

# Bogue Chitto

## National Wildlife Refuge

### Hunting, Fishing and Camping Regulations

2012-2013

Type Hunt	Season: Mississippi (MS) and Louisiana (LA)	Special Regulations
Archery deer, either sex	LA: Oct. 1, 2012 - Jan 31, 2013 MS: Oct. 15, 2012 - Jan 31, 2013	All State approved archery equipment is allowed. Hunters are encouraged to complete a certified Bowhunter Education course. Hogs may be taken with archery equipment during the deer archery season.
Youth gun deer	Nov. 9 - 11, 2012	Deer either sex. Still hunting only. No dogs.
General gun deer and hog	Nov. 17 - 23, 2012 Nov. 24 - 25, 2012 Dec. 15 - 23, 2012	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) Primitive firearm (LA) Deer and hog	Jan. 19 - 27, 2013	Either sex. Still hunting only. No dogs.
Squirrel and rabbit	State Fall Season including Youth Season (Closed during State Spring Squirrel Season)	Only non-toxic shot (size #4 or smaller) or .22 cal rimfire ammunition or smaller is permitted. Dogs may be used. Oct. 29 - Nov. 8, 2012 and from Feb. 1 - 28, 2013. Closed during gun and primitive firearms hunts.
Raccoon and opossum	Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2013	Only 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 Spring Season including Youth Season (closed during State Fall Season)	State rules and regulations apply. No shot larger than #2 is allowed while hunting.
Waterfowl and coots (Ducks, geese and coots)	State Teal, and General Waterfowl Season including Youth Season	Hunting is permitted from 30 minutes before legal sunrise (ducks, geese and coots) 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 (dogs only)	Feb. 1 - 28, 2013	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.
Hog (no dogs) general gun	LA: March 1-17, 2013 MS: March 1-7, 2013	Experimental season. Hogs may be taken by firearms during legal daylight shooting hours.

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**Bogue Chitto Refuge Hunting Permit 2012-2013**

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, 2013.

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Signature (permits are not transferable)



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

The regulations listed below supplement Louisiana and Mississippi 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 2012-2013 Refuge hunts. Individuals utilizing the refuge are subject to inspection of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, vehicles and their contents by wildlife officers.

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of state and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32). The possession of slugs, buckshot, or rifle and pistol ammunition larger than .22 caliber rimfire is permitted during the Refuge gun deer hunts. Otherwise, only approved non toxic shot may be possessed while hunting on the refuge.

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. All untagged stands are subject to seizure.

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

Youth hunters under the age of 16 must 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 and migratory bird 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 in Louisiana (including archery and small game hunters), except waterfowl hunters, must wear and display no less than 400 square inches of unbroken hunter orange as the outer most layer of clothing on the chest and back and a hunter-orange cap during Refuge general gun and primitive firearm hunts for deer and hog. All deer hunters are required to display a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter-orange or a hunter-orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. All hunters in Mississippi must wear no less than 500 square inches of hunter-orange in place of the 400 square inches requirement described above. All other hunters, including archery hunters (while on the ground), except waterfowl hunters, must wear a hunter-orange cap or hat during the dog season for squirrels and rabbits.

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 December 24 to January 20, either sex; but only as many days as lost from the high water closure)

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 is strictly prohibited.

Waterfowl hunting must cease and all decoys and blinds removed from the hunting area by 1 pm.

For all deer hunts in Mississippi, except youth hunts, legal buck antler restrictions apply.

## **Prohibited Activities**

- The possession of toxic shot while hunting is prohibited, except during the deer and hog gun hunts.
- 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.
- Take of hogs during upland game hunts is prohibited.
- Houseboats are prohibited within refuge boundaries except for navigational purposes.
- Trail 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 a public road, refuge road, designated or maintained trail, building, residence, designated public facility, or from or across above ground electric facilities is prohibited.
- The use of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers, except reflective tacks are prohibited.

## **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 is prohibited.

The Refuge is closed to camping when the Pearl River reaches 15.5 feet on the gauge at Pearl River. Campers must mark their tents with the owner's name, address, phone number, and dates of occupancy in a conspicuous location at the front of the tents.

**Specific Sport Fishing Regulations**

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

Commercial fin fishing and shell fishing are prohibited.

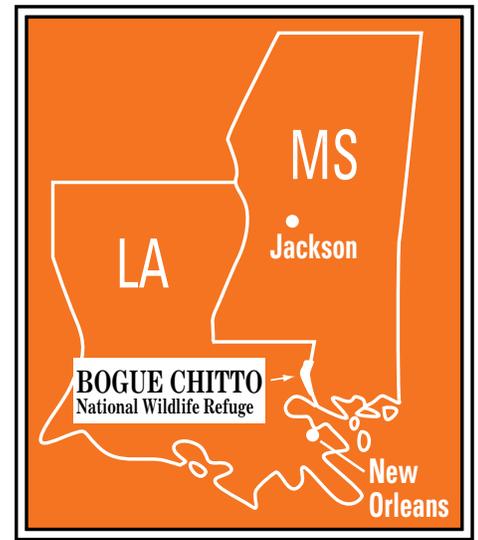
Limb lines are permitted but must be 100% cotton.

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

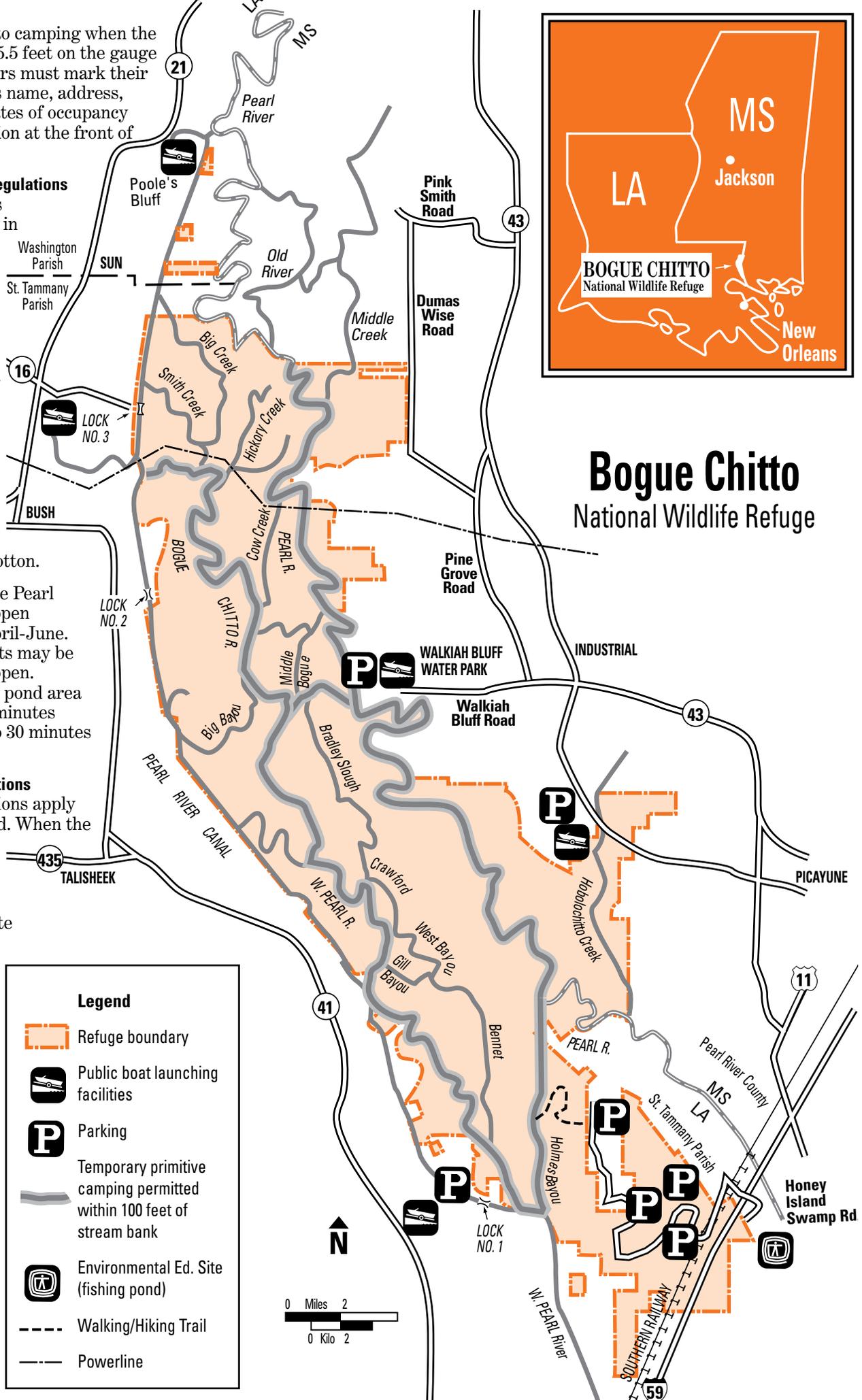
The fishing pond at the Pearl River Turnaround is open except closed from April-June. Non-gas powered boats may be hand launched when open. The use of this fishing pond area is permitted from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset.

**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.



# 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
- Powerline

