## 2019-2020 Hunting Seasons/Regulations

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Introduction
Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge 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 harvest of animals is one tool used to manage fish and wildlife populations. Carefully managed hunting and fishing help maintain these populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome recreational opportunities, and permit the use of valuable renewable resources.

The regulations in this pamphlet supplement the general regulations governing hunting and fishing on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable state regulations except as noted below. As you use the refuge, take pride in America and the refuge resources. Report violations promptly. Respect the rights of others using the refuge.

Warning
Use caution when operating boats or wading in flooded areas of the refuge. Obstructions/obstacles may be submerged and unmarked.

All boats must comply with state law and display proper navigation lights from sunset to sunrise. Daylight use only except for legal hunting.

General Hunting Regulations
By hunting or fishing on the refuge, you can be subjected to game and fish inspections.

Permits
A signed refuge hunting permit (front of this brochure) must be carried by all hunters.

A Self-clearing Permit is required for hunting on the Refuge. Self-clearing Permits can be obtained at entry points of the Refuge and at Headquarters on D’Arbonne Refuge. Self-clearing Permits can be obtained at entry points and at Headquarters on D’Arbonne Refuge. Self-clearing Permits consist of three portions: Check-In, Check-Out, and a Vehicle tag. The Check-In portion must be completed and in the permit box prior to each day’s hunt. The middle portion is the Daily Hunting Permit that must be carried by each hunter while on the refuge. At the end of the day’s hunt, the Daily Hunting Permit must be completed including hours spent hunting, species hunted, and number harvested (must indicate zero if no game harvested) and put into permit box before exiting the Refuge. Each person parking an automobile on the Refuge must leave the vehicle tag on the door. This tag will be in accordance with applicable state regulations except as noted below. As you use the refuge, take pride in America and the refuge resources. Report violations promptly. Respect the rights of others using the refuge.

Restricted Areas
Hunting is restricted in certain areas as shown on the hunting map. Hunting is allowed within 150 feet (50 yards) of the maintained rights-of-way of the roads, ATV and hiking trails, electric transmission lines and facilities. Hunters may not access the hunting area by boat from the public launch site.

Hunters may exit the refuge no earlier than 4 am and must exit no later than one hour after legal shooting hours unless otherwise specified.

Youth
Youth are generally defined as those individuals 17 years of age or younger except for migratory bird hunts, youth are defined as 15 years old or under. Youths under the age of 16 may hunt without hunter education certificate if they are accompanied by and under direct supervision of a person who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a hunter education course approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Direct supervision means that the person being supervised is within a normal audible voice contact and in direct hunting or fishing on the refuge at all times while hunting. The supervising adult is responsible for ensuring that youth hunters do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of a refuge regulation. An adult may supervise only one youth on a big game hunt and no more than two youth on a small game or waterfowl hunt.

Firearms and Ammunition
It is the responsibility of visitors to understand and comply with all applicable state, local and federal firearms laws before entering the refuge.

Firearm ammunition, used for hunting, larger than a .22 caliber rim-fire, shotgun slug, or buckshot are prohibited. Lead shot is prohibited for all hunting.

Safety
Hunters participating in special dog season for rabbit hunting must wear an orange hat. Although highly recommended, the International Bowhunters Education certification is no longer required to archery deer hunt on the refuge.

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 are required to possess and complete daily Self-clearing 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 (50 yards) of facilities, maintained rights-of-way of the roads, ATV and hiking trails and electric transmission lines.

ATV Regulations
ATVs are permitted on trails designated for their use (see map). Trails are marked with signs and will be closed March 1 through August 31. ATVs are prohibited from one hour after legal shooting hours to 4 am. Rackoon hunters may not use ATVs. ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 20 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’s cannot exceed 750 lbs., 85” in length and 48” in width. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires is prohibited on the refuge.

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.
- Possession or distribution of bait while in the field and plants other than specified in refuge regulations.
- Using motorized vehicles off the designated public access roads. This includes motorcycles, ATVs, jeeps, cars, trucks, etc. Parking is restricted to parking areas and along public access roads which are shown on map.
- Littering
- Possession of deer decoys
- Overnight parking
- Commercial fishing
- Target practice
- Using horses and mules
- No airboats
- Cutting of vegetation, including limbs
- Launching personal watercraft (jet skis)
- Taking or possession of waterfowl, big or small game, fish, or plants by use of a guide or outfitter is prohibited.
- Driving or screwing a nail, spike, or other metal object into a tree or hunting from any tree in which a nail, spike, or other metal object has been driven or screwed.
- Possession or distribution of bait while in the field and hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, mineral, or any non-natural occurring food attractant on the refuge.
- Using trotlines, limb lines, yo-yos, traps or nets
- Participating in deer drives
- Crossing the plastic water hyacinth booms in a boat
- 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, decoys)
- Leaving flagging or other trail markers

Warning
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 bowfins (choupique, grinnel) to one meal per month.