

BITTER LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HUNTING SEASONS - 2015/2016

GAME	BAG LIMIT	MIDDLE TRACT SEASON	NORTH TRACT SEASON
DEER (Hunt Unit 32)	1 deer possessing an antler which has a definite fork, showing two or more distinct points. A burr at the base does not constitute a point or fork.	Middle Tract closed to deer hunting	<u>ANY LEGAL SPORTING ARM</u> October 31- Nov 4, 2015 (DER-1-272) November 14-18, 2015 (DER-1-273)
			<u>MUZZLELOADER, BOW AND CROSSBOW</u> October 24-28, 2015 (DER-3-277)
			<u>BOW ONLY</u> September 1-24, 2015 and January 1-15, 2016 (DER-2-276)
Feral Hog	No Limit	Middle Tract closed to feral hog hunting	Hog(s) may be hunted only while legally hunting deer and only with the weapon legal for deer on that day.
Dove	15 per day (45 in possession) (No bag/possession limit for Eurasian-collared dove)	Middle Tract closed to dove hunting	September 1 - October 13, 2015 October 5-31, 2015 (No extended season for Eurasian-collared dove)
Quail	15 per day (30 in possession)	Middle Tract closed to quail hunting	November 15, 2015 - February 15, 2016
Rabbit	No Limit	Middle Tract closed to rabbit hunting	November 15, 2015 – February 15, 2016
Pheasant	3 males per day (6 in possession)	December 10 and 12, 2015 Thurs. & Sat. - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.	December 10-13, 2015
Sandhill Crane	3 per day (6 in possession)	October 31, 2015 - January 30, 2016 Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.	October 31, 2015 – January 31, 2016
Dark Geese (Canada and White-Fronted Geese)	5 per day (15 in possession)	October 31, 2015 - January 30, 2016 Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.	October 17, 2015 - January 31, 2016
Light Geese (Snow, Blue-phase Snow, & Ross’s Geese)	50 per day No possession limit	October 31, 2015 - January 30, 2016 Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. (No light goose conservation season on refuge)	October 17, 2015 - January 31, 2016 (No light goose conservation order season on refuge)
American Coot	15 per day (45 in possession)	October 31, 2015 - January 30, 2016 Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. (No youth waterfowl season on refuge)	October 27, 2015 - January 31, 2016 (No youth waterfowl season on refuge)
Ducks (Mexican-like ducks are considered part of the mallard bag limit)	6 per day total to include no more than 5 mallard (only 2 females), 2 redhead, 3 wood duck, 3 scaup, 2 hooded merganser, 2 pintail, 2 canvasback (possession = 3 times daily)	October 31, 2015 - January 30, 2016 Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. (No September teal and youth waterfowl season on refuge)	October 27, 2015 - January 31, 2016 (No September teal and youth waterfowl season on refuge)
Pheasant (Youth Only)	This will be a special youth only “draw” hunt & workshop held December 5, 2015 on the refuge. Deadline to apply is November 13, 2015. Contact the refuge at the number listed below for more information.		

HUNTERS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL FEDERAL AND STATE HUNTING REGULATIONS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE REFUGE AT (575) 625-4009 or 4010.