

History

Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is one of over 560 National Wildlife Refuges managed as part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge System. Grand Bay NWR encompasses 10,188 acres and was established in 1992 under the Emergency Wetlands Resources act of 1986 to protect one of the largest expanses of undisturbed pine savanna habitats in the Gulf Coastal Plain region.

General Hunting Regulations

These regulations apply to all refuge hunts. Each hunter must have in his/her possession a current, signed copy of the Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Permit while participating in refuge hunts.

Hunters under the age of 16 must be supervised according to state regulations.

You must unload and encase or dismantle firearms before transporting them in a vehicle or boat within the boundaries of the refuge or along rights-of-way for public or private land within the refuge.

Hunters must wear hunter orange according to state law.

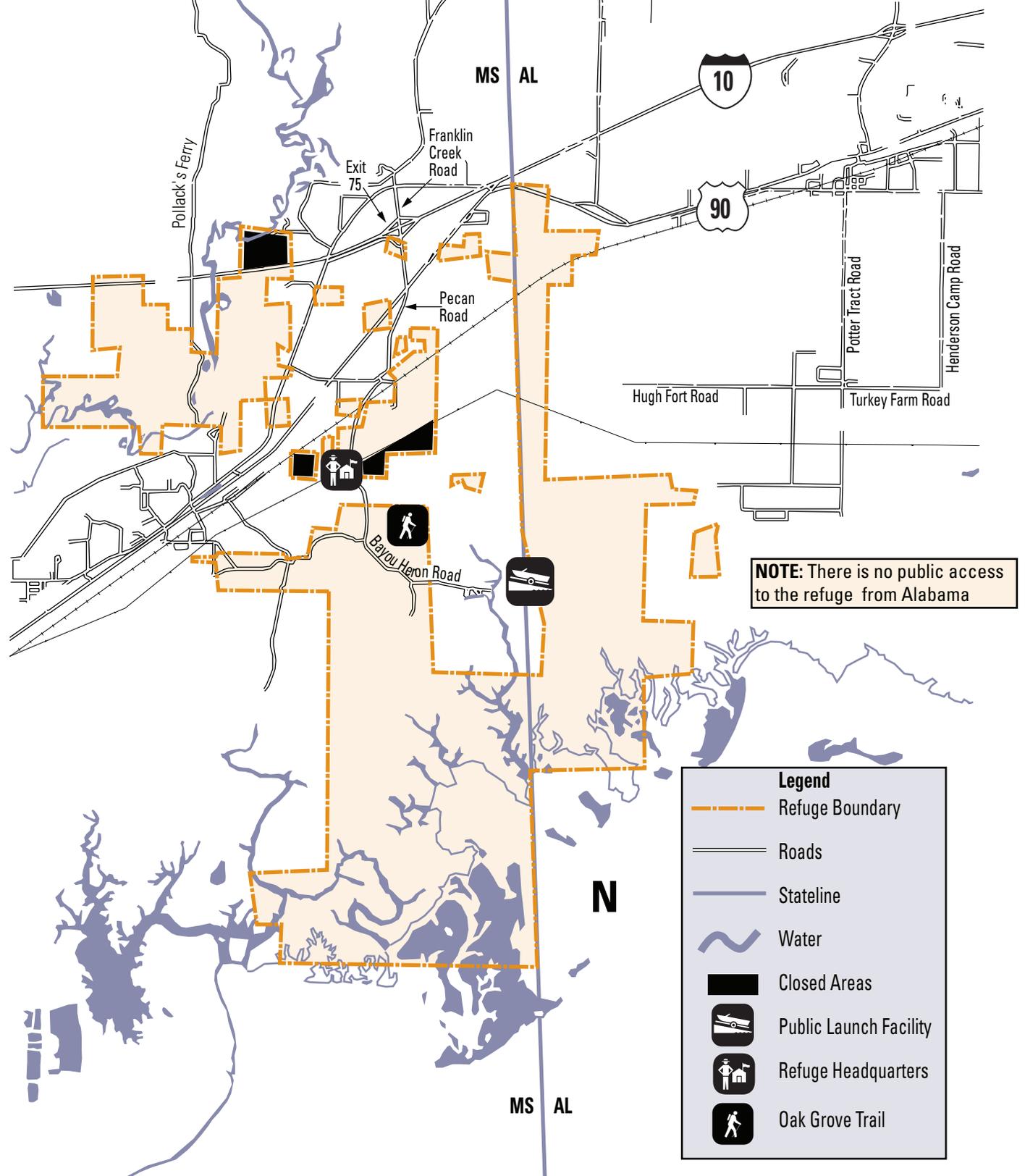
The refuge is a day-use area only with the exception of legal hunting activities.

We prohibit the following:

- all-terrain vehicles
- mules and horses on the refuge
- target practice on refuge property
- hunting with the aid of bait
- game cameras
- use or possession of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers, except bright eyes.
- use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting

The regulations listed in this brochure supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. State bag limits, arms, ammunition and other applicable State laws and regulations apply.

This refuge crosses the Mississippi Alabama border, hunters must obey all state regulations in each state including possession of a valid hunting license for that state.



Grand Bay

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations

2014-2015

Big Game Hunting

We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the refuge subject to State regulations and the following conditions:

Hunting is permitted with bow and arrow and crossbows, according to state regulations. The use of poisonous arrows is prohibited. Archery Feral Hog hunting is permitted only during refuge deer hunts.

We prohibit the use or construction of any permanent tree stand. We allow portable and climbing stands, but you must remove them from the refuge at the end of each day or they will be subject to confiscation.

You may not hunt by organized deer drives of two or more hunters. The definition of drive is: the act of chasing, pursuing, disturbing, or otherwise directing deer so as to make the animals more susceptible to harvest.

The use of dogs for deer or hog hunting is prohibited.

The Oak Grove trail is open to bow hunting from 2 pm until dark during state deer season.

Upland Game Hunting

We allow hunting of squirrel on designated areas of the refuge subject to State regulations and the following conditions:

All shotgun ammunition must meet legal shot-size requirements and be federally approved non toxic shot. Only .22 rimfire rifles are permitted.

The Oak Grove trail is closed to small game hunting.

Hunting of Migratory Game Birds

We allow hunting of geese, ducks, coots and mourning doves on designated areas of the refuge subject to State regulations and the following conditions:

Hunting of waterfowl is allowed from 30 minutes before sunrise until 12 noon on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

The refuge is a day-use area only with the exception of legal hunting activities, waterfowl hunters may access the refuge two hours before daylight.

You may use only portable or temporary blinds which must be removed from the refuge by 1 pm. Decoys must also be removed by 1 pm.

You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting waterfowl.

Retrievers are allowed for waterfowl hunting. All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.

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Grand Bay Refuge Hunting Permit 2014-2015

When signed and in your possession this brochure serves as your permit for all refuge hunts and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Signature (permits are not transferable)

Expires June 30, 2015

Season dates and bag limits may vary between states. A valid state hunting license, refuge permit, and identification, are required to be carried on person by hunters.