



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Hunting and Fishing

San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting

San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge has three public hunting areas and one Permit hunting area. All of the public hunting areas are accessible by boat only. They include the Cedar Lakes Public Waterfowl Hunting Area south of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Smith Marsh Public Waterfowl Hunting Area on the west side of Cedar Lakes Creek. Salt Bayou Public Waterfowl Hunting Area is accessible from Cedar Lake Creek, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway or through the shallow Cowtrap Lakes systems. All public waterfowl hunting areas are open every day during the state waterfowl hunting season. Access to the public hunting areas is by public water routes. A refuge boat ramp is available on Cedar Lake Creek for small boats.

The Sargent Permit Waterfowl Hunt at San Bernard NWR offers a controlled hunting opportunity with walk-in access. The hunt is held each Saturday and the following Wednesday during waterfowl season. Hunters must apply for the lottery in accordance with Sargent Permit Waterfowl Hunt guidelines.

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 San Bernard 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.
- 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.

We require:

- No special permit to hunt in the public waterfowl hunting areas.
- Vehicles must park in designated parking areas only.
- Removal of decoys and portable blinds daily upon cessation of hunting.
- Shotguns to be unloaded and cased or broken down when transported in vehicles.
- Use of nontoxic shot.
- Hunters must maintain a safe and courteous distance from other parties.
- Hunters must carry out their empty shells and trash.

We prohibit:

- Building or use of pits or permanent blinds.
- Possession of lead shot.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on refuge lands/waters.
- Off road vehicle travel or ATV use on the refuge.
- Target shooting or target practice.
- Dog training—with or without the use of firearms.

Fishing

Fishing on the refuge is permitted year-round from legal sunrise to legal sunset. Boat-access fishing is permitted in bays, estuaries, the Intracoastal Waterway, Cedar Lakes, Cow Trap Lake and Cedar Lake Creek which are designated by refuge signs. A boat ramp and accessible fishing pier is available at the Cedar Lake Creek Public Fishing Area. Saltwater species include spotted seatrout, flounder, red drum, and blue crab. Visitors should bring insect repellent and observe normal precautions for saltwater bay fishing.

Fishing Regulations

We allow sport fishing on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State and Federal regulations and subject to several conditions.

We allow:

- The use of cast nets for collecting bait for personal use at public fishing areas
- Saltwater fishing and crabbing on the refuge-owned portions of Cedar Lakes, Cowtrap Lakes, and the Cedar Lake Creek. Cedar Lake Creek Fishing Area is accessible by land for saltwater fishing and crabbing.

We prohibit:

- Off-road vehicle travel and parking.
- Commercial crabbing in refuge waters.
- The use of trot lines, sail lines, set lines, jugs, spears, bush hooks, snatch hooks, crossbows, gigs, or bows and arrows of any type on refuge waters.
- Fishing or crabbing in any parts of Moccasin Pond, Rail Pond, Wolfweed Wetlands, or Cocklebur Slough.
- ***NEW* THE USE OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN ALL PUBLIC FISHING AREAS.**

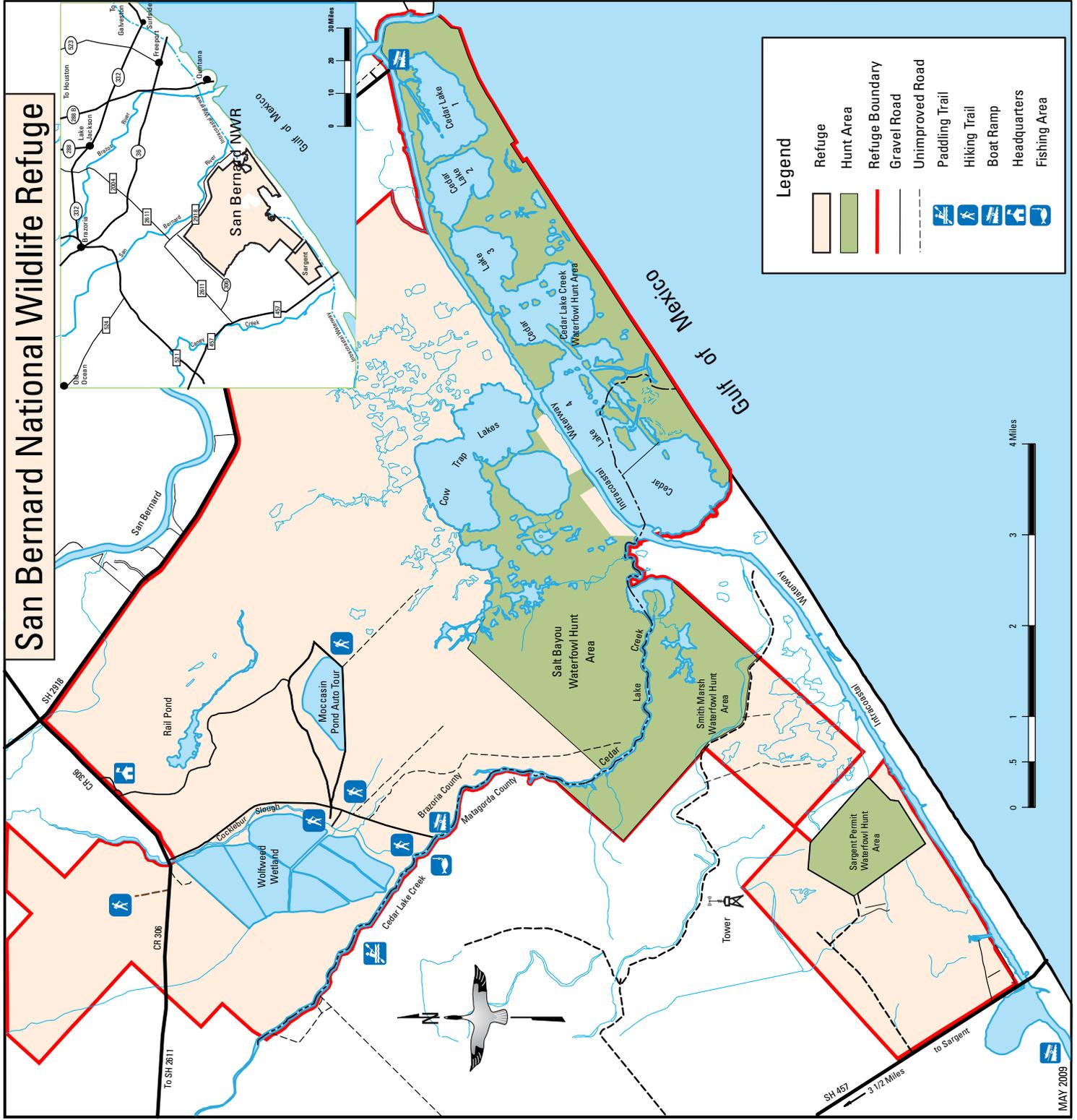
San Bernard NWR is located 10 miles west of Lake Jackson. Take FM 2004 and FM2611 to FM 2918, then turn east one mile to CR 306.

For Further Information

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Legend

- Refuge
- Hunt Area
- Refuge Boundary
- Gravel Road
- Unimproved Road
- Paddling Trail
- Hiking Trail
- Boat Ramp
- Headquarters
- Fishing Area