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Recreation Opportunities Resume at Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge after Hurricane Delta, Sabine and Cameron Prairie Remain Closed

Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) was able to re-open again, post hurricane Delta, Monday, October 19, 2020. Activities suspended two weeks ago due to hurricane Delta have resumed. Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge is the only Refuge within the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex able to open at this time.

Sabine and Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuges sustained widespread damage to infrastructure, facilities, and equipment from Hurricanes Laura and Delta, which hit southwest Louisiana six weeks apart. Both refuges will remain closed to public access and activities, as they are serving as staging areas for utility restoration efforts throughout Cameron Parish and require repairs to open safely.

Cameron Prairie refuges youth and senior lottery waterfowl hunts, as well as the archery white-tailed deer hunt will not take place this season. All Cameron Prairie refuge recreation areas including Pintail Wildlife Drive and Bank Fishing Road remain closed.

Sabine refuges waterfowl hunt will not take place this season and all Sabine's roadside recreation areas, including: Northline, Hog Island Gully, Blue Goose Trail, Blue Crab, West Cove and the Wetland Walkway, including all boat launches remain closed.

Lacassine NWR is open for Archery white-tailed deer hunting through November 13, 2020. Bow hunting is in accordance with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries regulations. Hunters are required to carry a signed copy of the refuge regulations while hunting. Each hunter is required to fill out a Big Game Harvest Report following each hunt, whether successful or not. Hunters may enter the hunt areas no earlier than 4:00 am and may remain no later than two hour after sunset each day. For details on hunting within the refuge please obtain a copy of the *Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex Hunting Regulations 2020-21* brochure or print regulations from online at <https://www.fws.gov/southeast/pdf/regulations/southwest-louisiana-national-wildlife-refuge-complex-hunt.pdf>; either will serve as the required permit when signed, dated and in your possession. Big Game Harvest Reports are available from the silver hunt boxes located at Nature Road, Streeter Road and near the Pool entrance kiosk.

Fishing season closed at Lacassine refuge on October 15, 2020 for the winter until March 15, 2021, except for bank fishing from Streeter Road Fishing Pier, which is open year round. Lacassine Pool is open for wildlife viewing and photography year round.

Designated areas within Lacassine NWR will open for public hunting of ducks, geese, and coots during the Louisiana Coastal zone duck and coot season. November 7 - 8, 2020 are open to Youth hunters only. November 14 - December 6 and December 19, 2020 through January 24, 2021 the refuge is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 4:00 am to 2:00 pm. Refuge Hunt areas may be scouted prior to hunting season, Monday through Friday, November 9-13, 2020, sunrise to sunset.

Hunters are required to read, sign and carry with them the free *Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex Hunting Regulations 2020-21* permit. It is important to be aware of current regulations prior to entering and hunting on your National Wildlife Refuge. For details on hunting within the refuge

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For additional information about any of the SW LA National Wildlife Refuges call 337-563-3491 or view our website at www.fws.gov/refuge/cameron_prairie/

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