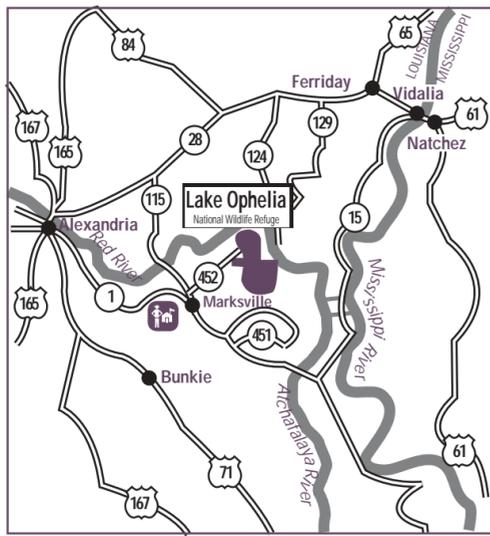


2004-2005 Hunting Seasons

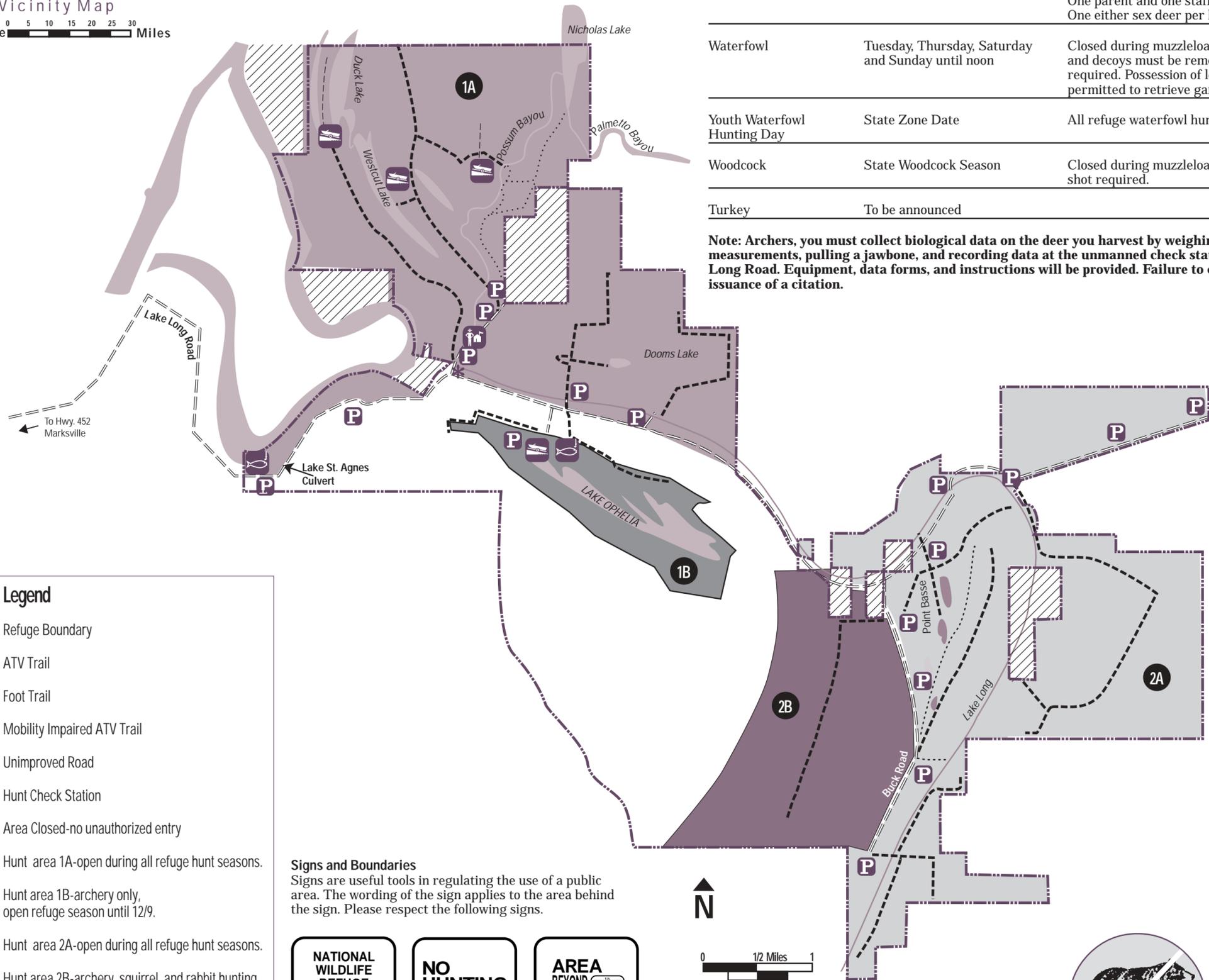
Type	Season Dates	Specific Regulations
Squirrel and Rabbit	Oct. 2, 2004 - close of State season	Closed during youth and muzzleloader deer hunts. Squirrel and rabbit dogs permitted from end of state deer gun season until end of rabbit season.
Raccoon	Open during squirrel and rabbit seasons during daylight hours only.	Closed during youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.
Deer-Archery	Nov. 13, 2004 - Jan. 2, 2005 Jan. 22, 2005 - Feb. 14, 2005	One, either-sex deer per day for the 1st split and bucks, ONLY for 2nd split (Jan. 22-Feb. 14). Closed during December muzzleloader hunt.
Deer-Muzzleloader		Special Quota Permit Required.
Hunt 1	Dec. 11 - 12, 2004	One, either sex deer per hunt, hunter orange (hat and vest) required, hunters must check in and out at a manned check station.
Hunt 2	Jan. 8 - 9, 2005	
Hunt 3	Jan. 15 - 16, 2005	
Deer-Youth Hunt	Dec. 22, 2004	One lottery hunt: shotgun, muzzleloader, or rifle allowed. One parent and one staff/volunteer with each youth. One either sex deer per hunt.
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. Dogs only permitted to retrieve game.
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.
Turkey	To be announced	

Note: Archers, you must collect biological data on the deer you harvest by 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. Failure to comply will result in the issuance of a citation.



Vicinity Map
Scale 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 Miles

Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge



Legend

- Refuge Boundary
- ATV Trail
- Foot Trail
- Mobility Impaired ATV Trail
- Unimproved Road
- Hunt Check Station
- Area Closed-no unauthorized entry
- Hunt area 1A-open during all refuge hunt seasons.
- Hunt area 1B-archery only, open refuge season until 12/9.
- Hunt area 2A-open during all refuge hunt seasons.
- Hunt area 2B-archery, squirrel, and rabbit hunting only, open refuge season until 12/9.
- Parking Area
- Private Inholding
- Water
- Refuge Headquarters
- Boat Launching
- Bank Fishing Area

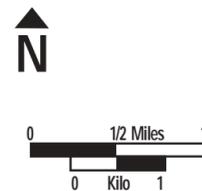
Signs and Boundaries
Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording of the sign applies to the area behind the sign. Please respect the following signs.



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, Louisiana State University, and the Black Bear Conservation Committee, Louisiana black bear sows and cubs have been released on Lake Ophelia NWR in an attempt to reestablish these threatened bears within their historical range.

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.