

BITTER LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HUNTING SEASONS - 2016/2017

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 29- November 2, 2016 (DER-1-272) November 12-16, 2016 (DER-1-273)
			<u>MUZZLELOADER, BOW AND CROSSBOW</u> October 22-26, 2016 (DER-3-277)
			<u>BOW ONLY</u> September 1-24, 2016 and January 1-15, 2017 (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 30, 2016 and December 3 – January 1, 2017 (No extended season for Eurasian-collared dove)
Quail	15 per day (30 in possession)	Middle Tract closed to quail hunting	November 15, 2016 - February 15, 2017
Rabbit	No Limit	Middle Tract closed to rabbit hunting	November 15, 2016 – February 15, 2017
Pheasant	3 males per day (6 in possession)	December 8 & 10, 2016 Thurs. & Sat. - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.	December 8-11, 2016
Sandhill Crane	3 per day (6 in possession)	October 29, 2016- January 28, 2017 Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.	October 29, 2016 – January 29, 2017
Dark Geese (Canada and White-Fronted Geese)	5 per day (15 in possession)	October 29, 2016 - January 28, 2017 Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m.	October 15, 2016 - January 29, 2017
Light Geese (Snow, Blue-phase Snow, & Ross’s Geese)	50 per day No possession limit	October 29, 2016 - January 28, 2017 Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. (No light goose conservation season on refuge)	October 15, 2016 - January 29, 2017 (No light goose conservation order season on refuge)
American Coot	15 per day (45 in possession)	October 29, 2016 - January 28, 2017 Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. (No youth waterfowl season on refuge)	October 26, 2016 - January 29, 2017 (No youth waterfowl season on refuge)
Ducks	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 29, 2016 - January 28, 2017 Tues, Thurs, & Sat - 1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1:00 p.m. (No September teal and youth waterfowl season on refuge)	October 26, 2016 - January 29, 2017 (No September teal and youth waterfowl season on refuge)
Pheasant (Youth Only)	This will be a special youth only “draw” hunt & workshop held December 3, 2016 on the refuge. Deadline to apply is November 11, 2016. 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.