

Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge Hunting, Fishing and Camping Regulations 2013-2014



Bogue Chitto Refuge Hunting Permit 2013-2014

When signed and carried, this serves as your permit for all refuge hunts, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein. Expires June 30, 2014.

**Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge
General Fishing, Hunting and Camping Regulations**

The regulations listed below supplement Louisiana and Mississippi State hunting and fishing regulations and the general regulations governing hunting and fishing on National Wildlife Refuges set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. All plants and animals are protected from hunting unless a specific refuge hunting season allows for the take of animals under this permit.

All hunters must possess a Refuge permit. This brochure when signed and in your possession, serves as a permit for all 2013-2014 Refuge hunts. Individuals utilizing the refuge are subject to inspection of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, vehicles and their contents by wildlife officers.

Unless stated otherwise in this brochure, all refuge hunts are for daylight shooting hours only. Daylight shooting hours are from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset.

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of state and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

Motorized vehicles are only permitted on public roads and designated parking areas.

The Refuge will be closed to all hunting, except waterfowl, when the Pearl River reaches 15.5 feet on the gauge at Pearl River. Call 985/649 0357 for current reading.

State hunting regulations apply unless otherwise listed. When the Refuge follows State seasons (as listed below); those Refuge lands in Mississippi follow Mississippi State seasons and those Refuge lands in Louisiana follow Louisiana State seasons.

Youth hunter age, adult supervision age, and hunter education requirements are defined by state regulation. Youths under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult during all hunts. Supervising adults shall maintain visual and voice contacts with the youth at all times. The supervising adult is responsible for ensuring that youth hunters do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations.

Big Game Regulations

The possession of slugs, buckshot, or rifle and pistol ammunition larger than .22 caliber rimfire is permitted during the Refuge gun deer and hog hunts. Otherwise, only approved non toxic shot may be possessed while hunting on the refuge.

Legal primitive firearms for primitive firearms season include those defined by State law in the State you are hunting in.

All state approved archery equipment will be allowed as a legal means of take during the deer archery season.

All deer and hogs must be killed before removal from the Refuge.

Only portable deer stands may be used. Deer stands may be erected one day before the deer archery season and must be removed from the refuge within one day after the refuge deer season closes. Hunters may place only one deer stand on the Refuge. Deer stands must have owner's name, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand. All untagged stands are subject to seizure.

All hunters in Louisiana (including archery and small game hunters), except waterfowl hunters, must wear and display no less than 400 square inches of unbroken hunter orange as the outer most layer of clothing on the chest and back and a hunter-orange cap during Refuge general gun and primitive firearm hunts for deer and hog. All deer hunters are required to display a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter-orange or a hunter-orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. All hunters in Mississippi must wear no less than 500 square inches of hunter-orange in place of the 400 square inches requirement described above.

Deer hunters hunting from concealed blinds must display a minimal of 400 sq. inches of hunter-orange above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

In the event the refuge is closed during the deer gun hunts due to high water, alternative hunt days may be provided. Details will be provided in a news release and on the Refuge web site. (Proposed dates, up to 14 days from December 24 to January 20, either sex; but only as many days as lost from the high water closure)

For all deer hunts in Mississippi, except youth hunts, legal buck antler restrictions apply.

Migratory Bird Regulations

Waterfowl hunting must cease by noon and all decoys and blinds removed from the hunting area by 1 pm.

Upland Game

All other hunters, including archery hunters (while on the ground), except waterfowl hunters, must wear a hunter-orange cap or hat during the dog season for squirrels and rabbits.

The Following are a list of Prohibited Activities on the Refuge

The possession of toxic shot while hunting is prohibited, except during the deer and hog gun hunts.

Hunting from a permanent tree stand or from a tree in which a metal object (such as nails, spikes, screws) has been driven.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.

Possession or distribution of bait while in the field and hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or any non-naturally-occurring food attractant on the Refuge in strictly prohibited.

The use of horses and all-terrain vehicles.

All commercial activities including guiding or participating in a guided hunt.

Target shooting on the refuge.

Incidental take of hogs during the squirrel, rabbit and turkey seasons is prohibited.

Houseboats within refuge boundaries except for navigational purposes.

Trail cameras.

The use of deer or turkey gobbler decoys.

Hunting or the discharge of firearms within 150 feet from the centerline of a public road, refuge road, designated or maintained trail, building, residence, designated public facility, or from or across above ground electric facilities.

The use of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers, except reflective tacks.

Cutting, removing, or damaging live trees.

Camping

Primitive camping is permitted within 100 feet of designated streams. These include either bank of the Bogue Chitto River, Wilson Slough, West Pearl River south of Wilson Slough and refuge lands along the East Pearl River and Holmes Bayou.

No campsite can be left unattended longer than 24 hours. Campsites cannot be established longer than 14 consecutive days.

The Refuge is closed to camping when the Pearl River reaches 15.5 feet on the gauge at Pearl River. Campers must mark their campsite with the owner's name, address, phone number, and dates of occupancy in a conspicuous location at the front of the tents.

Specific Sport Fishing Regulations

Recreational fishing is permitted year-round in accordance with State Regulations subject to the following conditions. Commercial fin fishing and shell fishing are prohibited.

Limb lines are permitted but must be 100% cotton.

Trotlines are permitted, but the last five feet of the trotline, on both ends, must be 100% cotton.

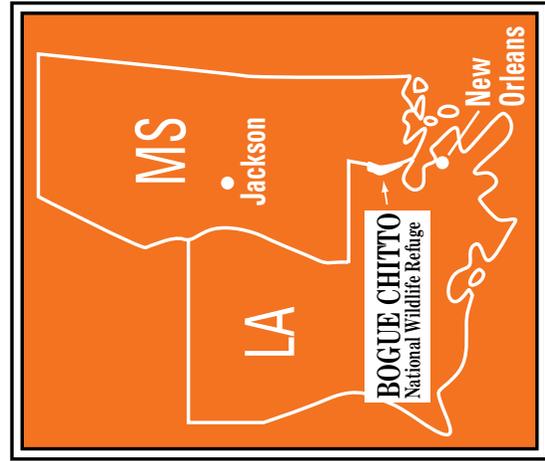
The fishing pond at the Pearl River Turnaround is open except closed from April-June. Non-gas powered boats may be hand launched when open. The use of this fishing pond area is permitted from 30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset.

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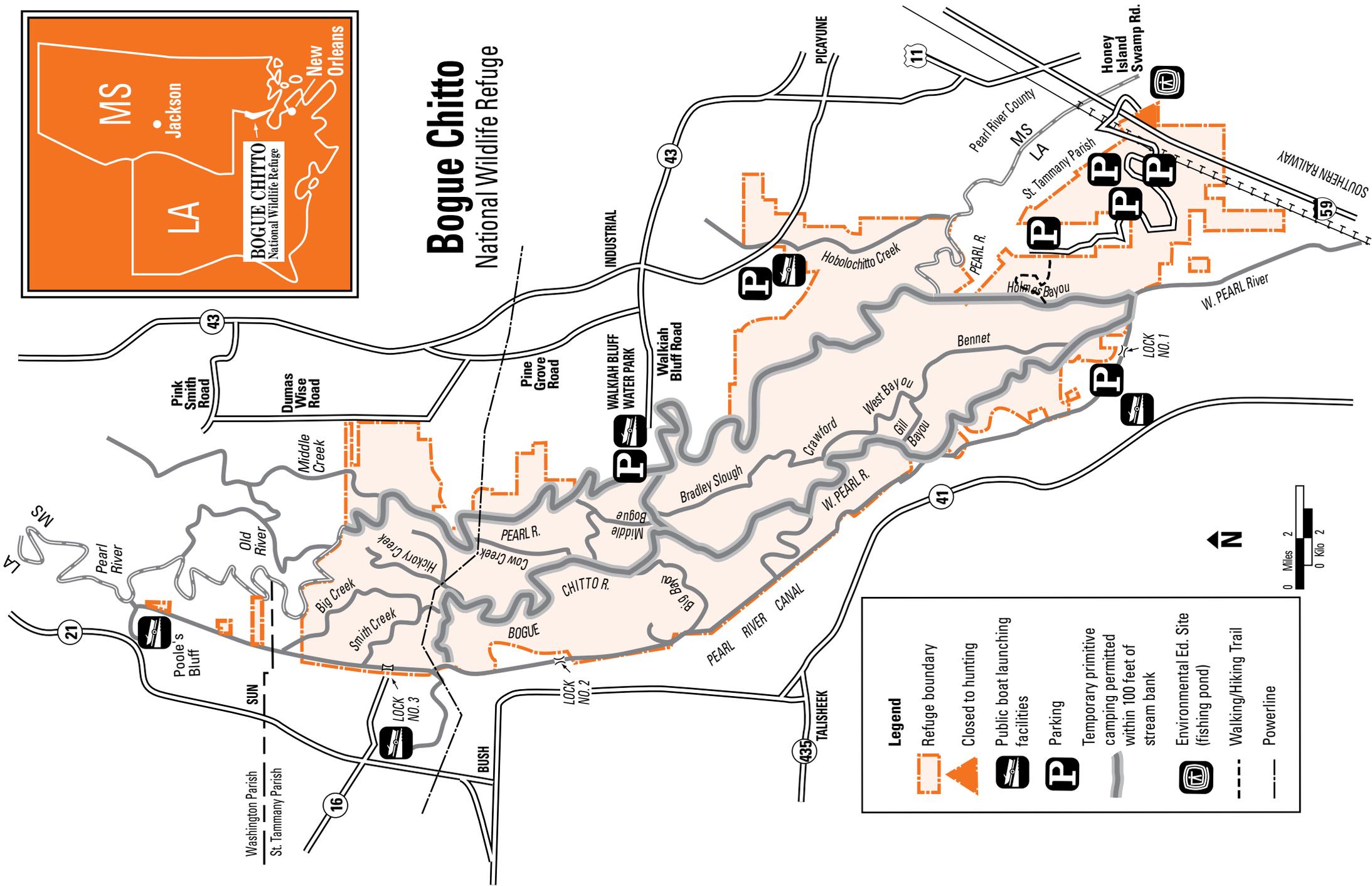
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Type Hunt	Season: Mississippi (MS) and Louisiana (LA)	Special Regulations
Archery deer, either sex	LA: State Season MS: State Season	All State approved archery equipment is allowed. Hunters are encouraged to complete a certified Bowhunter Education course. Hogs may be taken with archery equipment during the deer archery season.
Youth gun deer	Nov. 8 - 10, 2013	Deer either sex. Still hunting only. No dogs. Hogs may be taken as incidental game.
General gun deer and hog	Nov. 22 - 28, 2013 Nov. 29 - 30, 2013 Dec. 21 - 29, 2013	Deer bucks only. Still hunting only. No dogs. Deer either sex. Still hunting only. No dogs. Deer either sex. Still hunting only. No dogs.
Primitive weapon (MS) Primitive firearm (LA) Deer and hog	Dec. 30, 2013 - Jan 7, 2014	Either sex. Still hunting only. No dogs.
Squirrel and rabbit	State Fall Season including Youth Season (Closed during State Spring Squirrel Season)	Only non-toxic shot (size #4 or smaller) or .22 cal rimfire ammunition or smaller is permitted. Dogs may be used from Oct. 28 - Nov 9, 2013 and from Feb. 1 - 28, 2014. Closed during gun and primitive firearms hunts.
Raccoon and opossum	Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2014	Only night time hunting is permitted in accordance with state regulations. Dogs are allowed. Only non-toxic shot (#4 or smaller) or .22 cal rimfire ammunition or smaller is permitted.
Turkey	State Spring Season including Youth Season (closed during State Fall Season)	State rules and regulations apply. No shot larger than #2 is allowed while hunting.
Waterfowl and coots (Ducks, geese and coots)	State Teal, and General Waterfowl Season including Youth Season	Hunting is permitted from 30 minutes before legal sunrise (ducks, geese and coots) until noon. Closed to hunting during the special "light goose" conservation season.
Woodcock	State Season	Only non-toxic shot is permitted using #4 shot or smaller. Only recognized breeds of setter/retriever dogs are allowed.
Hog (dogs only)	Feb. 1 - 28, 2014	May be taken only with the aid of trained hog hunting dogs. Legal hunting hours are 30 minutes before legal sunrise to 30 minutes after legal sunset. All hogs must be killed prior to removal from the refuge. During this season, only shotguns with non toxic shot or .22 cal. or smaller pistols or rifles with rimfire ammunition are permitted.
Hog (no dogs) general gun	LA: March 1-15, 2014 MS: March 1-7, 2014	Experimental season. Hogs may be taken by any legal firearms during legal daylight shooting hours.