



# Hunting and Fishing

## *Brazoria*

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

Brazoria NWR is located 10 miles east of Lake Jackson. Take FM 2004 to FM 523 and CR 227. Access to the refuge hunting areas are via public water routes or from parking lot areas off CR 227 or at the Clay Banks Public fishing Area.

Waterfowl hunting is allowed daily in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations on the areas open to hunting as shown on the map on the reverse side of this pamphlet. Hunting areas are designated by signs stating "Public Hunting Area." No special permit is required. Only waterfowl hunting (ducks, geese, and coots) is allowed. All other wildlife is protected.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations that govern hunting on national wildlife refuges set forth in Title 50, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations.

### Hunting Regulations

#### *We allow:*

- Use of the area on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Hunting of ducks, geese and coots.
- Use of retriever dogs, which must be under the control of the handler at all times.
- The use of non-motorized bicycles along Alligator Road, when hunting the Middle Bayou Public Hunting Area.
- The use of airboats in navigable tidal waters.

#### *We require:*

- No special permit is needed to hunt in the public waterfowl hunting areas.
- Vehicles to park in designated parking areas only.
- Removal of decoys and portable blinds daily upon cessation of hunting.
- Shotguns to be unloaded and cased or broken down when transported in vehicles.
- Use of non-toxic shot for hunting waterfowl on the refuge.
- Hunters must maintain a safe and courteous distance from other parties.
- Hunters must carry out their empty shells and trash.

- Access to hunting areas is by foot only.

#### *We prohibit:*

- Shooting or hunting of all animals except ducks, geese, or coots.
- Hunting from or use of permanent blinds. This prevents special claims to portions of the public hunting area.
- Possession of rifles, handguns, or concealed weapons on the refuge at all times.
- Possession of lead shot in hunting areas at all times.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on refuge lands or waters.
- Hunting within 500 feet of houses.
- Off-road vehicles travel or ATV use on the refuge.
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- Target shooting or target practice.
- Retrieval of downed game from closed areas either by foot or by use of retriever dogs.
- Hunting in Salt Lake, Nicks Lake, and East Lost Lake, which are refuge waters.
- Dog training – with or without the use of firearms.

### Fishing Regulations

We allow sport fishing on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to several conditions. Areas open to fishing are designated by "Public Fishing Area" signs and are shown on the reverse side of this map.

#### *We allow:*

- The use of cast nets for collecting bait for personal use at public fishing areas.
- Access for saltwater fishing by boat only on Nick's, Salt, and Lost Lakes.
- Bank fishing at Bastrop Bayou Public Fishing Area, Clay Banks Public Fishing Area, and Salt Lake Public Fishing Area.
- Anchoring and fishing from levee at the Salt Lake Weir. Access is by boat only.

#### *We require:*

- Vehicle parking in designated areas.
- Access by foot only.

#### *We prohibit:*

- Off-road vehicle travel and parking.
- Crab traps on refuge waters.
- Campfires, open flames, fireworks and firearms.
- Camping.
- The use of trot lines, sail lines, set lines, jugs, gigs, spears, bush hooks, snatch hooks, crossbows, or bows and arrows of any type.
- Boat launching from bank fishing areas except from Salt Lake Public Fishing Area.

#### *Bastrop Bayou Public Fishing Area*

This area is universally accessible and offers a 200-foot pier with fish attracting lights, five paved bank fishing pull-offs, a universally accessible toilet, paved parking, and night lights. This area is open 24 hours a day. Excellent crabbing is available from the pier.

#### *Clay Banks Public Fishing Area*

This area offers bank fishing along a one-mile segment of Bastrop Bayou and is open daily from sunrise to sunset. This area has universally accessible toilets and litter receptacles.

#### *Salt Lake Fishing Area*

This area offers bank fishing and a non-motorized boat ramp. The area is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Access to this area is by CR 227 through the Big Slough Recreation Area. This area has universally accessible toilets and litter receptacles.

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