



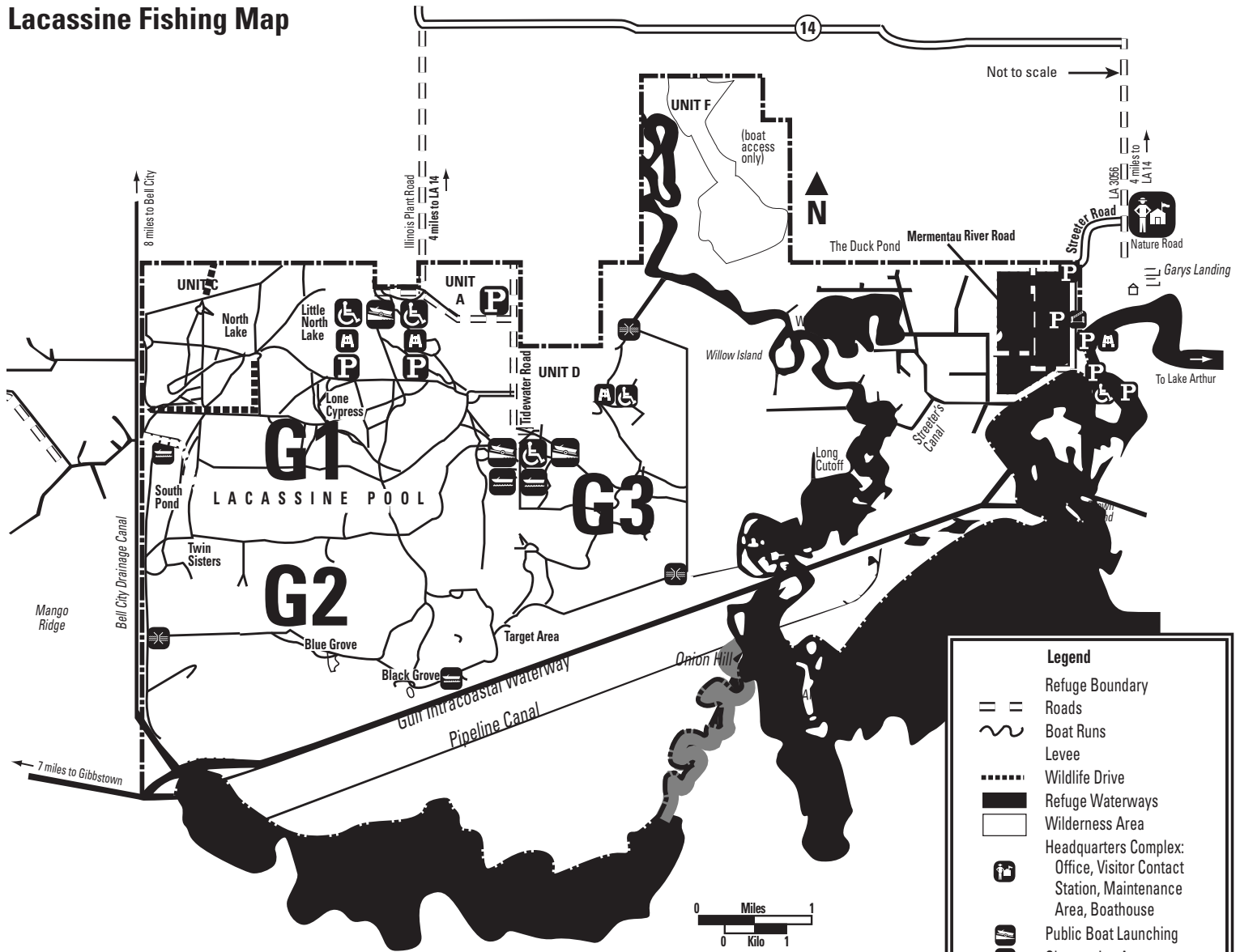








Lacassine Fishing Map



**Sabine National Wildlife Refuge (continued)**

The first or western most launch allows boat access into the western interior of the refuge, the second or eastern most launch allows access into the eastern portion of the refuge and into Calcasieu Lake.

There is an improved saltwater boat launch at the North parking lot of West Cove recreation area which is open year-round for fishing access into Calcasieu Lake. West Cove canal is closed to fishing from October 16 through March 14, and is only open for boat passage during this time.

There are two improved boat launches accessible from the south parking lot of West Cove recreation area open from March 15 through October 15. These launches allow boat access into the western interior of the refuge.

There are two unimproved boat launches at Blue Crab recreation area available for hand launching non-motorized boats only, into 1A and 1B, year round.

*Units 1A and 1B:* Only vehicles without trailers of any kind may enter and park in the Blue Crab Recreation area. Only non-motorized boats may be hand launched and used in Unit 1B. Unit 1A may be accessed by boat with the use of a trolling motor from Roadside or Northline canals, March 15-October 15. Outboard motors are prohibited.

*Unit 3:* Boat access into Unit 3 is available by passing through wide bays in the Northwest and East spillway structures. Only boats with motors of 40 horsepower or less are permitted.

*Roadside (Highway 27) Recreation Areas:* Northline, Hog Island Gully, and West Cove Recreation Areas all provide

universal accessible docks for visitors to safely fish and/or crab. Blue Crab

Recreation has limited parking and no improved docks, however, visitors are welcome to bank fish and crab here. Only vehicles without trailers of any kind may enter and park in the Blue Crab Recreation area.

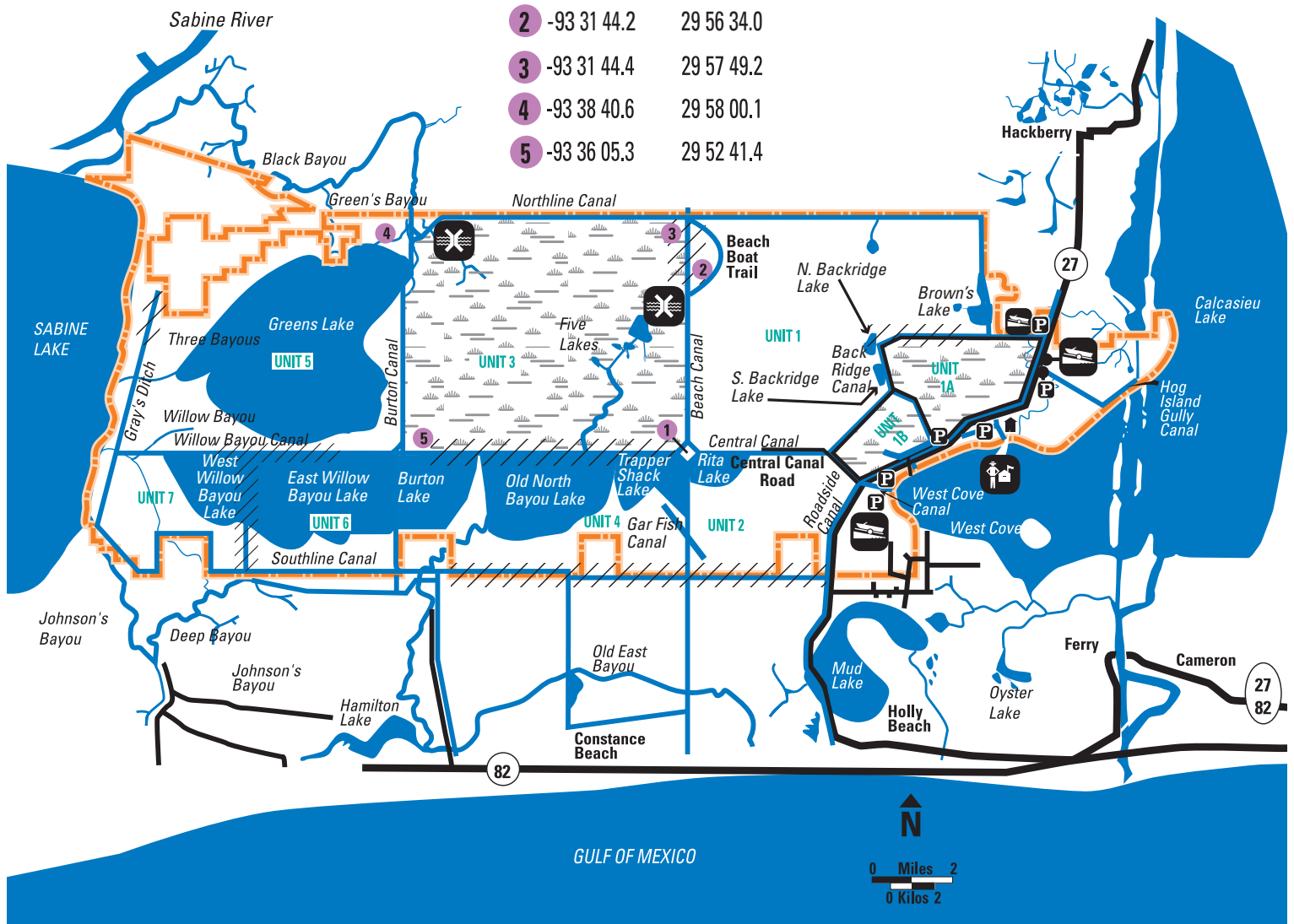
**Notice**

Due to the limited amount of dock space available for visitors to enjoy recreational fishing and crabbing, all visitors are asked to share the space available and welcome new visitors. No person is permitted to reserve a place or save a space for themselves or others by

Sabine NWR Fishing Map

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

1	-93 31 44.4	29 52 45.5
2	-93 31 44.2	29 56 34.0
3	-93 31 44.4	29 57 49.2
4	-93 38 40.6	29 58 00.1
5	-93 36 05.3	29 52 41.4



- Refuge Boundary
- Boat Access Routes (Canals and Bayous)
- Canals Closed to the Public
- Freshwater Marsh
- Headquarters Site
- Boat Launching Ramp
- Water Spillway
- Parking Lot

1A, 1B and 3. Jugs are limited to 10 per boat and must be attended at all times. All jugs must be marked with the attendants fishing license number and must be removed from the refuge

placing unattended equipment in these areas. All persons are prohibited from interfering with other persons engaged in recreational activities on the refuge including boat launching and loading.

**Permitted Activities, Gear, and Possession Limits**

**Fishing:** Recreational fishing with rod and reel, pole and line, and/ or jug lines only is permitted. **Jug line fishing** is permitted in designated waterways open to fishing. It is prohibited inside Units

daily. The use or possession of any other type of fishing gear including: limb and trot lines, and gill, trammel, and hoop nets are prohibited in all refuge waters. The daily fish limits are the same as Louisiana's Sport Fishing limits.

**Crabbing:** Crabs may be taken with hand lines or drop nets. Only cotton line and drop nets up to 24" outside diameter may be used. Floats on crab lines are prohibited. All hand lines, drop nets, and bait must be removed from the refuge

upon leaving. The daily crab limit is five dozen (60) crabs per day, per vehicle or boat.

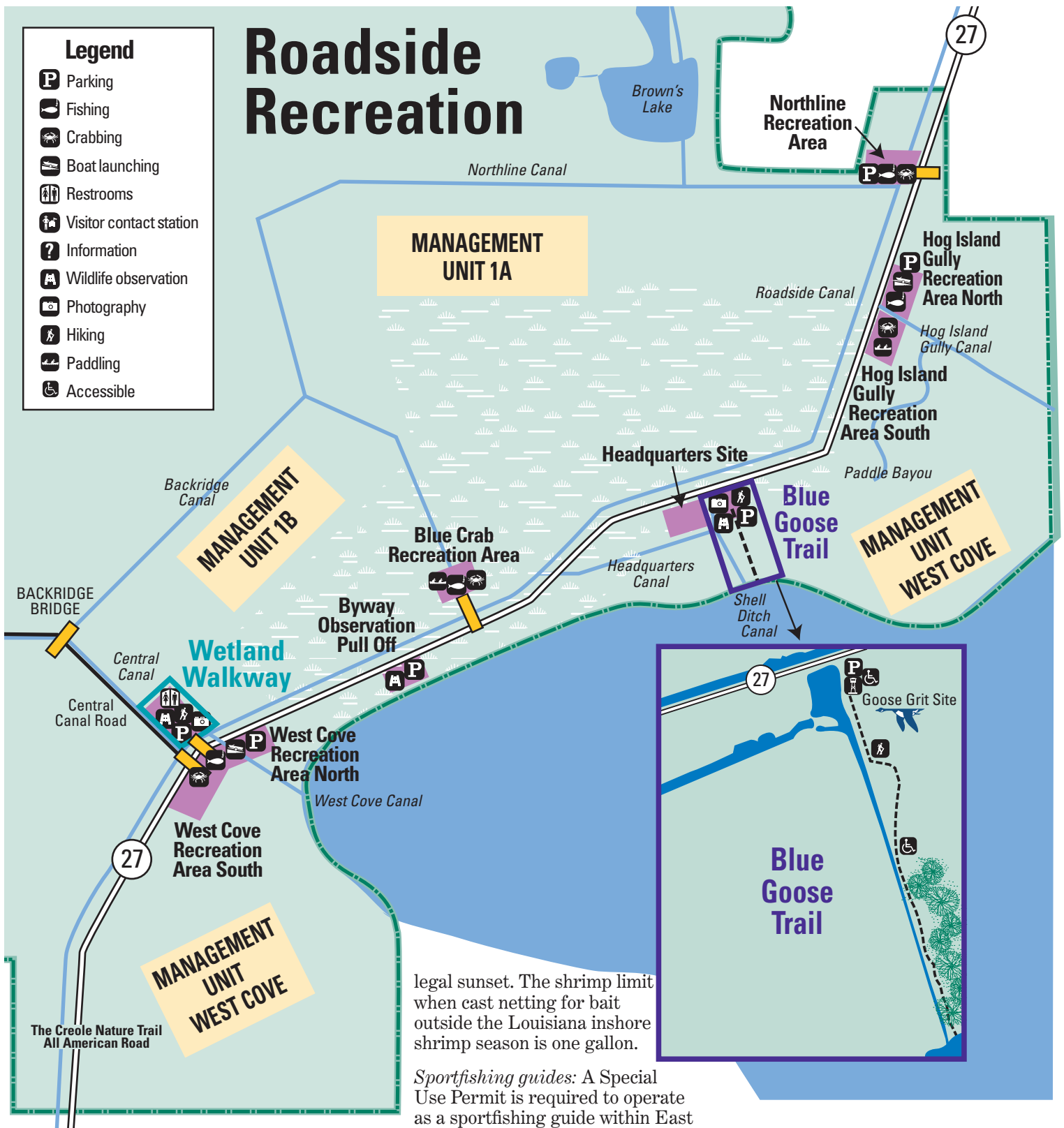
**Cast netting for shrimp:** Cast netting for shrimp is permitted from boats only. Cast netting is permitted during the Louisiana inshore shrimp seasons from legal sunrise to legal sunset in all refuge canals, unless posted as Closed. This activity must follow all state and refuge regulations. The daily shrimp limit is five gallons of heads-on shrimp per day, per vehicle or boat. All by-catch must be immediately returned to the water before cast netting can continue.

Cast netters must maintain actual custody of shrimp while on the refuge. This means the transfer of shrimp to another individual, boat, or vehicle or the placement of shrimp at a location outside of the cast netters immediate custody is

# Roadside Recreation

## Legend

- Parking
- Fishing
- Crabbing
- Boat launching
- Restrooms
- Visitor contact station
- Information
- Wildlife observation
- Photography
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Accessible



legal sunset. The shrimp limit when cast netting for bait outside the Louisiana inshore shrimp season is one gallon.

*Sportfishing guides:* A Special Use Permit is required to operate as a sportfishing guide within East Cove Unit and Sabine National

Wildlife Refuge. Call 337/762-3816 or email [swlrcomplex@fws.gov](mailto:swlrcomplex@fws.gov) for details.

### Safety Warning

Motorboat travel on the refuge may be hazardous due to narrow boat runs, rough water, limited visibility, fog, vegetation, blind crossings, and swells or wakes from other boats, barges or crew boats.

prohibited. Cast netting is prohibited at all recreation areas including Northline, Hog Island Gully, Blue Goose Trail, Blue Crab, West Cove, and the Wetland Walkway.

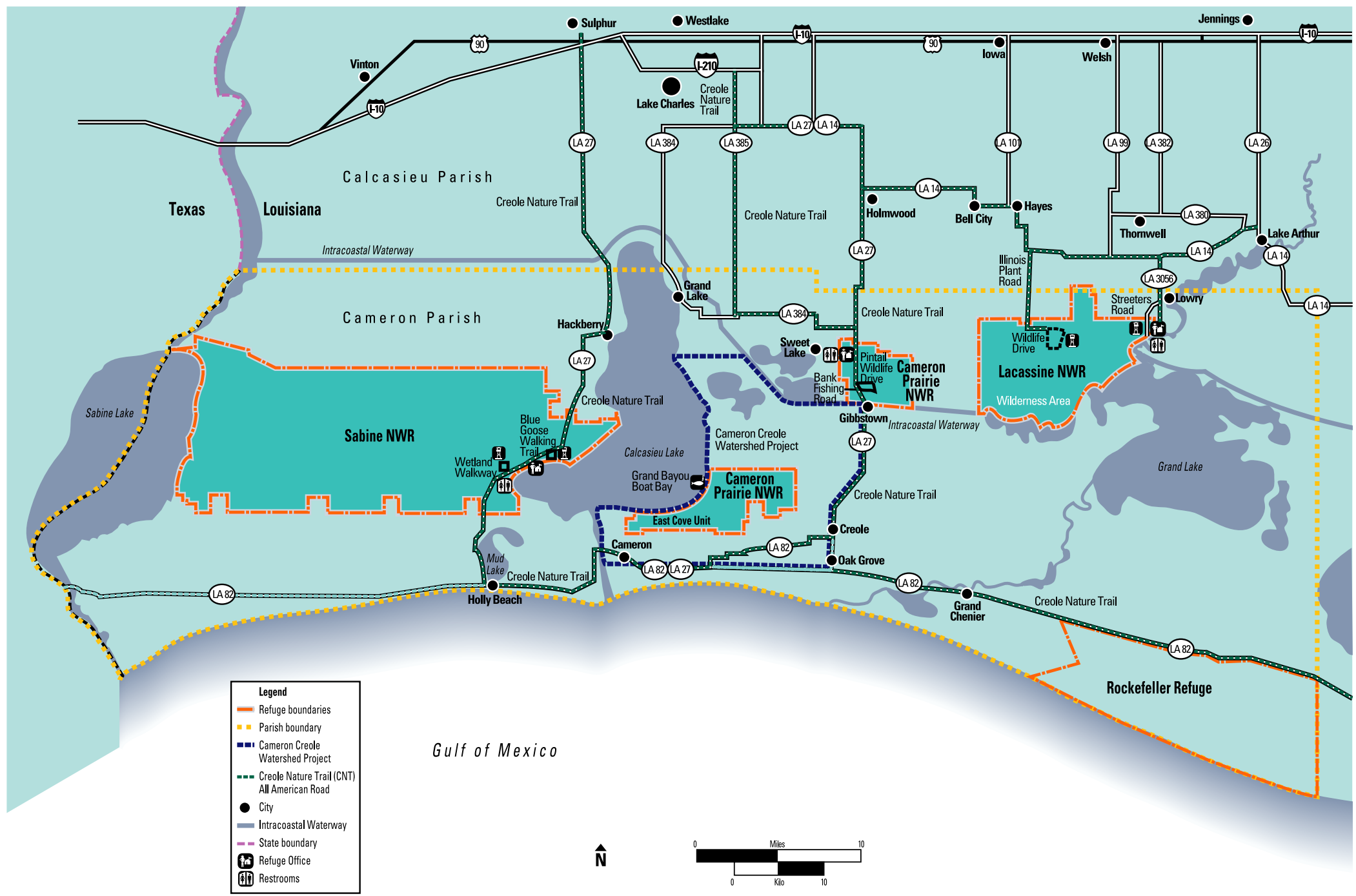
*Cast netting for bait:* Cast netting for bait is permitted from boats only, March 15 through October 15, from legal sunrise to

Please look for and obey all posted **No Wake Zones**. These areas are posted to keep visitors safe and to protect nesting birds and/ or their habitat. Most of the newly designed lakes are only 12 - 24" in depth, so it is important to know your boat and motor operation limits to ensure that you get in and out safely.



## Sabine NWR Recreation Opportunities

Recreation Area	Permitted Activities	Open Season/Time
Northline	Fishing, crabbing	Year round, sunrise to sunset
Northline	Boat launching-access to interior marshes	March 15 - October 15, one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset
Hog Island Gully	Fishing, crabbing	Year round, sunrise to sunset
Hog Island Gully	Boat launching and kayak, canoe, and pirogue access to interior refuge marshes and Calcasieu Lake	March 15 - October 15, one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset
Hog Island Gully	Non-motorized kayak, canoe, pirogue launching into Hog Island Gully Canal east of water control structure for recreational paddling only	October 16 - March 14, one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset
Blue Goose Trail	Hiking, photography, wildlife observation, interpretation, environmental education	Year round, sunrise to sunset
Blue Crab	Fishing, crabbing	Year round, sunrise to sunset
Blue Crab	Non-motorized boat launching into Units 1A and 1B for paddling, wildlife observation, photography and fishing	March 15 - October 15, one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset
Blue Crab	Non-motorized boat launching into Units 1A and 1B for paddling, wildlife observation, photography and fishing	October 16 - March 14, one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset
Byway Pull Off	Wildlife observation and photography	Year round, sunrise to sunset
West Cove	Fishing, crabbing	Year round, sunrise to sunset
West Cove	Boat launching to access interior refuge marshes and Calcasieu Lake	March 15 - October 15, one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset
West Cove	Boat launching for boat passage to Calcasieu Lake and vicinity only	October 16 - March 14, one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset
Wetland Walkway	Restrooms, hiking, wildlife observation, photography, interpretation, environmental education	Year round, sunrise to sunset
Interior canals, bayous & ponds	Boat access and travel	March 15 - October 15, one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset
Interior canals, bayous & ponds	Fishing, crabbing	March 15 - October 15, sunrise to sunset
Interior canals, bayous & ponds	Cast netting for shrimp from a boat	Louisiana Inshore Shrimp season, sunrise - sunset
Interior canals, bayous & ponds	Cast netting for bait from a boat. Bait shrimp limit outside LA inshore shrimp season is one gallon.	March 15 - October 15, sunrise to sunset



- Legend**
- Refuge boundaries
  - Parish boundary
  - Cameron Creole Watershed Project
  - Creole Nature Trail (CNT)  
All American Road
  - City
  - Intracoastal Waterway
  - State boundary
  - Refuge Office
  - Restrooms

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