

Red River National Wildlife Refuge

Red River National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 540 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of native wildlife. The harvest of animals is one tool used to manage fish and wildlife populations. Carefully managed hunting and fishing help maintain these populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome recreational opportunities, and permit the use of valuable renewable resources.

The regulations in this pamphlet supplement the general regulations governing hunting and fishing on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable state regulations except as noted below.

As you use the refuge, take pride in America and the refuge resources. Report violations promptly. Respect the rights of others using the refuge.

General Hunting Regulations

Permits
A signed refuge hunting permit (front of this brochure) must be carried by all hunters.

Restricted Areas
Hunting is permitted only in certain areas as shown on the hunting map. No hunting is allowed within the maintained right-of-way of roads and ATV trails and within 150 feet of a residence, building or designated public facility shown on the map.

Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 3:00 am and must exit no later than two hours after legal shooting hours unless otherwise specified.

Youth
All hunters under the age of 16 must have completed a hunter education course and carry a card or certificate with them. Youths must be closely supervised (in

sight and in normal voice contact) by an adult at least 21 years old. An adult may supervise only one youth under 16 years old on a big game hunt and no more than two youths under 16 years old on a small game or waterfowl hunt.

Firearms and Ammunition
Firearms are permitted only during the refuge gun hunting seasons. Firearms are not allowed on the refuge at night. Firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs and buckshot are prohibited. Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited. Firearms being transported in motorized vehicles (including ATVs) must be completely unloaded.

Disabled
Medically certified disabled sportsmen that need assistance should contact the Refuge Manager.

ATVs
ATVs are permitted only on trails designated for their use. The trails will be marked with signs and will be closed March 1 through August 31. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after legal shooting hours to 3:00 am. ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 lbs psi as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

General Fishing and Boating Regulations

Warning – Use caution when operating boats. Many obstructions/obstacles may be submerged and unmarked.

Fishing and boating on Red River National Wildlife Refuge are permitted year round during daylight hours only. Licenses, limits and boating safety requirements are the same as those adopted by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Prohibited Activities

- Launching boats with motors greater than 50 horsepower.
- Littering.
- Taking of wildlife and plants other than specified in refuge regulations.
- Using motorized vehicles off the designated public access roads. This includes motorcycles, ATVs, jeeps, cars, trucks, etc. Parking is restricted to parking areas and along public access roads which are shown on maps.
- Taking or possessing waterfowl, any game animal, fish or plant by use of a guide or outfitter, except by special use permit.
- Leaving personal property unattended or overnight (included boats, deer stands, blinds, decoys).
- Driving or screwing a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or hunting from any tree in which a nail, spike, or other metal object has been driven or screwed.
- Baiting or hunting over a baited area.
- Possessing or using alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Target practice.
- Commercial fishing.
- Open fires.
- Camping or overnight parking.
- Participating in deer drives.
- Launching personal watercraft (jet skis).
- Searching for or removing any object of antiquity, including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts.
- Using horses and mules.

2004 – 2005 Hunting Seasons/Regulations

Duck, Goose and Coot
State Season
Hunting until noon in designated area only; recognized breeds of retrievers may be used; construction of and/or hunting from permanent blinds is prohibited; boats, blinds, and decoys may not be left unattended.

Quail, Woodcock
State Season
Hunting in designated areas only; recognized breeds of bird dogs may be used.

Squirrel, Rabbit
State Season
Hunting in designated areas only.

Raccoon, Opossum
State Season
Hunting in designated area only. May be taken during daylight hours only. No night hunting.

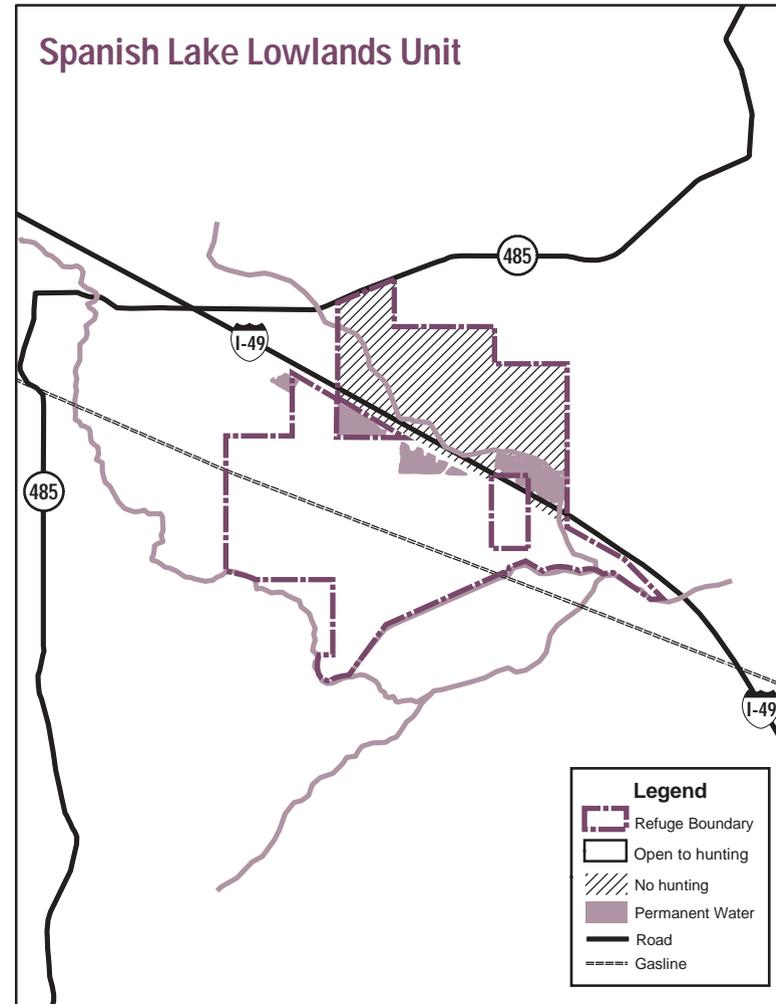
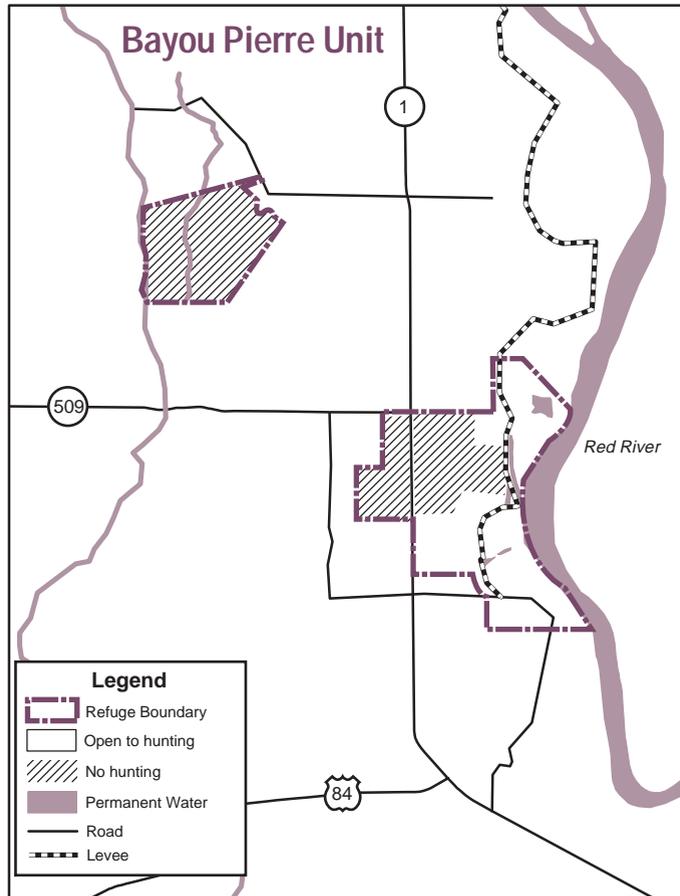
Feral hogs, coyotes, and beaver
All refuge hunts
Hunting in designated area only; no bag limit; may be taken with weapons legal for particular season.

Deer Archery
State Season
Hunting in designated area only; possession or use of pods prohibited; all archery hunters must possess proof of completion of International Bowhunters Education Program; **limit 1 deer per day – either sex.**

Deer Gun Hunting
CLOSED

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**Refuge Hunting Permit 2004-2005
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I have read and understand these regulations.

Signature of hunter

This permit is valid only when signed
 and must be carried on hunter's person.
 (Cut out permit if desired)