

How to Apply for a Lottery Hunt:

Applications for lottery issued permits will be accepted from July 1 until 4:00 pm on August 31, 2011. Mail the following information on a standard 8.5 X 11 inch sheet of paper to Bayou Cocodrie NWR, Attn: Hunt Application, PO Box 1772, Ferriday LA 71334: Hunt type (Lottery Primitive, Youth I, II, III, Lottery Gun Deer). Your name, complete mailing address, phone number, \$5 application fee (money order only; excludes youth & special access applications) Unit (Brooks Brake, Hoover Slough, Cross Bayou, or Wallace Lake) and your signature. You may only apply once to be considered a group, all information for the group (up to 5 individuals) must appear on the same sheet of paper.

Duplicate or incomplete lottery hunt applications will be discarded.

No faxed entries will be accepted. Applicants will be selected by random drawing and notified by mail if selected. No lottery hunt selection information will be given over the phone. Only those persons with valid hunt permits are allowed to use the refuge during the hunt. Lottery permits are nontransferable and they must be in the hunter's possession at all times during the scheduled hunt.

Successful applicants will also need a Refuge Annual Public Use permit to participate in the hunt.

Small Game Regulations

Waterfowl

Waterfowl hunting is open refuge wide on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday until noon during the state season. Blinds and decoys used for waterfowl hunting must be removed daily by 1:00 pm. Waterfowl hunting is closed during all lottery deer hunts.

Hunting with dogs for waterfowl is allowed during the waterfowl season.

Woodcock

Woodcock hunting is open on the refuge during the state season except during all lottery deer hunts when it will be closed. Hunting with dogs for woodcock is allowed during the woodcock season.

Rabbit and Squirrel

Rabbit and squirrel hunting is allowed on the refuge except during refuge lottery deer hunts when the season is closed. The use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is only allowed during a specific portion of the season. Hunters must verify season dates in this brochure regarding the use of dogs on the refuge.

Incidental Species

Beaver, nutria, armadillo, coyote, raccoon, and feral hogs may be taken with a legal firearm or archery equipment during any open hunting season. Hunters must have a valid refuge permit and any state required licenses to harvest incidental species. There is no bag limit on coyotes, beaver, or feral hogs. State regulations apply to all other incidental species.

Fishing Regulations

Fishing is allowed during daylight hours on the refuge throughout the year except during lottery deer hunts when it is closed. Fishing is permitted on the Cross Bayou Cut and all tributaries that fill with water from Bayou Cocodrie during high water stages. Fisherman must have a valid Refuge Annual Public Use permit and any applicable state licenses in their possession.

Fish species allowed for harvest under state regulations may be included in the daily state creel limit. The refuge boat ramp is open from 4 am until 2 hours after sunset.

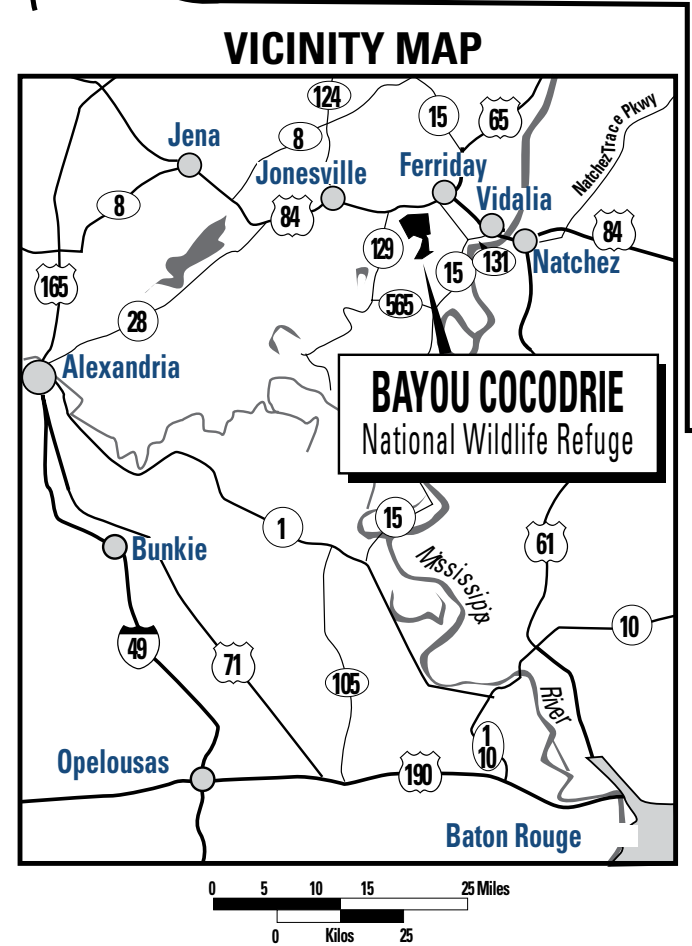
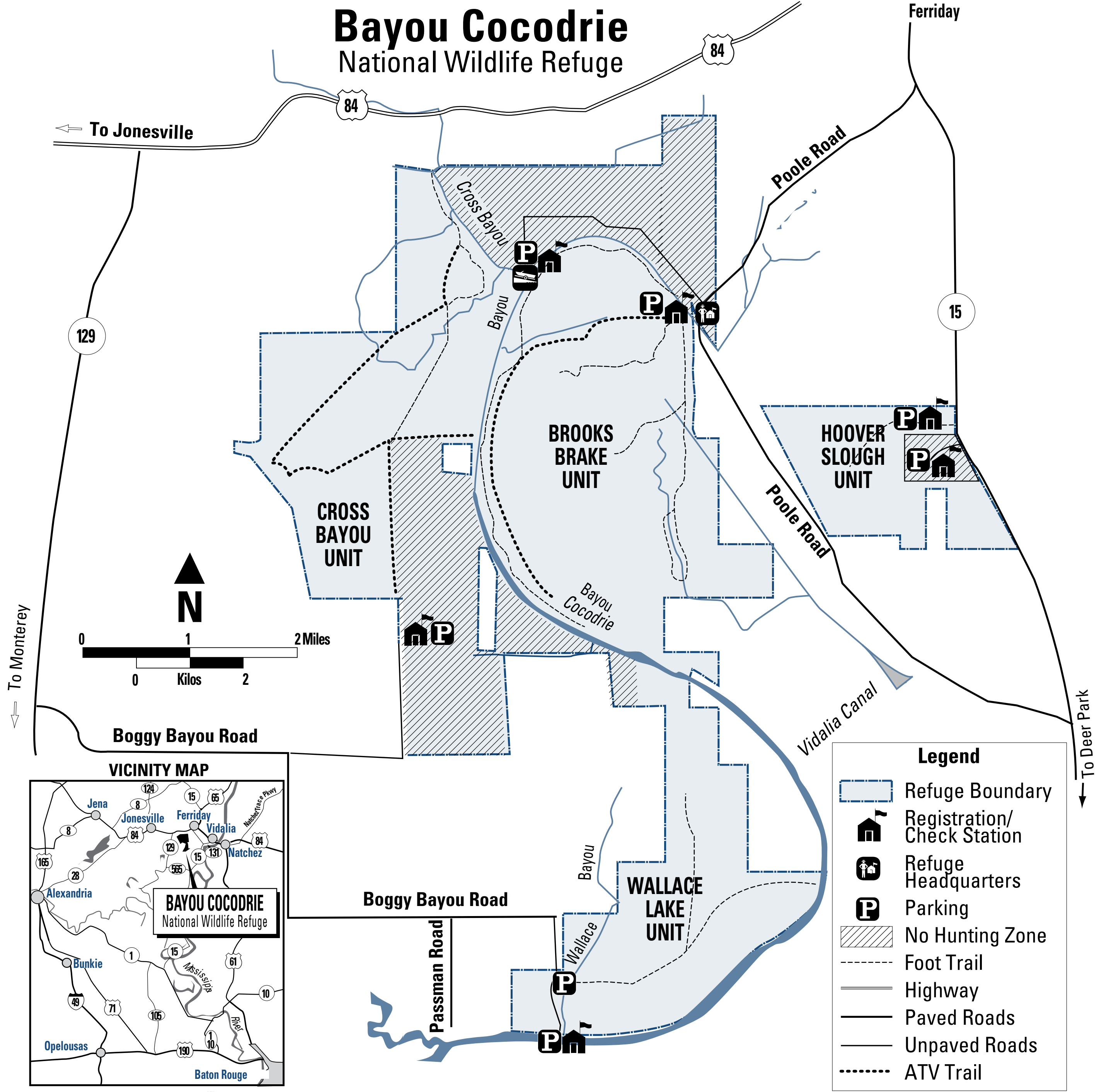
Commercial fishing activities, harvest of frogs or turtles, harassment of alligator snapping turtles, and possession of cleaned or processed fish are all prohibited on refuge. The use of gear or equipment other than hook and line to catch fish is prohibited on the refuge except that cast nets are allowed to catch bait fish only.

2011-2012 Hunting Seasons

Type	Season Dates
Archery.....	November 5, 2011 – January 31, 2012
Refuge Open Youth.....	October 29 – 30, 2011
Special Access.....	January 13 – 14, 2012
Youth Lottery I.....	December 19 – 20, 2011
Youth Lottery II.....	December 20 – 21, 2011
Youth Lottery III.....	December 21 - 22, 2011
Lottery Firearm.....	December 9 – 11, 2011
Primitive Weapon.....	January 7 – 12, 2012
Waterfowl.....	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until 12 pm of State Season
Woodcock.....	State Season
Squirrel/Rabbit.....	State Season (Dogs allowed January 15 to end of season)

Black Bears are Protected
The Louisiana black bear is listed as a threatened species under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. It is unlawful for anyone to take, harass, disturb, etc., any Louisiana black bear. Criminal penalty: up to \$50,000 and one year imprisonment.

Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge



Legend

- Refuge Boundary
- Registration/Check Station
- Refuge Headquarters
- Parking
- No Hunting Zone
- Foot Trail
- Highway
- Paved Roads
- Unpaved Roads
- ATV Trail

Signs and Boundaries
Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of refuge lands within the exterior boundary of Bayou Cocodrie NWR. Please observe all signs and become familiar with refuge boundaries to improve the quality of your visit to the refuge. Please be respectful of lands adjacent to the refuge by avoiding trespassing on private land. 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.