



Hunting

Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge

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, open every morning beginning at 4:00 AM, closing at 12:00 PM (Noon) during the state waterfowl hunting season. The Alligator Marsh Public Waterfowl Hunting Area is accessible by boat or by walk-in from the Alligator Road parking area Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday morning beginning at 4:00 AM, closing at 12:00 PM (Noon) during the state waterfowl hunting season.

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 at Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations on areas posted as open to hunting and as shown on the map on the reverse side of this pamphlet.

We allow:

- Hunting of ducks, geese, and coots only.
- Hunters to enter the refuge hunt units no earlier than 4:00 AM.
- 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 motorized boats, including airboats, in open tidal waters.

We require:

- Vehicles to park in designated parking area, and in such a manner as to not obstruct normal vehicle traffic.

- Removal of decoys, boats, spent shells, marsh chairs, vegetation (blind material) and other equipment and trash from the refuge daily.

- Shotguns to be unloaded and cased or broken down when transported in vehicles.

- Hunters to maintain a minimum distance of 100 yards between parties.

We prohibit:

- Building or use of pits or permanent blinds.

- Possession or use of toxic shot.

- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages in all public hunting areas and parking lots.

- Off road vehicle travel or ATV use on the refuge.

- Target shooting or target practice.

- Dog training—with or without the use of firearms.

- The use of plastic flagging, reflectors or reflective tape.

- Blocking gates and roadways.

- Entry (Scouting) in Public Hunting Areas prior to the opening of State specified waterfowl hunting season.

- Hunting in Salt Lake, Nicks Lake, and East Lost Lake, which are Refuge waters.

- The operation of motorized boats on or through emergent and submergent wetland vegetation, or in shallow water where bottom gouging could occur. Motorized boats may enter shallow water by drifting, polling, or by means of trolling motor where it does not cause damage to the bottom.

Alligator Marsh Public Waterfowl Hunting Area

- Hunting is allowed daily during the September Teal season and on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays of the regular waterfowl season.

- Retrieval of downed waterfowl is permitted daily inside a 100 yard retrieval zone adjacent to Middle Bayou and within the portions of Alligator Lake and Bastrop Bayou that are open to hunting.

- Non-motorized bicycles are allowed on levee roads beyond the designated parking area.

- We offer a hunter / equipment drop off area approximately one (1) mile from the designated parking area.

Brazoria NWR is located 10 miles east of Lake Jackson. Take FM 2004 to FM 523 and CR 227. Travel approximately 8.5 miles on CR 227 to Alligator Marsh Public Waterfowl Hunting Area entrance on right near 90 degree turn. Access to the refuge hunting areas are via public water routes or walk-in access from parking lot area.

For Further Information

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