Black Bayou Lake NWR Hunting and Fishing Welcome
Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1987, is one of over 550 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 refuge contains a diversity of habitat types including freshwater lake, forested wetland, and upland pine forest.

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The refuge is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a national network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people. http://www.fws.gov/1-800-344-WILD

General Information
Use caution when operating boats or wading in flooded areas of the refuge. Obstructions/obstacles may be submerged and unmarked. On May 29, 2003, the state of Louisiana issued the following fish consumption advisory for Black Bayou Lake: For women of childbearing age and children under the age of seven—no consumption of bowfin (choupique, grinnel); other adults and children over the age of seven—limit bowfin (choupique, grinnel) to one meal per month. All species of fish should be limited to four meals per month for each person.

Firearms
Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations. A signed refuge hunting permit (front of this brochure) must be carried by all hunters in addition to required State licenses to hunt.

Boats
All boats must comply with State law and display proper navigation lights from sunset to sunrise. Daylight use only.

Hunting and Fishing Regulations
Hunting and fishing are permitted to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting and fishing are 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 and fishing will be in accordance with applicable State of Louisiana regulations subject to the conditions stated below. A signed refuge hunting permit (front of this brochure) must be carried by all hunters in addition to required State licenses to hunt.

Access
WHEN: Hunters may only access the Refuge no earlier than 4 am and must exit no later than two hours after legal shooting hours unless otherwise specified.
WHERE: Hunting is restricted in certain areas as shown on the hunting map. No hunting is allowed within 150 feet of the centerline of a designated road, refuge maintained road, hiking trail, ATV trail, dwellings, above ground gas or electrical transmission facilities or designated public facility. Hunters may not access the hunting area by boat from the public launch site.

Tree Stands
Tree stands, elevated platforms, and ground blinds may be put up each day but must be removed at the end of the day. Leaving personal property overnight is prohibited.

Hunting Harvest Permit into the box before exiting the Refuge.

Each person parking an automobile on the Refuge must leave the Vehicle tag on the dashboard of the vehicle face up so it can be read from outside of the vehicle. Each person riding in the vehicle should display their Vehicle tag on the dashboard.

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 two hours after legal shooting hours to 4 am. Raccoon hunters may not use ATVs. ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 26 x 12 with a maximum 1” lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 12 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. ATV cannot exceed 750 lbs, 86” in length and 48” in width. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires is prohibited on the refuge.

Youth
Youths are defined as the same as State regulations. Supervising adult may supervise only one youth on a big game hunt and no more than two youth on a small game or waterfowl hunt.

Prohibited Activities
• Launching boats with motors greater than 50 horsepower.
• Taking of wildlife (including frogs, turtles, and mollusks) and plants other than specified in refuge regulations
• Using motorized vehicles (ATVs, ATVS) to transport deer
• Launching personal watercraft (jet skis)
• Cutting vegetation, including limbs
• Possession of deer decoys
•  Using trotlines, limb lines, yo-yos, traps or nets
• Participants in deer drives
• Using a metal detector
• Getting too close to a black bear
• Operating a boat more than idle speed in No Wake Zone
• Possessing or using alcoholic beverages
• Searching for or removing any object of antiquity, including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts
• Leaving personal property overnight (includes boats, deer stands, blinds, cameras, decoys)
• Leaving flagging or other trail markers
• Cutting vegetation, including limbs
• Launching personal watercraft (jet skis)
• Possessing or using alcoholic beverages
• Searching for or removing any object of antiquity, including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts

Summary of Recent Regulations
1. Hunting area has changed (see map). Deer Archery Only Area has expanded.
2. Deer bag limit is one antlered and one antlerless deer per day.
3. Hunters only area required to possess and complete daily Self-cleaning Permits. One permit per hunter per day.
4. Waterfowl hunters must be off the Refuge by 1:30 pm.
5. No hunting is allowed within 150 feet of the centerline of a designated road, refuge maintained road, hiking trail, ATV trail, dwellings, above ground gas or electrical transmission facilities or designated public facility.

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<td>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. A leashed dog may be used to retrieve wounded or un-recovered deer during legal hunting hours. A dog may be used to trail and retrieve un-recovered deer 2 hours after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may be in possession of a firearm, bow, crossbow or any other means of take while in the field.</td>
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