

### Items of Special Concern

Tensas River NWR will host a wheel chair bound Lottery Deer Hunt in cooperation with the Tensas River Refuge Association and other partners in the Greenlea Bend unit January 12, 2013. For more information contact the Refuge headquarters at 318/574 2664.

A staff guided lottery youth deer hunt will be conducted in the Greenlea Bend closed area. A lottery drawing for each youth chosen for this hunt will be held during the Hunting and Fishing Day celebration at the Refuge headquarters Saturday, September 15, 2012. For safety reasons, there will be no hunting within 200 yards of the closed area located near the Refuge Headquarters on December 27, 2012 and January 3, 2013 and January 12, 2013. For more information contact the Refuge headquarters at 318/574 2664.

## 2012-2013 Hunting Seasons

### Deer-Archery, November 3, 2012 - January 31, 2013

(Closed during Refuge-wide Youth and General Gun Lottery Deer Hunts)

Limit one deer per day, antlered or antlerless.

Possession/use of pods, chemical drugs or firearms prohibited.

Hunters using archery equipment during primitive weapon and General Gun (Antlerless) hunts must follow all primitive weapon and General Gun (Antlerless) regulations (including all hunter orange requirements).

Completion of International Bow Hunter Safety course is NOT required to hunt on Tensas River NWR but RECOMMENDED. Longbow, compound bow, and crossbow or any bow drawn, held, or released by mechanical means will be a legal means of take. State tagging regulations apply.

Contact the Refuge headquarters for more information.

### Deer-Youth (Refuge Wide, Open Youth), November 10-11, 2012

(Limit one deer per day, antlered or antlerless.)

Each youth 8-17 years old must possess and carry proof of completion of State-approved hunter education course as well as be supervised by an adult 21 yrs old or older. No more than one youth supervised on this hunt.

Primitive Weapon, Muzzleloader or Modern Firearms are authorized method of take. Use/possession of buckshot is prohibited.

State tagging regulations apply.

During these two days, ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES to include but not limited to small game and archery hunting; scouting; birdwatching; and etc. are prohibited.

### Deer-Staff Guided Youth-Lottery Hunt, December 27, 2012 and January 3, 2013

(Limit 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer)

Each youth must be 8-15 years old must possess and carry proof of completion of State-approved hunter education course.

Primitive Weapon, Muzzleloader or Modern Firearm are authorized method of take. Use/possession of buckshot is prohibited.

Limit 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer per day. State tagging regulations apply.

Contact the Refuge Headquarters for more information at 318/574 2664.

### Deer-Wheelchair-Bound Hunt, January 12, 2013

In cooperation with the Tensas River Refuge Association, a lottery wheelchair-bound hunt will be conducted. Participation is limited and applications must be received by November 1.

Contact the Refuge Headquarters for more information at 318/574 2664.

Limit 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer.

Primitive Weapon, Muzzleloader or Modern Firearm are authorized method of take. Use/possession of buckshot is prohibited. State tagging regulations apply.

### General Gun Antlerless Deer Hunt, November 17, 2012

(Limit 1 Antlerless deer).

Archery equipment, Primitive Weapon, Muzzleloader or Modern Firearm are authorized method of take. Use/possession of buckshot is prohibited. Hunting in and Shooting into or across reforested or closed areas is prohibited.

Hunters using primitive weapons or muzzleloaders must follow all modern firearms regulations (no hunting in reforested areas). State tagging regulations apply. Hunters using archery equipment during antlerless general gun hunt must follow all modern firearm regulations (including all hunter orange requirements and no hunting in reforested areas). During this hunt, ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES to include but not limited to small game, scouting, birdwatching; and etc. are prohibited. **NEW!**

### Deer-Lottery Hunt, November 23-24, 2012 or December 8-9, 2012

(Lottery Hunt Permit)

(Limit one deer per day, antlered or antlerless.)

Primitive Weapon, Muzzleloader or Modern Firearm is authorized method of take. Use/possession of buckshot is prohibited. Hunting in and shooting into or across reforested areas or a closed area is prohibited. Hunters using primitive weapons or muzzleloaders must follow all modern firearms regulations (no hunting in reforested areas). State tagging regulations apply. During this hunt, ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES to include but not limited to small game, scouting, birdwatching; and etc. are prohibited.

### Deer Primitive Weapon December 1-2, 2012

State Primitive Weapon and muzzle loader regulations apply.

Hunters using primitive weapons (Breech loading, Part 2 of definition) will only be allowed in areas where modern gun hunters can hunt legally not reforested areas. Primitive weapons described as muzzleloaders (including in-line) in Part 1 of definition in brochure will be allowed in reforested areas. Hunting in and shooting into or across a closed area is prohibited. Primitive Weapon Hunters utilizing ground blinds will be required to display 400 square inches of solid Hunter Orange outside of the blind which is visible from all sides of the blind. Ground blinds must be placed in non-hunting position when unattended. State tagging regulations apply.

During this hunt, ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES to include but not limited to small game, scouting, birdwatching; and etc. are prohibited.

### Turkey TBA

First 16 days of the State season. Limit 1 gobbler per day, 2 gobblers per season. State tagging regulations apply.

### Youth Turkey TBA

Youths may hunt Saturday and Sunday prior to State Turkey Season. Each youth must be 8-17 years old before the 1st day of the hunt. Limit 1 gobbler per day, 2 gobblers per regular State season. Must be supervised by adult 21 yrs old or older and no more than one youth supervised on hunt. State tagging regulations apply.

### Squirrel & Rabbit (without dogs), October 6 - November 22, 2012

Closed during Refuge wide youth, primitive weapon, general gun (antlerless), and Lottery hunts for deer. Approved nontoxic shot required.

### Squirrel & Rabbit (with/without dogs)

December 10, 2012 - January 31, 2013

Closed during Lottery Hunts for deer. Approved non-toxic shot required for shotguns. Solid hunter orange cap required. Squirrel hunters are limited to 3 dogs per hunting party.

### Night Raccoon, December 22, 2012 - January 20, 2013

No bag limit. Use of dogs and lights approved. Horses and mules allowed from legal sunset to legal sunrise. Hunters must attempt to take treed raccoons.

### Woodcock State Season

Closed during Refuge-Wide Youth, General gun (antlerless), Lottery and Primitive Weapon hunts for deer. Approved nontoxic shot required for shotguns.

### Waterfowl Season

State limits apply. Ducks and Coots (Closed during Refuge wide youth, General gun (antlerless), primitive weapon and Lottery hunts for deer) Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays until noon during regular State season.

CLOSED AREAS and NO WATERFOWL HUNTING AREAS are marked on the map in this brochure.

Constructing or hunting from permanent or pit blinds prohibited. Portable blinds and decoys must be removed daily by 1 pm. Approved non-toxic shot required. Possession of lead shot prohibited.

### Incidental Species, October 6, 2012 - January 31, 2013 and during refuge turkey season (weapon legal for the day)

Coyote, beaver, raccoon, skunk, opossum, feral hog

**NOTE:** ALL game must be checked at a check station nearest to point of take after each hunt before leaving the Refuge! Each hunter is responsible for and required to check in and out daily at the designated entries of the Refuge.

Reporting harvest information will be required on the daily check out form as well. Each hunter is also responsible for abiding by state tagging regulations; please provide your own writing utensil. Volunteers are needed at Tensas River NWR. Stop by the visitor center or call 318/574 2664 for more information.

### Primitive Weapon Definition

Legal Primitive firearms for primitive season include:

- 1) Rifles, .44 caliber minimum, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use of black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets, including muzzleloaders known as "in line" muzzleloaders.
- 2) Single shot, breech loading rifles, .38 caliber or larger of a kind or type manufactured prior to 1900 and replicas, reproductions, or reintroductions of that type of rifle having an exposed hammer that use metallic cartridges loaded with black powder or modern smokeless powder. All of the above may be fitted with magnified scopes.

### Black Bears are Protected!

The Louisiana black bear is listed as a threatened species under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. It is unlawful for anyone to take, harass, disturb, and etc., any Louisiana black bear. If a bear approaches you, make loud noises and make yourself appear as large as possible. You may carry air horns to discourage curious bears.

NEVER FEED OR APPROACH BEARS.

Always use good hunter ethics and make sure of your target not to confuse it with a Louisiana black bear. The Louisiana black bear could be mistaken for a black feral hog in palmetto or heavy cover; always clearly identify your target.

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