

# Delta

*National Wildlife  
Refuge Hunting and  
Fishing Regulations  
2009 - 2010*



Southeast Louisiana Refuges  
Delta National Wildlife Refuge  
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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.

Expires June 30, 2010.

Signature (permits are not transferable)

**Delta 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 hunters must possess a refuge permit. This brochure when signed and in your possession, serves as a permit for all refuge hunts.

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

Firearms are permitted only during the refuge hunting season.

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 season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand on a refuge. Deer stands must have owners name, address and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Stands must be placed in a non-hunting position when not in use.

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

When traversing the refuge by boat all firearms and 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. Unloaded archery equipment is defined as having the arrow removed from the string. Crossbows must also be un-cocked.

Possession of buckshot, lead shot, slugs, rifles, or rifle ammunition is prohibited.

Hunters participating in the special dog season for rabbits are required to wear a “hunters orange” hat.

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

Target shooting on the refuge is prohibited.

Youth hunters under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult 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.

The supervising adult must insure that hunters they are supervising under 16 years of age remain in sight and normal voice contact. Adult supervisors are responsible for ensuring hunters under the age of 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of the refuge regulations.

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

Longbow, compound bow, and crossbow or any bow drawn, held, or released by mechanical means will be a legal means of take during the deer archery season.

Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4:00am and must exit no later than two hours after legal sunset for that day. Waterfowl hunting must cease by 12:00 Noon and all decoys and blinds removed from the hunting area by 1:00pm.

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

Air boats, mud boats, aircraft, and air cooled propulsion engines are prohibited on refuge waters.

The use of trail cameras on refuge is prohibited.

Camping is not permitted on the refuge.

The use of deer decoys on refuge is prohibited.

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-natural occurring food attractant on the refuge.

Use or possession of alcohol while hunting is prohibited.

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

Fires are not permitted on the refuge.

**Specific Sport Fishing Regulations:**

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

Limb lines, trotlines, slat traps, nets, and jug fishing are prohibited.

Sport fishing and crabbing are permitted only during daylight hours and only after 12:00pm in the waterfowl hunting areas during State waterfowl hunting season.

**Specific Hunting Regulations:**

State hunting regulations apply unless otherwise listed.

Type Hunt	Season	Special Regulations
Archery deer Bucks only Oct. 1-15 Either sex Oct. 16-31 and day after close of waterfowl season until January 31.	Oct. 1-31 and from the day after the close of the State waterfowl season until January 31.	Bow and arrow only. Hunters are encouraged to complete a certified Bowhunter Education course. No dogs or “man drives”. Hogs may be taken with bow and arrow during deer archery season.
Rabbit	From the day after the close of State waterfowl season until the end of the state rabbit season.	Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size must be #4 or smaller. Dogs may be used.
Waterfowl (ducks and geese)	Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday during State Teal, General State Waterfowl, and “Light Goose” special Conservation seasons.	Hunting permitted until noon. Temporary blinds only that must be removed daily by noon. Retrievers are allowed. Coots, Rails and Gallinules may be taken from the refuge only during waterfowl hunting days. Hunting is allowed on those portions of Delta Refuge that lie northwest of Main Pass or south of Raphael Pass (shown on map).