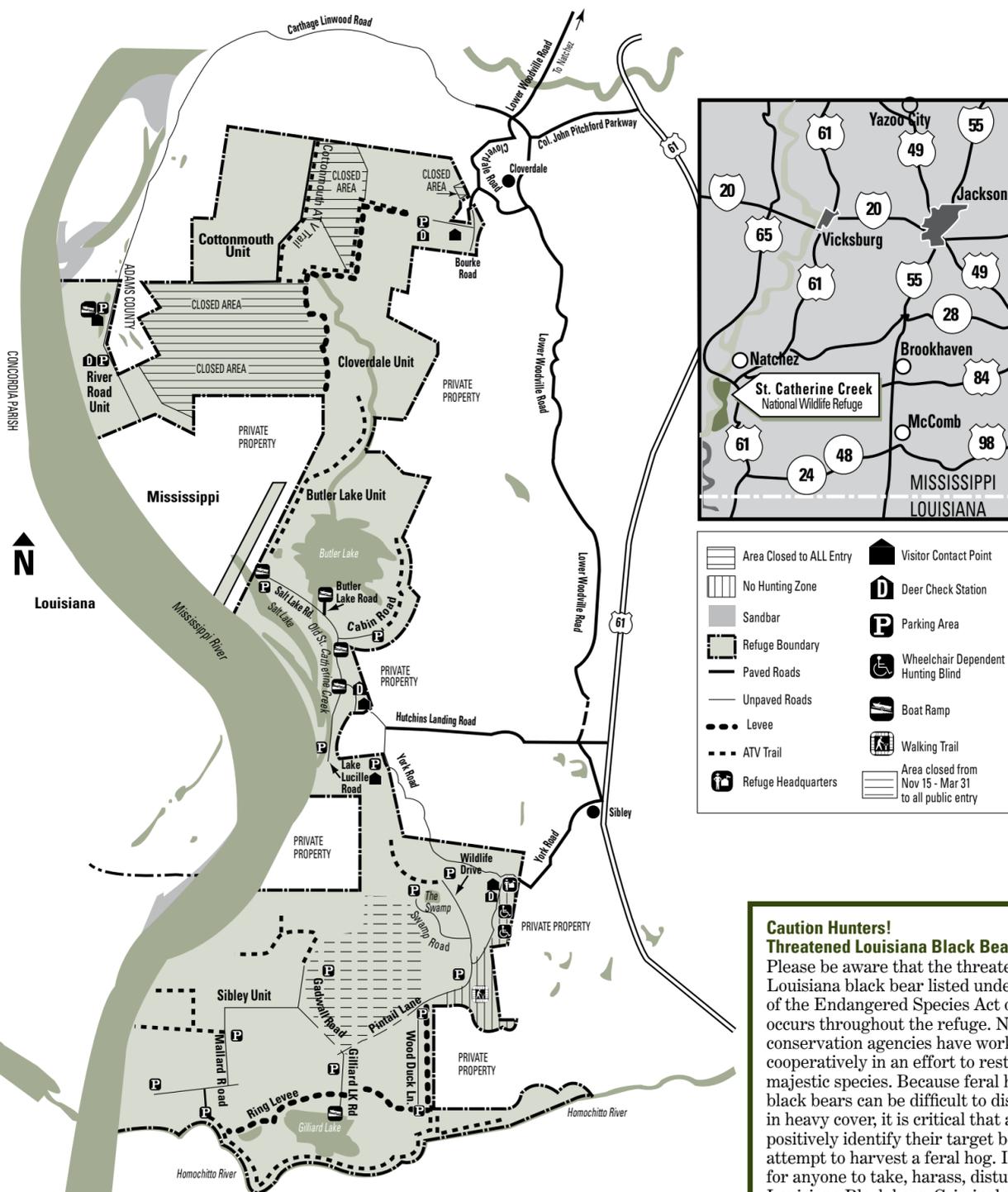


## 2013-2014 Seasons

Type	Season Dates	Specific Regulations*
Fishing	Feb 1 - Nov 15, 2013 Feb 1 - Nov 15, 2014	Daily Visitor Use Reporting Card Required
ATV Trails Open for Scouting/Hunting Access	Sep 21, 2013 - Feb 28, 2014	Daylight use only. No weapons allowed. ATV's allowed on designated trails.
Deer-Archery	Oct 1, 2013 - Jan 31, 2014	Use or possession of any drug, or device for employing such drug for hunting is prohibited. Still Hunting Only. Either sex. One deer per day. ** Cottonmouth Unit closes for all hunting Jan 6, 2014. Archery closed during youth deer gun hunt.
Deer - Youth Gun Hunt	1 <sup>st</sup> weekend of state youth gun hunt	Ages 10-15 (on the day of the hunt). No other hunting allowed during this hunt except wheelchair dependent hunters in specified blinds. One deer per day, either sex. **
All open units, including Cottonmouth Unit		
Deer Muzzleloader	Nov 23, 2013 - Jan 5, 2014	Still hunting only. Either sex. Hunter orange HAT and UPPER GARMENT required. One deer per day. **
Wheelchair Dependent Hunting Blinds	Season dates coincide with state seasons	Pre-registration required. Only for permanently wheelchair dependent hunters. All refuge regulations apply. **
Turkey - Youth Lottery Hunts	Dates will be assigned upon lottery drawing.	Drawing required. Limited permits. Applications must be properly completed and received by Feb 14, 2014. Improperly completed applications will be rejected. Limit: one gobbler per day - 2 per season. Sibley & Butler Lake Units Only.
Ages 10-15 Only		
Youth Small Game	1 <sup>st</sup> weekend of state youth small game season	Shotguns (non-toxic shot only), .17, .22 magnum, .22 rimfire rifles, and muzzleloading rifles .38 caliber and under with iron sites, shooting patched round balls only.
Squirrel & Rabbit - No dogs; No archery equipment allowed	Oct 12 - Nov 22, 2013 Closed during youth deer hunt	Hunter orange HAT and UPPER GARMENT required when hunting in open fields or reforested areas.
Squirrel & Rabbit With or Without Dogs; No archery equipment allowed	Jan 6 - Feb 28, 2014	Cottonmouth Unit is closed during this small game season.
Woodcock	State season after Jan 5, 2014	Shotguns with approved non-toxic shot only. State bag limits apply. Hunter orange HAT and UPPER GARMENT required when hunting in open fields or reforested areas. Cottonmouth Unit is closed to this hunt.
Raccoon - Dogs required	Feb 1-28, 2014	Sunset to sunrise only. No hunting from Carthage-Linwood Road (River Road). Use of boats and ATV's prohibited. .22 long rifles only. Only raccoon and opossums may be taken. Cottonmouth Unit is closed to this hunt.
Waterfowl - Gilliard Lake, Salt Lake, and Butler Lake Only	Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays during State season. ½ hour before sunrise until 12 noon.	Hunters, decoys and blinds must be out of the area by 1pm. Non-toxic shot required. Portable blinds only. Retrievers may be used. NO early Teal Season.
Waterfowl - Youth Hunt	State Zone Date	Same specific regulations as above

\* Unless otherwise stated, State season bag limits apply. All Refuge regulations must be adhered to at all times by all persons using the Refuge.

\*\* One deer per day, antlered deer must meet state size requirements. Youths, see state regulations. Non-residents may not harvest antlerless deer.



**Caution Hunters! 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 1 year imprisonment.

### Hunting Blinds or Stands

Only portable deer stands may be used on the refuge. Inserting metal objects into trees or hunting from trees into which metal objects have been inserted is prohibited. Climbing spurs are prohibited. **Blinds and tripods must be dismantled and stands must be removed from the tree after each day's hunt.** Deer stands are allowed on the refuge one week prior to the opening of archery season. All stands must be removed from the refuge prior to any flood event or by February 5, NO EXCEPTIONS. Deer stands must have each hunter's full name, permit number, address, and phone number clearly printed on the stand. Any stand left on the refuge past February 5 will be confiscated and disposed of.

Hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds (excluding waterfowl hunters) must meet refuge hunter orange requirements (listed above). Only temporary blinds are allowed for waterfowl hunting. Blinds and decoys used for waterfowl hunting must be removed daily by 1:00 pm. The use of old structures/camps for hunting is prohibited.

### Hunting with Dogs

Hunting with dogs for migratory birds is permitted during migratory bird seasons. Dogs are only allowed to locate, point, flush, and retrieve migratory game birds. Hunting with dogs is also permitted during specific dates during the rabbit, raccoon, and squirrel seasons listed in this brochure. All dogs must be collared and labeled with owner's name and phone number. Hunting any wildlife other than migratory birds, squirrel, rabbit, and raccoon with dogs is prohibited. Use of dogs to trail wounded deer is not allowed.

### Weapons and Ammunition

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 regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

### Archery

Longbow, compound bow, and crossbow or any bow drawn, held, or released by mechanical means are considered legal for hunting on the refuge. Archery equipment is only allowed on the refuge during the refuge deer hunting season. All state laws regulating archery equipment requirements apply to the refuge.

### Rifles

Center-fire rifles are allowed during the refuge youth deer hunt and in designated blinds for permanently wheelchair bound hunters. State restrictions apply to all center-fire rifle equipment. .17, .22 rim-fire, 22 magnum rifles, and .38 caliber and under muzzleloading rifles with iron sites and shooting patched round balls may be used during small game hunts.

### Primitive Firearms

Legal primitive firearms must meet the following requirements: rifles that load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, .44 caliber minimum, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets, and in-line muzzleloaders. Single shot, breech loading rifles, .38 caliber or larger of any kind or type manufactured prior to 1900 and replicas, reproductions, or reintroductions of that type of rifle are not allowed during refuge primitive weapon seasons. Legal muzzleloaders may be fitted with magnified scopes.

### Ammunition

Possession of lead shot, buckshot, or any shotgun ammunition other than approved, non-toxic shot is prohibited on the refuge. Lead center-fire bullet and lead rifed slugs are allowed during the state youth gun hunt and for permanently wheelchair bound hunters hunting from designated handicapped blinds on the refuge. Lead bullets may also be used during the muzzleloader hunt and lead shot may be used during the Lottery Youth Turkey Hunt.

### Big Game Regulations

#### Archery Season

Archery hunting for deer is allowed on the refuge during the specified season in this brochure. **One deer harvested per day is allowed.**

#### Primitive Weapon Season

Only muzzleloading rifles and compound, recurve, or longbows may be used during the refuge primitive weapon season. Hunter orange requirements apply to all hunters. **One deer harvested per day is allowed.**

#### Turkey Seasons

Hunters between the ages of 10-15 may apply for a lottery permit to hunt during turkey season. Each season is two days and youth hunters may harvest one gobbler each day. Applications must be received by February 14, 2014 to be eligible for the drawing. No other turkey hunting is allowed.

### Small Game Regulations

#### Waterfowl

Waterfowl hunting is open on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday until noon during the state season and is restricted to Butler Lake, Salt Lake and Gilliard Lake only. Access to Butler Lake waterfowl hunting is restricted to Butler Lake Road only. Access to Gilliard Lake is closed when the Mississippi River stage reaches 34 feet or greater at the Natchez Station. For Mississippi River stages go to <http://155.76.244.230/riverstage/bullet.txt> **No overnight parking is allowed.**

Blinds and decoys used for waterfowl hunting must be removed daily by 1:00 pm. Hunting with dogs for waterfowl is allowed during the waterfowl season. No early teal season. Waterfowl hunting will be restricted by high water, as determined by refuge manager.

#### Woodcock

Hunters must use approved non-toxic shot and adhere to state season and harvest limits. Hunting with dogs for woodcock is allowed.

### Rabbit and Squirrel

The use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is only allowed during a specific portion of the season. Hunters must verify season dates in this brochure regarding the use of dogs on the refuge.

### Incidental Species

Beaver, nutria, coyote, raccoon, and feral hogs may be taken with a legal firearm or archery equipment during any open hunting season. Hunters must have a valid refuge permit and any state required licenses to harvest incidental species. State bag limits apply to coyotes, beaver, and feral hogs. Harvest of bobcat is not allowed.

### Fishing Regulations

Fishermen may enter the refuge ½ hour before sunrise and must exit the refuge no later than ½ hour after sunset. Fisherman must have a valid Refuge Annual Public Use permit and any applicable state licenses in their possession. Fish species allowed for harvest under state regulations may be included in the daily state creel limit. Commercial fishing activities, use of ATV's, harvest of frogs or turtles, harvest of alligator gar, and possession of cleaned or processed fish and all other prohibited activities apply to fishing on the refuge. **NOTE: The Blue Hole (on the Cloverdale Unit) is closed to ALL PUBLIC ENTRY.**

**Bow Fishing** is not allowed.

### Flood Conditions / Refuge Closures

Historically, flood conditions and refuge closures occur near 30 feet on the Butler Lake Unit and near 34 feet on the Sibley Unit. Call the headquarters and check the website for up-to-date closure information.

**For information on Mississippi River stages go to:** <http://155.76.244.230/riverstage/bullet.txt>

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