.
2. ATV Areas 1 and 2 are closed to hunting. ATV's are not to be used for hunting unless a special use permit has been issued.
3. **All deer hunting shall be STILL HUNTING ONLY. Moving deer or hogs on Corps of Engineers property with organized drivers and standers, or making use of noises or noise making devices is prohibited. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles or boats.**
4. **Use of DOGS is RESTRICTED during the deer season, except for duck hunting. Rabbit and squirrel hunting with dogs north of U.S. Highway 61 (Airline Hwy) is not allowed during shotgun season for deer, Nov 25 - 27 and Dec 17 – Jan. 08.**
5. Baiting or hunting over bait for any species is prohibited.
6. The use and/or possession of center- fire rifles, pellet/bb guns and handguns are prohibited.
7. Firearms must be unloaded at all times while in the designated camping area and while traveling within the spillway by motor vehicle, horse, bicycle, and while in a vessel under mechanical power. Firearms may not be carried in any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping area.
8. Target shooting, skeet shooting, and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited.

9. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds are prohibited. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural material or having a frame, which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing, or other materials may be used but must be removed from Corps land within two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. Any permanent stand or permanent blind located on Corps property will be removed and destroyed by Corps personnel.
10. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are prohibited.
11. All decoys must be removed daily.
12. **Hunting for waterfowl ends at 12 p.m. (noon) NO EVENING HUNTS.**
13. The use and/or possession of trail makers (paint, flagging, bright eyes, etc.) are prohibited.
14. The use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages are prohibited while in possession of a firearm.
15. Disorderly conduct or hunting under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals, and other similar substances is prohibited.
16. During open gun season for deer and while hunting rabbits with dogs, all persons in possession of firearms (including archers and small game hunters) must display a total of 400 square inches of "hunters orange" and wear a "hunters orange" cap. Archers may cover the orange once 8 feet off of the ground. This does not apply to waterfowl hunters.
17. Taking of outlaw quadrupeds and birds (armadillos, beavers, feral hogs, nutria, coyotes, crows, blackbirds, and starlings) is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows during legal shooting hours of open seasons.

For more information contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bonnet Carré Spillway project office at (985) 764-7484, 16302 River Rd., Norco, LA 70079. Office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.