# BITTER LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HUNTING SEASONS – 2022/2023

| GAME | BAG LIMIT | MIDDLE TRACT SEASON | NORTH TRACT SEASON |
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| **DEER**<br>**(Hunt Unit 32)** | 1 deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork. No antlerless deer may be taken. | Middle Tract closed to deer hunting | ANY LEGAL SPORTING ARM<br>Oct. 29–Nov. 2, 2022 (DER-1-295)<br>November 12–16, 2022 (DER-1-296)<br>MUZZLELOADER, BOW AND CROSSBOW<br>October 22–26, 2022 (DER-3-301)<br>BOW ONLY<br>September 1–24, 2022 (DER-2-299)<br>and January 1–15, 2023 (DER-2-300) |
| **Feral Hog** | No Limit | Middle Tract closed to feral hog hunting | Hog(s) may be hunted only while legally hunting deer and only with the weapon legal for deer on that day. |
| **Dove** | **15** per day<br>(**45** in possession)<br>(No bag/possession limit for Eurasian-collared dove) | Middle Tract closed to dove hunting | September 1–October 28, 2022<br>and December 1, 2022 – January 1, 2023<br>(No extended season for Eurasian-collared dove) |
| **Quail** | **15** per day<br>(**30** in possession) | Middle Tract closed to quail hunting | November 15, 2022 – February 15, 2023 |
| **Rabbit** | No Limit | Middle Tract closed to rabbit hunting | November 15, 2022 – February 15, 2023 |
| **Pheasant** | **3 males** per day<br>(**6** in possession) | December 8 & 11, 2022<br>Thurs. & Sat. - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. | December 8–11, 2022 |
| **Sandhill Crane** | **3** per day<br>(**6** in possession) | October 29, 2022 – January 29, 2023<br>Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. | October 29, 2022 – January 29, 2023 |
| **Dark Geese**<br>**(Canada and White-Fronted Geese)** | **5** per day<br>(**15** in possession) | October 18, 2022 – January 31, 2023<br>Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. | October 17, 2022 – January 31, 2023 |
| **Light Geese**<br>**(Snow, Blue-phase Snow, & Ross's Geese)** | **20** per day<br>(60 possession limit) | October 18, 2022 – January 31, 2023<br>Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.<br>(No light goose conservation season on refuge) | October 17, 2022 – January 31, 2023<br>(No light goose conservation order season on refuge) |
| **American Coot** | **15** per day<br>(**45** in possession) | October 29, 2022 – January 11, 2023<br>Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.<br>(No youth waterfowl season on refuge) | October 29, 2022 – January 11, 2023<br>(No youth waterfowl season on refuge) |
| **Ducks**<br>(Mexican-like ducks are considered part of the mallard bag) | **6** per day total to include no more than 5 mallards (only 2 females), 2 redhead, 3 wood duck, 3 scaup, 2 hooded merganser, 1 pintail, 2 canvasback<br>(possession = 3 times daily) | October 29, 2022 – January 31, 2023<br>Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.<br>(No September teal or youth waterfowl season on the Middle Tract) | September 10– 18, 2022 (September teal season)<br>(September teal season: 6 singly or in aggregate/18 in possession)<br>October 28, 2022 – January 31, 2023<br>(No youth waterfowl season on refuge) |
| **Deer (Youth and hunters with disabilities only)** | This will be four special "draw" hunts held on Oct. 22-23, Nov. 12-13, and Dec. 17-18, 2022, and Jan. 21-22, 2023 on the refuge. Deadline to apply is September 23, 2022. Contact the refuge at the number listed below to find out if you are eligible and for more information. | | |

HUNTERS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL FEDERAL AND STATE HUNTING REGULATIONS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE REFUGE AT (575) 625-4011 or (575) 244-6256.