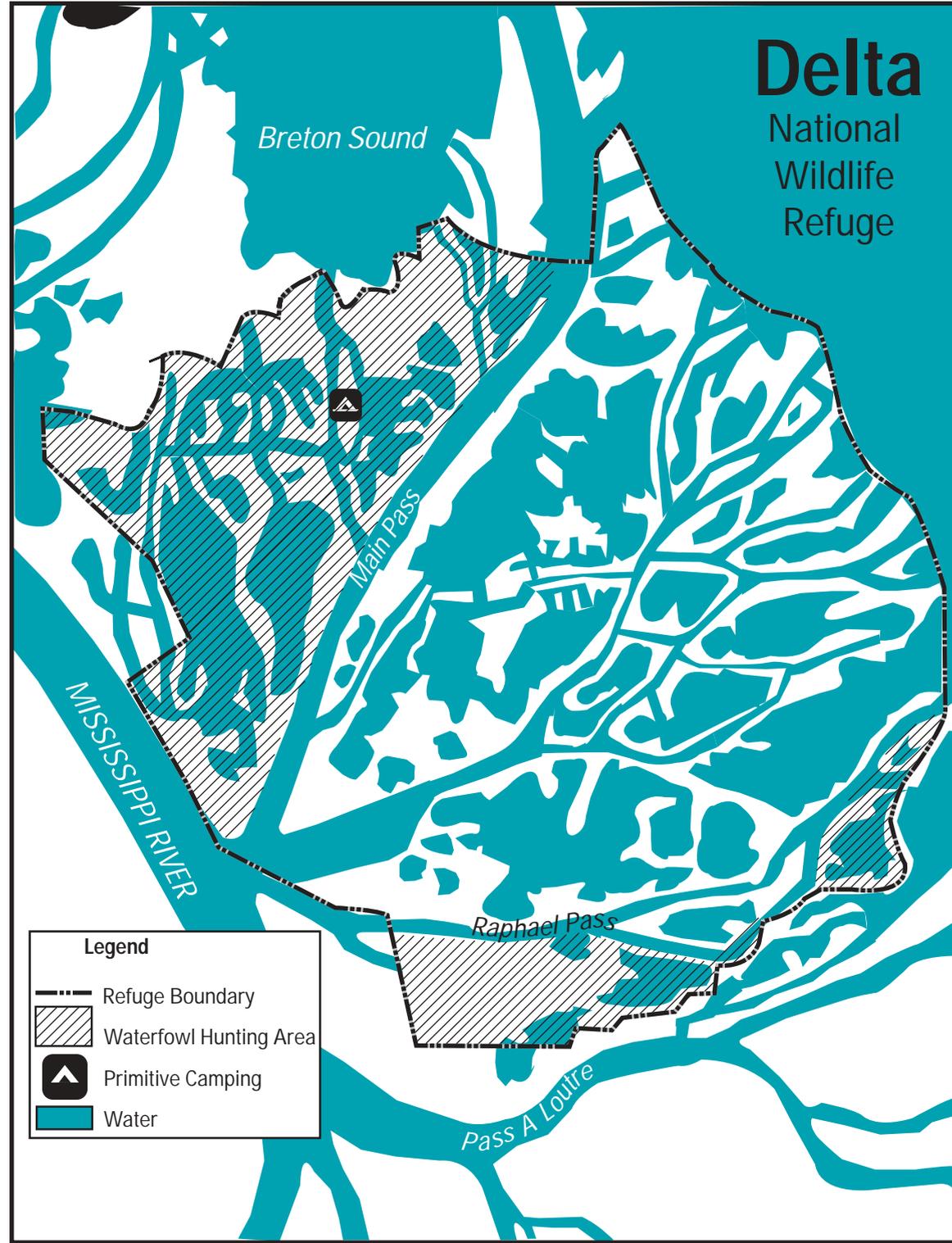


# Delta

## National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations



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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.

Signature (permits are not transferable)

## General Provisions

Delta National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of fish and wildlife. Harvesting surplus animals is one tool used to maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource. The regulations below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting and fishing on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable state regulations.

## General Hunting and Fishing Regulations

No air thrust boats, mud boats, air cooled propulsion engines, or motorized piroques allowed on the refuge. No vessel shall be operated in a manner that is destructive to vegetation.

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

Primitive camping is permitted in designated areas (see refuge map). No person or party shall remain camped, nor shall any campsite remain established in excess of 14 consecutive days. All camping equipment and refuse must be removed from the refuge at termination of the trip.

Small campfires are permitted in the camping area only and must be attended to at all times. Campers must bring firewood from off of the refuge.

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

Hunters under age 16 must have successfully completed a State-approved Hunter Education Course. While hunting, youths must have card or certificate of completion on his/her person. Youths under age 16 must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older. For small game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than two youths. For big game hunts, the adult may supervise only one youth.

The Refuge shall be open during daylight hours only, except in designated camping areas.

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

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

Weapons shall be permitted on the refuge for hunting purposes only. All weapons must be unloaded and encased or dismantled during transport through the refuge.

## Specific Hunting Regulations

*Waterfowl (Ducks and Geese), Coots, Rails and Gallinules*  
The Refuge is open to hunting waterfowl until noon on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the State duck season. Rails and Gallinules may be taken from the refuge during waterfowl hunt days only.

The refuge shall be open on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday until noon during a “light goose” special conservation season.

Hunting is allowed on those portions of Delta Refuge that lie northwest of Main Pass and south of Raphael Pass.

Temporary blinds only; blinds and decoys must be attended at all times and removed each day.

Retrievers are allowed.

### *Rabbits*

The refuge rabbit season opens the day after the state duck season closes and continues through the remainder of the regular State rabbit season.

Hunting is restricted to shotguns only.

Dogs are allowed.

Non-toxic shot is required.

### *Deer/Hogs*

Archery, either-sex: October 1-31.

The Refuge shall be open for Archery hunting only, from October 1-31 and from the day after close of State waterfowl season until January 31. Either sex may be taken.

Firearms are not permitted during Refuge Archery season.

Hogs may be taken as incidental game, with bow and arrow, during refuge deer archery hunts.

Dogs and “Driving” activities are prohibited.

Bowhunters are encouraged to complete a certified bowhunter education course.

### *Nutria*

May be taken by licensed trappers only. Trappers must apply for a special use permit at the refuge headquarters in Lacombe, Louisiana. Applications must be received no later than November 1. A maximum of three trappers may be selected by random drawing. Trappers wishing to participate in the nutria bounty program must comply with all state requirements. Trapping will be allowed from the close of the state duck season through the end of state trapping season. Weapons may not be used or possessed by trappers on the refuge.

## Specific Fishing Regulations

Only recreational fishing and crabbing are permitted, during daylight hours.

Recreational fishing and crabbing is allowed in the waterfowl hunting areas only after 12:00 pm during the state waterfowl hunting season.

During the teal season, the area between Main Pass and Raphael Pass will be closed to hunting, but will remain open for fishing.

No trotlines, slat traps, or nets permitted.

Take pride in your refuge. Report violations.



## Signs and Boundaries

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording of the signs below apply to the areas behind the signs. Pay attention to the signs, watch for boundary corners, and check your location with the maps.

These two top signs mark the refuge boundary. Public entry is generally authorized. However, other refuges in the system may have different regulations concerning general entry. Always know the regulations before entering.

This sign means that the area is closed to all entry. Do not trespass behind this sign for any reason.

This sign marks the boundaries of the waterfowl hunting areas. This is the only area of the refuge where waterfowl hunting is allowed.

## Permits are required for all hunters

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