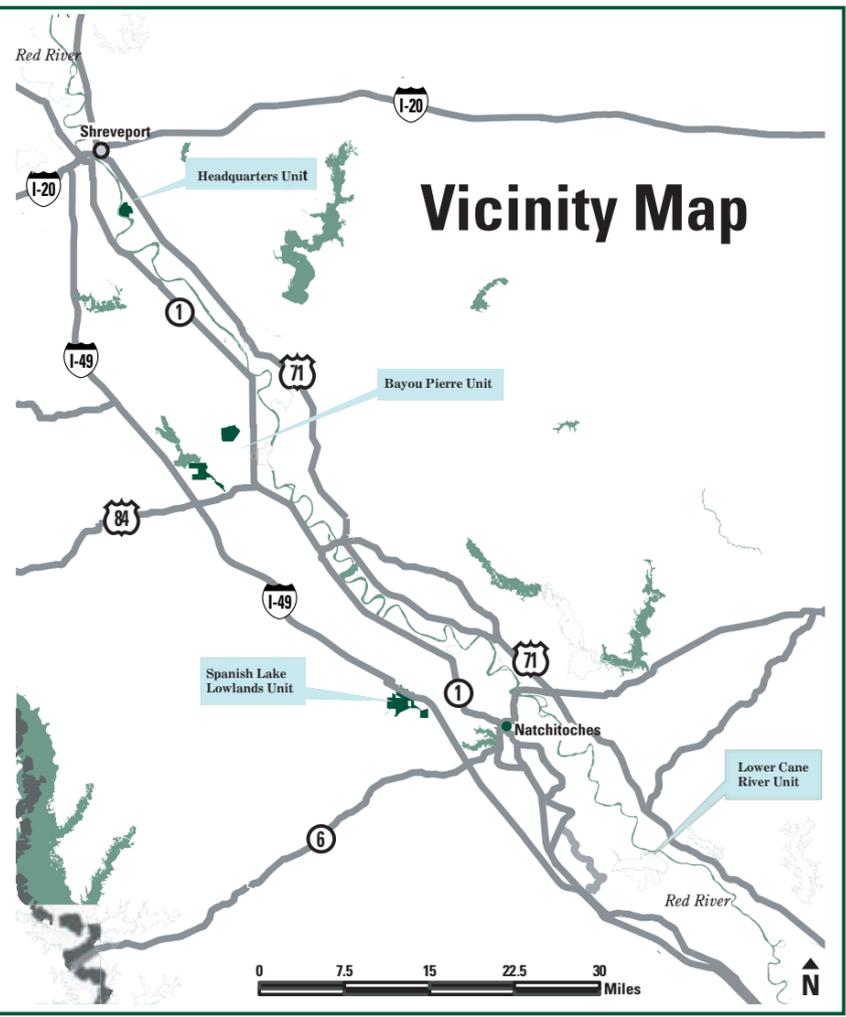
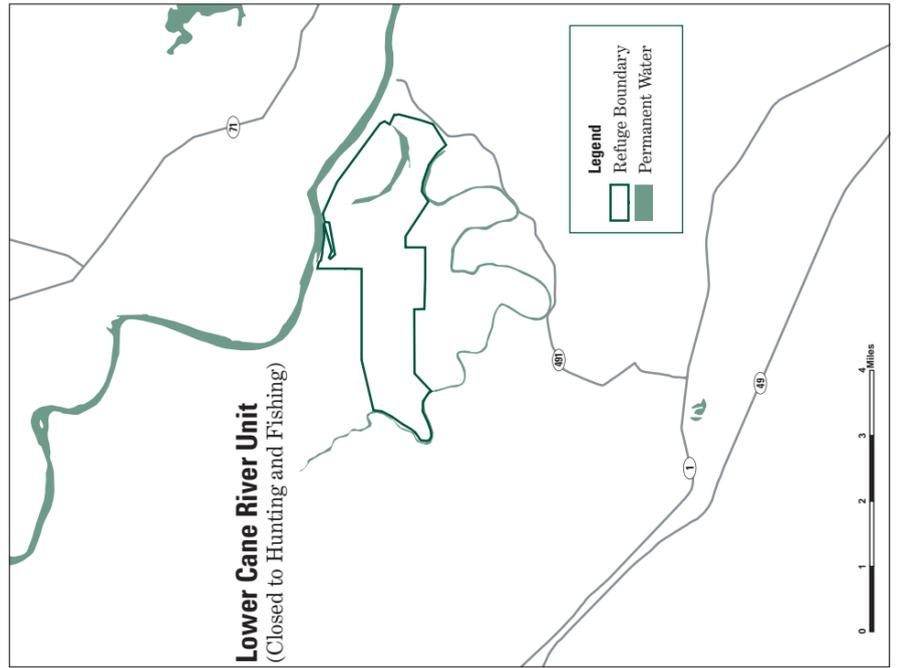
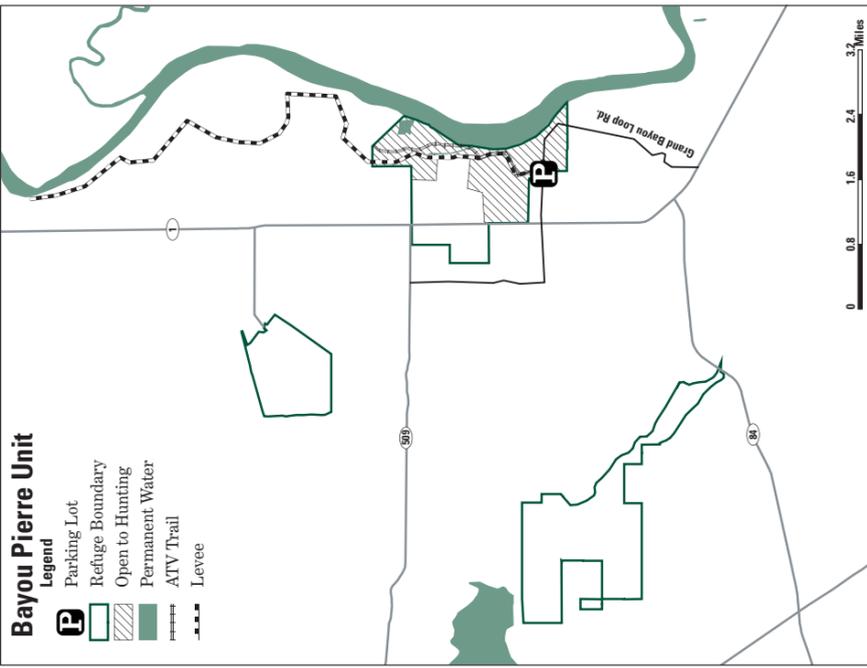
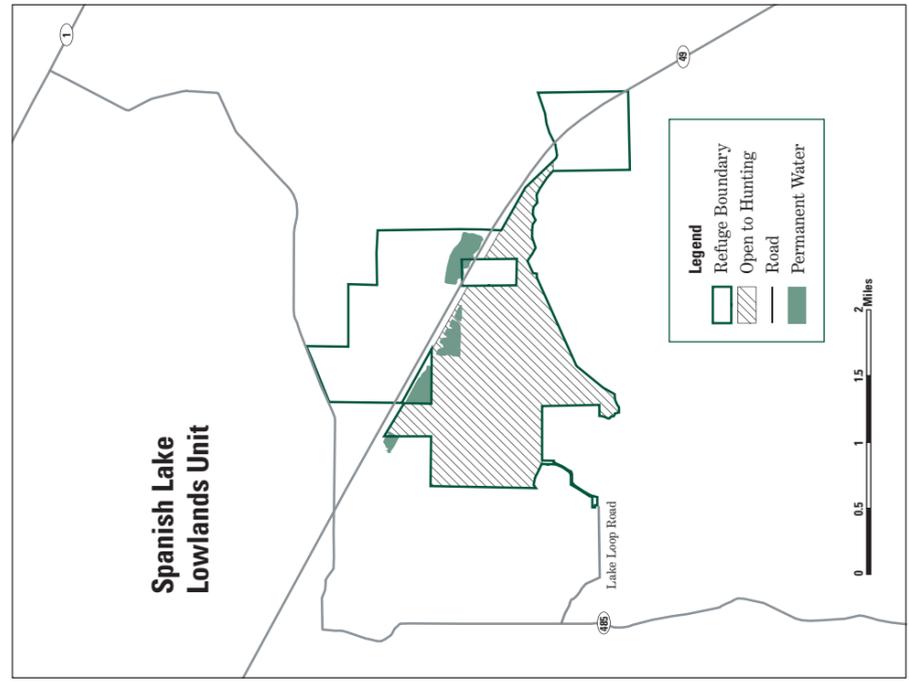
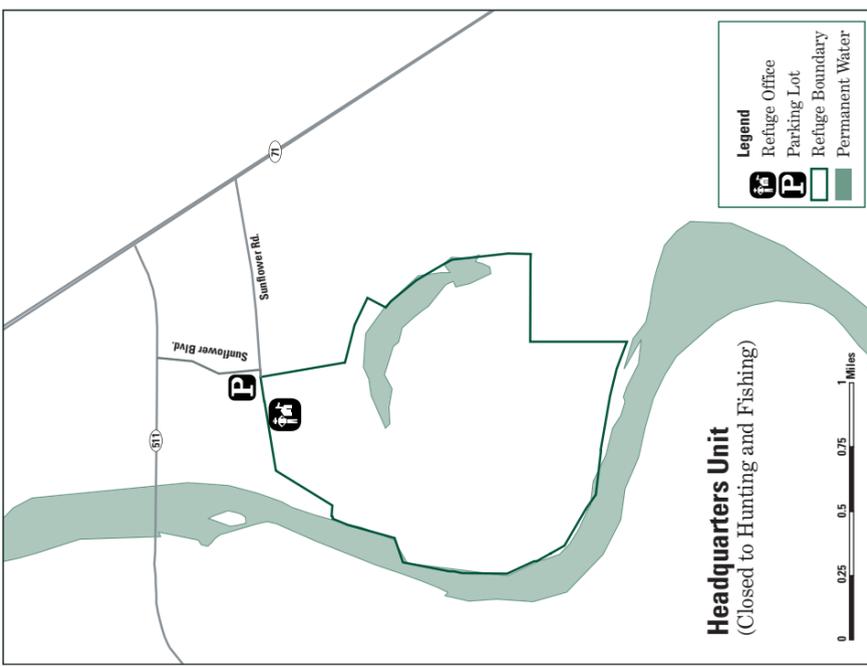


# Red River National Wildlife Refuge

## Refuge Hunting Regulations 2009 - 2010



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**Refuge Hunting Permit 2009 - 2010**  
**Red River National Wildlife Refuge**

I have read and understand these regulations.

Signature of hunter

**This permit is valid only when signed and must be carried on hunter's person. (Cut out permit if desired)**

## Introduction

Red River National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 545 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of animals is one tool used to manage fish and wildlife populations. Carefully managed hunting and fishing help maintain these populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome recreational opportunities, and permit the use of valuable renewable resources.

The regulations in this pamphlet supplement the general regulations governing hunting and fishing on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable state regulations except as noted below.

As you use the refuges, take pride in America and the refuge resources. Report violations promptly. Respect the rights of others using the refuge.

### Warning

Use caution when operating boats or wading in flooded areas of the refuge. Obstructions/obstacles may be submerged and unmarked.

All boats must comply with state law and display proper navigation lights from sunset to sunrise.

## General Hunting Regulations

### Permits

A signed refuge hunting permit (front of this brochure) must be carried by all hunters.

### Restricted Areas

Hunting is permitted only in certain areas as shown on the hunting map. No hunting is allowed within the maintained rights-of-way of the roads, ATV trails, hiking trails, gas pipelines and electric transmission lines, etc & within 150' of a residence, building or designated public facility.

Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than 4 am and must exit no later than one hour after legal shooting hours unless otherwise specified.

### Youth

**The definition of youth hunters on the refuge is as follows: 17 years old and under for all hunting except for migratory bird hunts, where youths must be 15 years old or under to qualify.** Youths must be closely supervised (in sight and in normal voice

contact) by an adult at least 21 years old. An adult may supervise only one youth on a big game hunt and no more than two youths on a small game or waterfowl hunt. **Youth hunters are no longer required to have completed a hunter education course to hunt on the refuge, but it is still encouraged.**

### Firearms and Ammunition

Firearms are permitted only during the refuge gun hunting seasons. Night hunting is prohibited. Firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs, and buckshot are prohibited. Use or possession of lead shot is prohibited.

**When traversing the refuge by boat or land conveyance (vehicle) including ATV's, all firearms (including muzzleloaders) 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. 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.

### Safety

**Although highly recommended, the International Bowhunters Education certification is no longer required to archery deer hunt on the refuge.** Hunters participating in the special dog season for rabbits are required to wear a "hunters orange" cap.

### Disabled

Medically certified disabled sportsmen that need assistance should contact the Refuge Manager.

### ATV Regulations

ATVs are permitted on trails designated for their use (see map). The trails are marked with signs and will be closed **March 1 through August 31.** ATVs are prohibited from one hour after legal shooting hours to 4 a.m. **ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. ATVs cannot exceed 750 lbs., 85" in length and 48" in width. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires is prohibited on the refuge.**

### Deer Stands

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 this season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand per unit. Deer

stands must have the owners name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Stands must be placed in a non hunting position when not in use.

## General Fishing and Boating Regulations

Fishing and boating on Red River National Wildlife Refuge are permitted on the refuge during daylight hours only, **except during duck season.** Only electric (trolling) motors are allowed to operate on refuge waterbodies. Licenses, limits and boating safety requirements are the same as those adopted by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

## Prohibited Activities

- Using gas-powered boat motors.

- Camping

- Open fires

- Littering

- Possession of deer or gobbler decoys

- Overnight parking

- Commercial fishing

- Target practice

- Taking of wildlife (including frogs, turtles and mollusks) and plants other than specified in refuge regulations.

- Using motorized vehicles off the designated public access roads. This includes motorcycles, ATVs, golf carts, jeeps, cars, trucks, etc. Parking is restricted to parking areas and along public access roads which are shown on map.

- Taking or possession of waterfowl, big or small game, fish, or plants by use of a guide or outfitter.

- Driving or screwing a nail, spike, or other metal object into a tree or hunting from any tree in which a nail, spike, or other metal object has been driven or screwed.

- Possession or distribution of bait while in the field and hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, mineral, or any non-natural occurring food attractant on the refuge.

- Using trotlines, limb lines, yo-yos, traps or nets.

- Participating in deer drives.

- Launching personal watercraft (jet skis).

- Possessing or using alcoholic beverages while hunting.

- Searching for or removing any object of antiquity, including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts.

- Using horses and mules.

- Leaving personal property unattended (includes boats, blinds, decoys).

- Leaving flagging or other trail markers, except bright eyes.

## 2009-2010 Hunting Seasons/Regulations

<i>Type</i>	<i>Season Dates</i>	<i>Specific Regulations</i>
Ducks, Coot	State season	Hunting until noon in designated area. See map. Recognized breeds of retrievers may be used. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent blinds is prohibited. Boats, blinds, and decoys may not be left unattended.
Quail, Woodcock	State season	Hunting in designated area only. Recognized breeds of bird dogs may be used for hunting.
Dove	<b>CLOSED</b>	
Squirrel, Rabbit	State season	Hunting in designated area only. Dogs may be used after December 31. Squirrel hunting closed during Spring Season.
Raccoon, Opossum	May be taken during daylight hours of rabbit and squirrel season.	Hunting in designated area only. Raccoons taken on the refuge may not be sold for human consumption.
Feral Hogs, Coyotes, and Beaver	All refuge hunts	No bag limit = May be taken only with weapons legal for particular season. Hunting feral hogs with dogs is prohibited.
Deer Archery	State season	Hunting in designated area only. Possession or use of pods is prohibited. Limit of one deer per day, either sex. Possession or distribution of bait while in the field and hunting with the aid of bait is prohibited, including any grain, salt, mineral, or any non-natural occurring food attractant on the refuge.
Deer Gun Hunting	<b>CLOSED</b>	



## Signs and Boundaries

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording applies to the areas behind the signs. Pay attention to the signs, watch for boundary corners, and check your location with the maps.

This sign marks the refuge boundary. Public entry by foot is generally authorized at all times on the refuge. However, other refuges in the system may have different regulations concerning general entry. Always know the regulations before entering.

This sign means that the area is closed to all entry. Do not trespass behind this sign for any reason other than an emergency.

This sign means no motorized vehicles beyond this point. This applies to all cars, trucks, jeeps, all-terrain vehicles, and motorcycles. Non-motorized bicycles are allowed.

This sign marks the boundaries of the waterfowl hunting areas on the refuge.