



Sabine Wildlife Refuge Specific Hunting Regulations

Sabine was established in 1937 and is one of the primary wintering refuges for waterfowl in the Mississippi Flyway. This refuge consists of 125,000 acres of marsh with numerous ridges, bayous, ponds, lakes, man-made canals and levees, and wooded islands.

Public hunting of ducks, geese, gallinules and coots on Sabine is permitted in hunt units designated by signs stating Waterfowl Hunting Only and delineated on the permit map. The total available hunt area is approximately 34,000 acres in size.

For waterfowl hunts, all youth under 18 years of age must be supervised by an adult (21 years or older). Adults may supervise no more than two youths on waterfowl hunts. Youths

must be under direct supervision, within sight and normal voice contact of adult. For all hunts, hunters born after 9/1/1969, must possess proof of completion of a hunter education course.

Scouting

Hunters may scout refuge hunt areas during the refuge open fishing season, March 15 - October 15, and Monday through Friday during the one week prior to the opening of the LA west zone duck and coot season. Possession of blind material while scouting is prohibited.

Hunt Period and Access

Hunting is permitted only on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays of the LA west zone duck and coot waterfowl season. Hunters can enter the refuge and launch no earlier than 4 am. Waterfowl hunting must cease at 12 noon

and all decoys and blinds must be removed from the hunting area by 1 pm. Boats may enter the refuge from West Cove Recreation Area or through Burton Canal via Black Bayou (see map). Walk-in hunters and hunters launching small boats may access Hunt Unit E by driving on Vastar Road. No trailers are allowed on Vastar Road. The refuge is closed to hunting during the goose-only portion of the waterfowl seasons.

Boat, Motor and Operation Limits

Boats may not be dragged across levees. Outboard motors and go-devil type or air cooled motors may be operated only in designated refuge canals, bayous, and boat trails. Operation of any outboard or air cooled motor in the refuge marshes is prohibited. Operation of trolling motors is permitted.