



Waterfowl Hunting Regulations 2020-2021

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting units include the East Unit, Middleton Tract, and the Pace Tract. Consult specific sections below for information on open hunting days as they vary across hunting units. **Opening of hunting units can change based on weather, marsh conditions, or safety concerns.**

Hunting is limited to ducks, geese, and coots and is only permitted in accordance with all federal, Texas state, and local laws.

The regulations listed are a supplement to the general regulations set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Any emergency changes to regulations during the season will be posted on the Anahuac NWR webpage (www.fws.gov/refuge/anahuac/).

Hunting on national wildlife refuges is a privilege. Please respect this opportunity by being considerate of the rights and experiences of other hunters afield.

Failure to abide by or excessive violation of these regulations, federal regulations, or state laws may result in revocation of your hunting privileges by the refuge manager.

Refuge Specific Hunting Regulations

- All individuals entering the East Unit, Pace Tract, or Middleton MUST 1) be legally licensed to hunt waterfowl and 2) carry a signed copy of the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge Waterfowl Hunting Authorization (included on this document).
- Hunters may not enter the East Unit, Middleton, or Pace Tract prior to 4:00 am or later than 30 minutes before legal shooting time. Hunters must leave hunt units by 12:30 pm.
- Hunters may not shoot before legal shooting time, and must stop hunting by 12:00 pm.
- Hunters age 17 or younger must be under the supervision of an adult age 18 or older.
- Hunters must maintain a minimum distance of 200 yards from other hunting groups.
- Individual hunters within a group must remain within 50 feet from one another.
- Scouting on any unit is only permitted from sunrise to sunset October 23-29, 2020. You may not scout at any other time.

• In order to hunt during the state Youth Waterfowl Hunt October 31-November 1, 2020, hunters must be 16 years of age or younger and under the direct supervision of an adult age 18 or older. East Unit fees still apply.

We permit the following:

- Possession of firearms in accordance with federal and state laws. All hunters must unload and encase shotguns while traveling in vehicles and boats on the refuge.
- Kayak use is permitted.
- We allow portable blinds or temporary natural vegetation blinds. You must remove all blinds, decoys, boats, spent shells, chairs, and equipment from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt.
- Use of retriever dogs is allowed, but they must be under the control of their handlers at all times.

We prohibit the following:

- Driving and parking on levees and non-designated roads. Parked vehicles must not block the roadway or access to levees.
- Any form of blocking the following: roadways, gates, trails, catwalks, boat ramps, or any facility.
- Discharge of a firearm for purposes other than waterfowl hunting.
- Use or possession of lead shot.
- Individual possession of more than 50 approved shotgun shells (including within boats and vehicles).
- Hunting from a roadway.
- Mooring to water control structures.
- Operation of motorized boats on or through emergent wetland vegetation and mudflats.
- Boat motors greater than 25 HP in the hunting units.
- Motorized boats powered by air-cooled or radiator-cooled engines with a propeller larger than 9 inches in diameter.
- Airboats, marsh buggies, ATV's/UTV's, and personal watercrafts.
- Possession or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs. Possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Drone use.
- Open flames and stoves.
- Construction, use, or occupancy of permanent hunting blinds.
- Introduction of non-native, invasive, or exotic plants.
- Use of plastic flagging, reflectors, or reflective tape.
- Leaving personal property, trash, or spent shells.

East Unit (Fee Area)

Persons 18 years of age and older on the East Unit are required to pay either the daily fee (\$10) or annual fee (\$40). If entering by boat, the annual fee is mandatory if age 18 or older.

Hunters traveling by vehicle to the East Unit are required to 1) hold a prior reservation, and 2) check-in and check-out of the check station off of FM 1985. The entrance gate to the East Unit on FM 1985 will open at 4:00 am on the morning of the hunt during Regular Waterfowl Season (this time will vary during Light Goose Season). No hunters will be allowed to enter the refuge prior to this time, or within 30 minutes of shooting time.

On the East Unit, all reservable ponds and numbered fields have a maximum capacity of six individuals, only four of which can be adults (18 years or older).

East Unit Reservations:

Due to COVID-19, reservations will only be available by phone at 409-267-5138. Hunters will reserve a hunt pond or numbered field through this reservation system. **Reservations will only be taken 9:00 am-2:30 pm on the Friday prior to the hunt each week. *TIP please have your top 10 pond choices ready ahead of time*** *Note: this process may change, depending on weather and marsh conditions and COVID/safety concerns.* Reservations will be held until either all designated hunt locations are filled up or time expires. Reservations will be for a single day and are limited to one per caller. Reservation holders must be 18 years of age or older. Multiple reservations require multiple phone calls. On the day of the hunt, at least one person on the reservation must be present in the hunting party. The handicap accessible hunt pond is reserved exclusively for individuals with an ID, hang tag, or license plate displaying a disabled designation, which must be presented when checking in the morning of the hunt.

Hunters accessing the East Unit by motorized boat are prohibited from hunting the reserved ponds or numbered fields.

Motorized boats are prohibited from launching at the East Unit. Public access to ponds North of Jackson Ditch by motorized boat should be done via Oyster and Onion Bayous by launching from the Oyster Bayou boat ramp on Anahuac NWR.

Open for Hunting: Regular Waterfowl Season: open on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesdays. It will be determined each season if the Light Goose Conservation Order will be open on the East Unit. If the Light Goose Conservation Order is in effect during 2021 the East Unit will be open on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesdays until February 28, 2021.

Closed for Hunting: Closed during Early Teal Season, Early Canada Goose Season, Thanksgiving Day, November 30–December 11, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Pace Tract (Non-Fee Area)

Open for Hunting: Early Teal Season: seven days a week. Regular Waterfowl Season: seven days a week. If the Light Goose Conservation Order is in effect during 2021, the Pace Tract will be open seven days a week until February 28, 2021.

Closed for Hunting: Closed during Early Canada Goose Season, Thanksgiving Day, November 30–December 11, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Access to the Pace Tract is by boat only.

Middleton Tract (Non-Fee Area)

Open for Hunting: Early Teal Season: seven days a week. Regular Waterfowl Season: open on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays. If the Light Goose Conservation Order is in effect during 2021, the Middleton Tract will be open seven days a week until February 28, 2021

Closed for Hunting: Closed during the Early Canada Goose Season, Thanksgiving Day, November 30–December 11, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Middleton Tract is located between East Bay Bayou and State Highway 124. Walk-in access off of Hwy 124 from the feeder road is difficult. Primary access is by boat. Two boat rollers are located on East Bay Bayou for access to the interior waterways of the Middleton Tract.

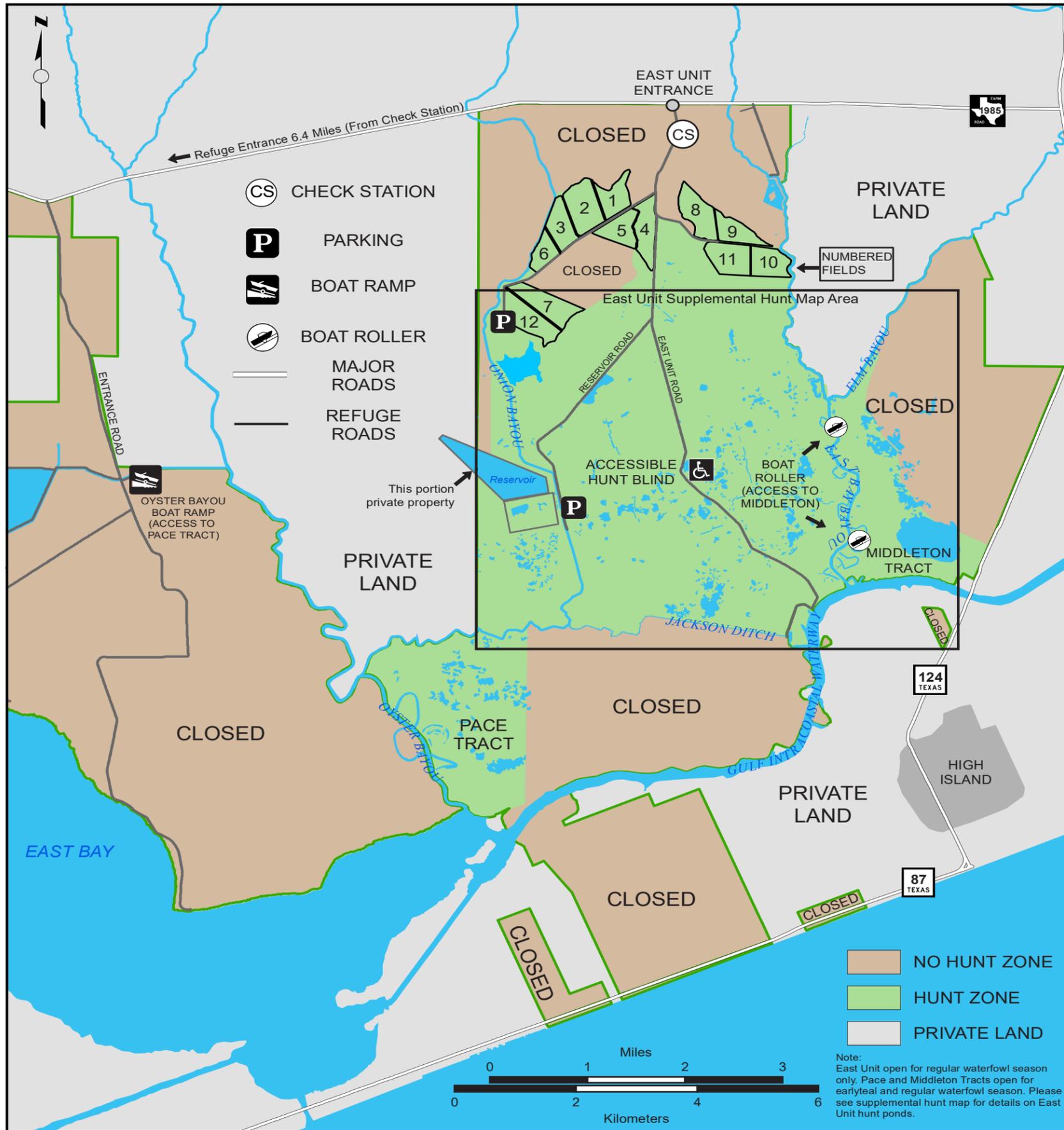
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Waterfowl Hunting Authorization 2020-2021

When signed and in your possession, this hunt authorization will serve as your general authorization for all refuge hunts this season. It acknowledges your understanding of all federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to hunting on the refuge, and your understanding that you are subject to inspection.

Signature of Hunter

Permits are required for all hunters. This authorization is valid only when signed above and must be carried with you at all times while on the refuge. Permits are not transferable.



For More Information:

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge
 P.O. Box 278/ 4017 FM 563
 Anahuac, TX 77514
 409-267-3337 Office
 409-267-4314 Fax
www.fws.gov/refuge/anahuac/

Hunt Specific Phone Numbers

409-267-5138 Reservations/Check Station

The signs below apply to the areas behind the signs. Please respect all refuge signs whenever you see them as you travel throughout the refuge.



National Wildlife Refuge. This sign marks the boundary of the refuge. Consult refuge management for authorized activities.



Area Closed. Certain areas of the refuge are closed to visitors for management purposes. Unauthorized entry beyond this sign is prohibited.



No Hunting Zone. This sign marks the boundary of no hunting areas on the refuge. All hunting is prohibited beyond this sign.



Public Hunting Area. This sign marks the boundaries of the hunting areas.



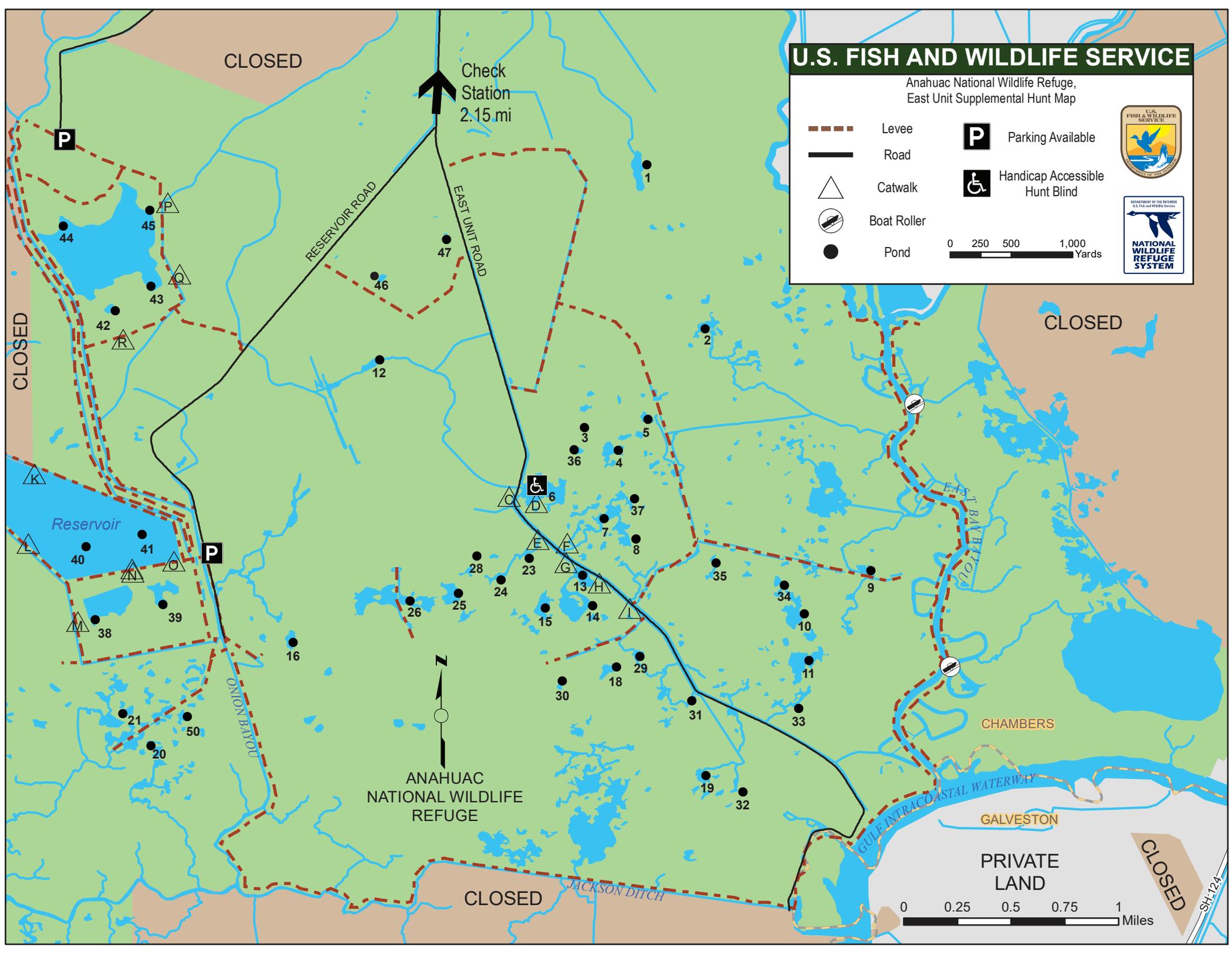
Waterfowl Hunting Only. This sign marks the boundaries of the waterfowl hunting areas.



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Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge,
East Unit Supplemental Hunt Map

-  Levee
-  Road
-  Catwalk
-  Boat Roller
-  Pond
-  Parking Available
-  Handicap Accessible Hunt Blind



CLOSED

Check Station
2.15 mi

RESERVOIR ROAD

EAST UNIT ROAD

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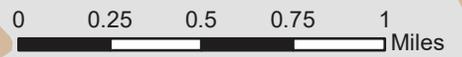
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JACKSON DITCH



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East Unit Hunt Pond Coordinates*

Pond	Latitude	Longitude	Pond	Latitude	Longitude
1	29.637667	-94.429805	26	29.608150	-94.445615
2	29.626622	-94.425410	--	--	--
3	29.620148	-94.433945	28	29.611494	-94.441283
4	29.618404	-94.431659	29	29.604567	-94.430168
5	29.620939	-94.429903	30	29.602920	-94.435349
 6	29.616248	-94.434882	31	29.614999	-94.436818
7	29.613881	-94.432672	32	29.595383	-94.423322
8	29.612950	-94.430728	33	29.601187	-94.419313
9	29.610354	-94.414555	34	29.609615	-94.420211
10	29.607429	-94.418719	35	29.611160	-94.424975
11	29.604432	-94.418710	36	29.618344	-94.434167
12	29.624285	-94.447794	37	29.615273	-94.430512
13	29.610274	-94.433624	38	29.607194	-94.466343
14	29.608003	-94.433496	39	29.608122	-94.461959
15	29.607841	-94.436554	40	29.612153	-94.467037
16	29.605481	-94.453360	41	29.612609	-94.462854
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18	29.603965	-94.431783	43	29.629382	-94.462383
19	29.596737	-94.425411	44	29.633529	-94.468632
20	29.598588	-94.462733	45	29.634602	-94.462818
21	29.600738	-94.464625	46	29.630126	-94.447297
22	29.595559	-94.463409	47	29.632971	-94.442976
23	29.611661	-94.437444	--	--	--
24	29.609606	-94.439449	--	--	--
25	28.608640	-94.442390	50	29.600531	-94.460266

These coordinates provide approximate locations for hunt ponds on the East Unit of Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge. Coordinates for hunt ponds are designated to help hunters have a safe and productive hunt by maintaining the 200 yard minimum distance from other hunting groups.