How to Apply for a Lottery Hunt

Applications for lottery permit will be accepted from September 1 until 4 pm on September 30, 2013. Mail the following information on a standard 8.5 x 11 inch sheet of paper to:

391 Poole Road
Vidalia, LA 71091

- Hunt type (Youth I, II or III, Lottery Gun, Special Access)
- Your name
- Complete mailing address
- Phone number
- Application fee $5 (money order only; excludes youth and special access applications)
- Unit (Brooks Brake, Wallace Lake, Hoover Slough, Cross Bayou or Headquarters)
- Signature
- Each individual may only apply once
- Groups (up to five individuals) may apply for the Youth Lottery Gun hunt only by providing accurate and complete information for each individual on the same sheet of paper. This includes a signature from each person.
- Lottery Hunt Permits are non-transferable.

Please be aware that the threatened Louisiana Black Bears are a species of special concern. Hunters are encouraged to dispatch only those bears that are not causing problems with agricultural producers. Hunters should be careful to avoid damaging private property when hunting for bears.

Signs and Boundaries

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of refuge lands within the exterior boundary of Bayou Cocodrie NWR. Please observe all signs and become familiar with refuge boundaries to improve the quality of your visit to the refuge. Please be respectful of lands adjacent to the refuge by avoiding trespassing on private land. The wording of the sign applies to the area behind the sign.

Please respect the following signs:

- This sign delineates the refuge boundary. Always know the regulations before entering.
- All hunting and possession of any weapon is prohibited beyond this sign.
- This area is closed to all public entry. Exceptions stated on sign.
- Weapons prohibited beyond this sign.

Feral hogs are an invasive nuisance species which cause degradation to the habitat and compete with native wildlife for food. Holders of a legal hunting license and refuge permit may take hogs with the appropriate weapon during hunting season. Hunters should be careful to avoid damaging private property when hunting for hogs. Please collect all hogs dispatched on the Daily Use Reporting cards for refuge management purposes.

Threatened Louisiana Black Bears

Please be aware that the threatened Louisiana black bear listed under provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 occurs throughout the refuge. Numerous conservation agencies have worked cooperatively in an effort to restore this majestic species. Because feral hogs and black bears can be difficult to distinguish in heavy cover, it is critical that all hunters positively identify their target before they attempt to harvest a feral hog. It is unlawful for anyone to take, harass, disturb, etc., any Louisiana black bear. Criminal penalty: up to $50,000 fine and one year imprisonment.