



Hunting and Fishing

Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting

Brazoria NWR has two public hunting areas. The Christmas Point Public Waterfowl Hunting Area lies southeast of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and is accessible by boat only. The Middle Bayou Public Waterfowl Hunting Area is accessible by boat or by walk-in from the parking lot areas along CR 227 or at the Clay Banks Public Fishing Area parking lot.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations that govern activities on National Wildlife Refuges set forth in Title 50, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations.

Hunting Regulations

Waterfowl hunting is allowed daily in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations on the areas open to hunting as shown on the map on the reverse side. Hunting areas are designated by signs stating "Public Hunting Area." No special permit is required.

We allow:

- Hunting of ducks, geese, and coots only.
- Use of the area on a first come, first served basis.
- Use of retriever dogs, which must be under the control of the handler at all times.
- The use of non-motorized bicycles along Alligator Road, when hunting the Middle Bayou Public Hunting Area.

We require:

- Vehicles to park in designated parking areas only.
- Removal of decoys and portable blinds daily upon cessation of hunting.
- Hunting shotguns to be unloaded and cased or broken down when transported in vehicles.
- Use of non-toxic shot for hunting.
- Hunters must maintain a safe and courteous distance from other parties.
- Hunters must carry out their empty shells and trash.

We prohibit:

- Building or use of pits or permanent blinds.
- Possession of lead shot for hunting.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on refuge lands/waters.
- Off road vehicle travel or ATV use on the refuge.
- Target shooting or target practice.
- Dog training—with or without the use of firearms.
- Hunting within 500 feet of houses.
- Hunting in Salt Lake, Nicks Lake, and East Lost Lake, which are refuge waters.

Fishing

Bastrop Bayou Public Fishing Area

This area is universally accessible and offers a 200-foot pier, five paved bank fishing pull-offs, a universally accessible toilet, paved parking, and night lights. This area is open 24 hours a day.

Clay Banks Public Fishing Area

This area offers bank fishing along a one-mile segment of Bastrop Bayou and is open daily from legal sunrise to legal sunset.

Salt Lake Fishing Area

This area offers bank fishing and a non-motorized boat ramp. The area is open daily from legal sunrise to legal sunset. Access to this area is by CR 227 through the Big Slough Public Use Area.

Fishing Regulations

We allow sport fishing on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to several conditions.

We allow:

- The use of cast nets for collecting bait for personal use at public fishing areas.
- Access for saltwater fishing by boat only on Nick's, Salt, and Lost Lakes.
- Bank fishing at Bastrop Bayou Public Fishing Area, Clay Banks Public Fishing Area, and Salt Lake Public Fishing Area.

We prohibit:

- Off-road vehicle travel and parking.
- Commercial crabbing on refuge waters.
- The use of trot lines, sail lines, set lines, jugs, spears, bush hooks, snatch hooks, crossbows, gigs, or bows and arrows of any type on refuge waters.
- Boat launching from bank fishing areas except from Salt Lake Public Fishing Area.
- ***NEW*** The use or possession of alcoholic beverages in all public fishing areas on the refuge.

Brazoria NWR is located 10 miles east of Lake Jackson. Take FM 2004 to FM 523 and CR 227. Access to the refuge hunting areas are via public water routes or walk-in access from parking lot areas off CR 227 or at the Clay Banks Public Fishing Area parking lot.

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