



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Sargent Unit

San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations

Welcome

San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge will accept applications for the permit waterfowl hunts in the Sargent Unit from September 1 until September 30. We must receive all applications during that period and will not accept any applications received before or after these dates. A \$45.00 fee will be collected if selected.

Lottery Draw Information

We will hold a public drawing at the Complex Office on the second Wednesday in October at 9:00 a.m. You do not need to be present to be selected. If selected, permittees are allowed to hunt on Saturday and the following Wednesday of the week for which they have been selected. The permittee may bring up to three additional party members. This may include any combination of hunters and children observers (ages 9 and under). The permittee must be present for hunts. We will notify persons selected by e-mail within 10 days. Upon payment a hunt packet including the permit, regulations, and map will be e-mailed. Due to ease of access, we will give priority for Area #1 to those with limited mobility. Undrawn hunt areas/weeks may be purchased on a first come, first serve basis beginning the Thursday of the hunt week. We only accept one application per person. You must be 18 years or older to apply for a permit.

San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge
6801 CR 306
Brazoria, TX 77422
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Texas Mid-coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex
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Brazoria, TX 77422
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Hunting Regulations

Hunting regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting is permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting is also permitted in accordance with regulations set by the State of Texas.

These regulations apply to areas posted as open to hunting and as shown on the map on the reverse side of this pamphlet. Hunters age 17 and under must be under the direct supervision of an adult 18 or older.

Hunting on the Sargent Unit

You must be legally licensed to hunt waterfowl before entering the hunt area. Youth hunters, 17 years and younger, must be under the supervision of an adult 18 years or older while hunting on the refuge.

Your permit allows you and your hunt party to enter the refuge at 4:00 a.m. You and your hunt party must have exited the refuge no later than 1:30 p.m. Please be courteous of other hunters as you enter and leave the hunt area. It is your responsibility as the permittee to provide surveys for your hunt party.

We allow the following:

- Hunting of ducks, geese, and coots only.
- Use of approved non-toxic shot only.
- Use of retriever dogs, which must be under the control of the handler at all times.
- A maximum of twenty-five (25) shot shells in the field, per person.

We require the following:

- You to stay within 100 yards of your assigned hunt area.
- Hunters to access hunt areas through gate on FM 457 and park in designated area.
- Removal of decoys, spent shells, marsh chairs, vegetation (blind material) and other equipment and trash from the refuge daily.
- Shotguns to be unloaded and cased or broken down when transported in vehicles.
- Shotguns to remain unloaded to and from hunt areas.
- Hunting to cease at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

We prohibit the following:

- Building or use of pits or permanent blinds.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages in hunt areas and parking lots.
- Off-road vehicle travel or ATV use on the refuge.
- Target shooting or target practice.
- Dog training – with or without the use of firearms.
- The use of plastic flagging, reflectors, or reflective tape.
- Blocking gates and roadways.

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Sargent Permit Waterfowl Hunt Area

Coordinates

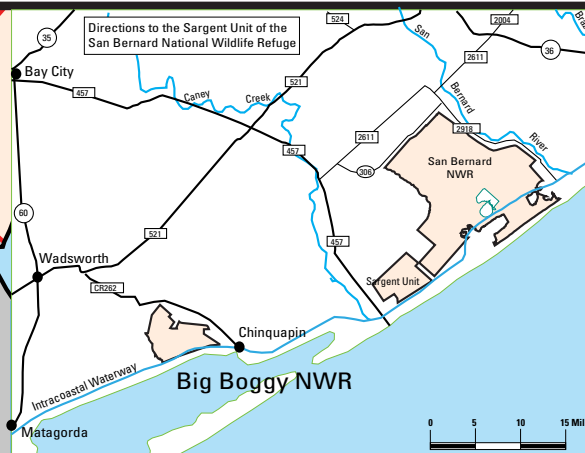
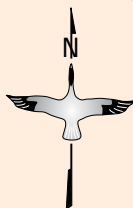
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To CR 457

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-  Refuge
-  Hunt Area
-  Private Land
-  Refuge Boundary
-  Hunt Area Number
-  Trail Markers
-  Parking



Other Information

Each party leader must have the permit in his/her possession with all party members identified. Hunt permits are not valid until filled out and signed by all the hunters. By signing the permit, you acknowledge understanding and acceptance of the regulations for the Sargent Waterfowl Permit Hunt.

Depending on your hunt area location, you may be required to walk up to 1-1/2 miles to access the area. The trails are marked.

Dogs should remain on a leash to and from the hunt area. If you encounter a snake, leave it alone.