

# Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge Hunting, Fishing and Camping Regulations 2009-2010



**Bogue Chitto Refuge Hunting Permit 2009-2010**  
When signed and carried, this serves as your permit for all refuge hunts, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein. Expires June 30, 2010.

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Signature (permits are not transferable)

## Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge General Fishing, Hunting and Camping Regulations

The regulations listed below supplement Louisiana State hunting and fishing regulations and the general regulations governing hunting and fishing on National Wildlife Refuges set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. All plants and animals are protected from hunting unless a specific refuge hunting season allows for the take of animals under this permit.

All hunters must possess a Refuge permit. This brochure when signed and in your possession, serves as a permit for all 2009-2010 Refuge hunts.

Firearms are permitted only during the Refuge hunting season. When traversing the Refuge by boat or vehicles, all firearms (including muzzleloaders) and State approved archery equipment must be unloaded and cased. An unloaded firearm is defined as having no ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder, or clip when attached to the firearm. An unloaded muzzleloader is defined as having the percussion cap completely removed. Unloaded archery equipment is defined as having the arrow removed from the string. Crossbows must also be un-cocked. The possession of slugs, buckshot, or rifle and pistol ammunition larger than .22 caliber rimfire is permitted only during the Refuge gun deer hunts.

Legal primitive firearms for primitive firearms season include those defined by State law in the State you are hunting in.

All state approved archery equipment will be allowed as a legal means of take during the deer archery season. All deer and hogs must be killed before removal from the Refuge.

Only portable deer stands may be used. Deer stands may be erected one day before the deer archery season and must be removed from the Refuge within one day after the Refuge deer season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand on the Refuge. Deer stands must have owner's name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Stands must be placed in a non-hunting position when not in use. All untagged stands are subject to forfeiture or seizure.

Motorized vehicles are only permitted on public roads and designated parking areas.

Youth hunters under the age of 16 must possess proof of completing an approved Hunter Safety Course and be supervised by an adult of at least 21 years of age during all hunts. Two youths may be supervised by one adult during small game hunts. Only one youth may be supervised during big game hunts. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under the age of 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of the Refuge regulations.

All hunters (including archery and small game hunters), except waterfowl hunters, must wear and display 400 square inches of "hunter's orange" and a "hunter's orange" cap during the deer gun seasons. Hunters participating in the special dog season for rabbits are required to wear a "hunter's orange" cap. All non-hunters are encouraged to wear hunter orange during gun deer seasons. Deer hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 sq. inches of "hunter's orange" above or around their blinds which is visible from 360°.

The Refuge will be closed to all hunting, except waterfowl, when the Pearl River reaches 15.5 feet on the gauge at Pearl River. Call 985/649 0357 for current reading. In the event the refuge is closed during the deer general gun season due to high water, alternative hunt days will be provided. Details will be provided in a news release and on the Refuge web site. (Proposed dates, up to 14 days from Dec 28- up to Jan 21, either sex; but only as many days as lost from the high water closure)

We prohibit possession or distribution of bait while in the field and hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or any non-naturally-occurring food attractant on the Refuge.

Waterfowl hunting must cease and all decoys and blinds removed from the hunting area by 12:00 Noon.

### Prohibited Activities

The possession of toxic shot during small game hunts is prohibited.

Possession of a loaded firearm in a campsite, on a Refuge road open to vehicle travel, or on a designated walking trail is prohibited.

Hunting from a permanent tree stand or from a tree in which a metal object (such as nails, spikes, screws) has been driven is prohibited.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

The use of horses and all-terrain vehicles are prohibited.

All commercial activities including guiding or participating in a guided hunt are prohibited.

Target shooting on the refuge is prohibited.

Houseboats are prohibited within refuge boundaries except for navigational purposes.

Remote cameras are prohibited.

The use of deer or turkey gobbler decoys are prohibited.

Hunting or the discharge of firearms within 150 feet from the centerline of roads and maintained trails is prohibited.

We prohibit the use or possession of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers, except bright eyes.

### Camping

Primitive camping is permitted within 100 feet of designated streams. These include either bank of the Bogue Chitto River, Wilson Slough, West Pearl River south of Wilson Slough and refuge lands along the East Pearl River and Holmes Bayou.

No campsite can be left unattended longer than 24 hours. Campsites cannot be established longer than 14 consecutive days.

Cutting, removing, or damaging live trees and other live plant matter is prohibited.

The Refuge is closed to camping when the Pearl River reaches 15.5 feet on the gauge at Pearl River.

### Specific Sport Fishing Regulations

Recreational fishing is permitted year-round in accordance with State Regulations subject to the following conditions. Commercial fishing is prohibited.

Limb lines are permitted but must be 100% cotton.

Trotlines are permitted, but the last five feet of the trotline, on both ends, must be 100% cotton.

The fishing pond at the Pearl River Turnaround is open except closed from April-June. Non-gas powered boats may be hand launched when open. The use of this fishing pond area is permitted from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset.

### Specific Hunting Regulations

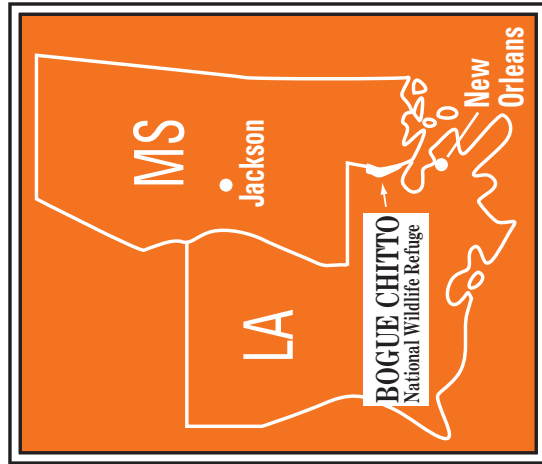
State hunting regulations apply unless otherwise listed. When the Refuge follows State seasons (as listed below); those Refuge lands in Mississippi follow Mississippi State seasons and those Refuge lands in Louisiana follow Louisiana State seasons.

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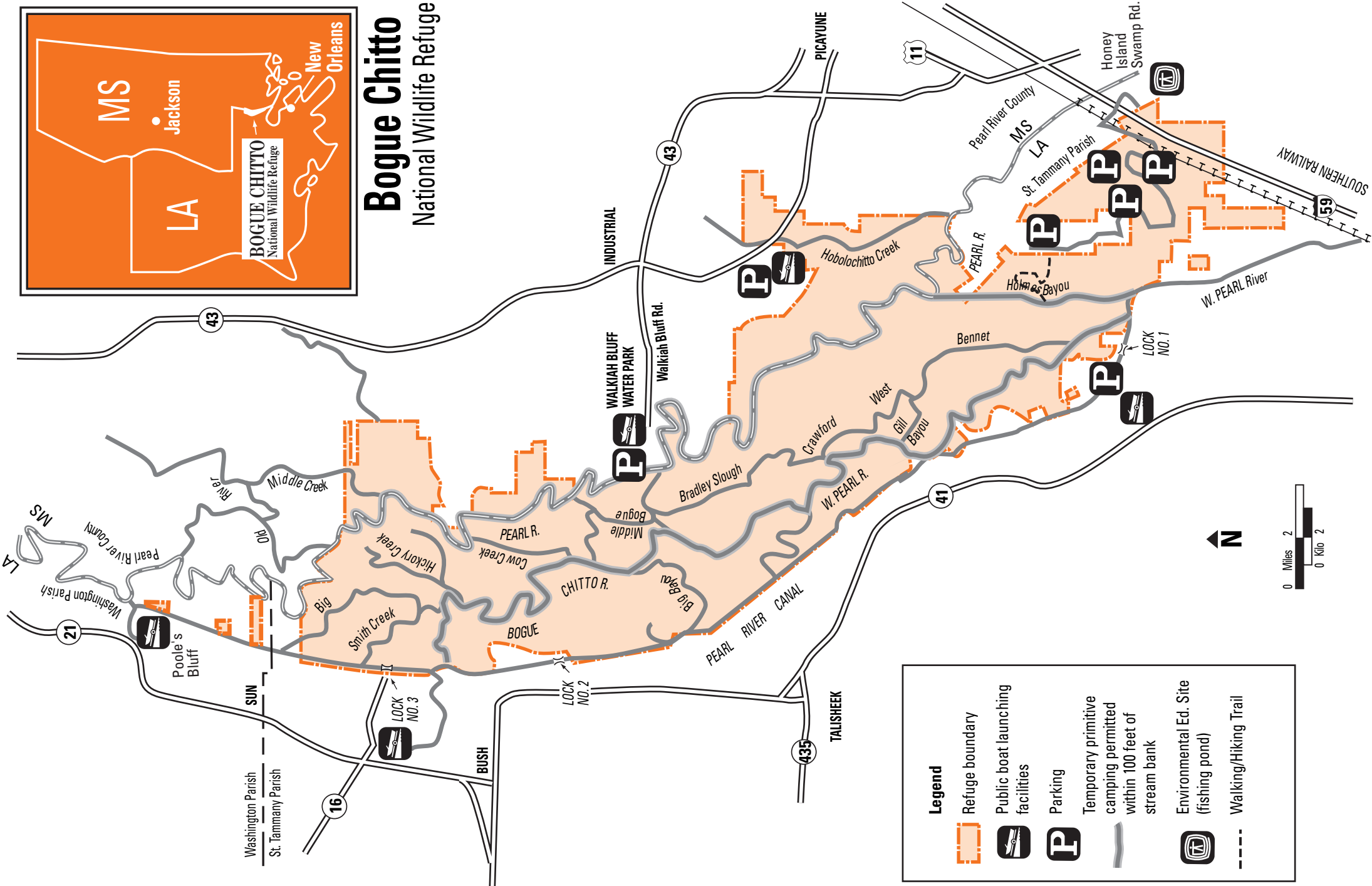
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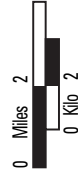
# Bogue Chitto

National Wildlife Refuge



**Legend**

- Refuge boundary
- Public boat launching facilities
- Parking
- Temporary primitive camping permitted within 100 feet of stream bank
- Environmental Ed. Site (fishing pond)
- Walking/Hiking Trail



Type Hunt	Season: Mississippi and Louisiana	Special Regulations
Archery deer, either sex and hog	State Season-LA State Season-MS	Archery equipment as defined by State law. Hunters are encouraged to complete a certified Bowhunter Education course.
Youth gun deer	Oct. 31 - Nov. 1, 2009 (LA only) Nov. 14 - Nov. 15, 2009 (MS only)	Deer either sex. Still hunting only - No dogs.
General gun deer and hog	Nov. 21 - 27, 2009 Nov. 28 - 29, 2009 Dec. 19 - 27, 2009	Deer bucks only. Still hunting only. No dogs. Deer either sex. Still hunting only. No dogs. Deer either sex. Still hunting only. No dogs.
Primitive weapon (MS)/Firearm (LA) Deer and hog	Jan 25 -31, 2010	Still hunting only. No dogs. Either sex - LA, Bucks only - MS
Squirrel and rabbit	State fall Season Closed Spring squirrel Season	Only non-toxic shot (size #4 or smaller) or .22 cal rimfire ammunition or smaller is permitted. Dogs may be used Nov. 1 - Nov. 20 and from Feb. 1 - Feb. 28, 2010. Closed to hunting during the State Spring Squirrel Season.
Raccoon and opossum	Jan. 1-Feb. 28, 2010	Night time hunting is permitted in accordance with state regulations. Dogs are allowed. Only non-toxic shot (#4 or smaller) or .22 cal rimfire ammunition or smaller is permitted.
Turkey	State Season	State rules and regulations apply. No shot larger than #2 is allowed.
Waterfowl and coots (Ducks, geese and coots)	State teal, and general waterfowl season	Hunting is permitted from 30 minutes before legal sunrise until noon. Closed to hunting during the special "light goose" conservation season.
Woodcock	State Season	Only non-toxic shot is permitted using #4 shot or smaller. Only recognized breeds of setter/retriever dogs are allowed.
Hog	Feb 1 – Feb. 28, 2010	May be taken only with the aid of trained hog hunting dogs. Legal hunting hours are 30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset. All hogs must be killed prior to removal from the refuge. During this season, only shotguns with non toxic shot or .22 cal. or smaller pistols or rifles with rimfire ammunition are permitted.