

# Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge

## Public Use Regulations 2013-2014

### Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge

Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1980, contains nearly 80,000 acres of prime bottomland hardwood habitat located in the Tensas River Basin in northeastern Louisiana. The Refuge is composed of extensive bottomland hardwood forests intermingled with sloughs, swamps, and lakes. Due to the Refuge's tremendous diversity of lands and waters it has long been noted for its large populations of waterfowl, songbirds and mammals including several game species. Public Use, including hunting and fishing, is governed by this brochure and Code of Federal Regulations mentioned below for the Refuge.

### General Regulations

Hunting and fishing regulations are designed to protect the sportsman and wildlife populations. The regulations below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations subject to the following conditions. State definitions and regulations for crossbows, primitive weapons, and muzzleloaders apply while in use on the Refuge. All three are legal forms of take for deer hunting.

### Permits

**Refuge Access permit** is required for all Refuge Users. When signed and in your possession, the cover section of this brochure serves as your permit for all Refuge hunts (except Deer Lottery Hunts) and other permissible activities,

and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein. A Self-Clearing Permit, OMB Control No. 1018-0153 is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, sightseeing, etc.) on the refuge unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of three portions: Check In, Check Out and a Vehicle Tag. Self-Clearing Permits must be obtained from any entrance point. The Check-In portion must be completed and put in a permit box before each day's activity on the day of the activity. The Check-Out portion must be carried by each person while on the refuge and must be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the refuge at the end of each day. Each person must leave the Vehicle Tag portion of his/her permit on the dashboard of the vehicle used to enter the refuge in such a way that it can be easily read from outside of the vehicle. This must be done only when the vehicle is parked and left unattended on the refuge.

No permit is required of anglers and boaters who do not travel on the refuge road and/or launch on the refuge as long as they do not get out of the boat onto the refuge. Self-Clearing Permits are not required for persons only traveling through the refuge provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place. **NEW**

### Deer Lottery Hunts:

A valid permit is required for the Deer Lottery Hunt in addition to the OMB 1018-0153 (Self-Clearing Permit) and a valid State license and tag. All deer must

be checked at the nearest check station. Only persons with a valid Deer Lottery Hunt permit are allowed on the refuge during the hunt. All other activities are prohibited during the Deer Lottery Hunt. All Deer Lottery Hunts require an application to be completed and processed through the Kinsail Corporation. All youth applicants must be a minimum of 8 years of age and must be grouped with a person 18 years of age or older who will supervise and be responsible for any violations of laws and Regulations committed by the youth during the hunt if selected.

**Please note, submissions of any person's name more than once for the Deer Lottery Hunts will result in disqualification.**

On-line applications will be accepted from July 9, 2013 until September 6, 2013 at 4 pm eastern standard time. All paper applications must be received (**not postmarked**) by September 6, 2013. Applicants will be notified by e-mail, phone, or postal notification on September 20, 2013 by Kinsail Corporation. Applicants may also check their status at <http://lookup.kinsail.com/> using their e-mail address and confirmation number. If you have any questions about the application process, call 703/994 4194.

### How to Apply for Deer Lottery Hunt

#### On-line Applications

Hunters may now apply for Deer Lottery Hunt on-line at <http://www.tensaspermits.com/>

### Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge

2312 Quebec Road  
Tallulah, LA 71282  
318/574 2664

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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<http://southeast.fws.gov>

March 2013



**This is an Annual Permit. To save tax dollars, please use this permit for the entire season.**

### Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge 2013-2014 Refuge Access Permit

When signed and in your possession, this portion of the brochure will serve as your permit for all refuge hunts and other permissible activities, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein. All game taken during any hunt must be reported at a self-clearing check station nearest point of take.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Permits are not transferable. Valid only when signed)

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During the application process you will be provided with an immediate confirmation number. Please save this number for your records once your application is complete.

### *Paper Applications*

The Tensas River NWR Visitor Center at 2312 Quebec Road, Tallulah, LA 71282 will **NO LONGER ACCEPT** any Deer Lottery Hunt applications by mail or in person. Applications must be completed on-line or mailed directly to:

Tensas River NWR  
c/o Kinsail Corporation  
P.O. Box 1092  
Arlington VA 22207

You may download a Deer Lottery Hunt application form at our website at <http://www.fws.gov/tensasriver/> or call 703/994 4194 to request a mailed copy.

**Duplicate, incomplete, unclear or non-legible applications will not be accepted for the drawing. No faxes or e-mails will be accepted.**

### *Group Hunts*

Two to five individuals may be processed as a group or a hunt party. Applicants will only have to enter their hunt selection once during the process, but will need the name and address information for the other hunters in their group. Any on-line applications that are received separately will be treated as separate applications.

Applicants applying by paper application will need to complete a separate application for each hunter and staple them together in the upper left hand corner and mail them all together to the address listed above. Group applicants must indicate the same hunt date in order to be considered a group.

### *Deer Lottery Hunt Fee*

**Do not** send payment until you are notified of selection for the hunt. There is a \$20.00 fee per permit. Permits are nontransferable and non-refundable. For online applications, all major credit cards, debit cards or electronic bank drafts from bank checking or savings account will be accepted. By mail only cashiers check or money order will be accepted and must be made payable to Kinsail Corporation. **No cash or personal checks will be accepted at any time.**

### *All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Permits*

To assist in ATV trail maintenance, an ATV user permit is required and must be permanently affixed to left side of gas tank on all ATV's used on the Refuge.

Request will be accepted beginning September 3, 2013.

### *On-line Requests*

The ATV permit may be purchased on-line at <http://www.tensaspermits.com> at the same time as purchasing your hunt permit or separately. All hunters are encouraged to purchase permits on-line. If selecting regular postage, please allow at least two weeks for processing and mailing.

### *Request by Mail*

ATV permits may also be requested via mail by sending a clearly printed note with your name, mailing address and a \$15.95 cashiers check or money order (\$10.00 ATV permit fee and \$5.95 shipping & handling fee), made payable to Kinsail Corporation and mailed to Tensas River NWR, c/o Kinsail Corporation, P.O. Box 1092, Arlington, VA 22207. Kinsail Corporation will mail ATV permit to shipping address provided.

### *In-Person at Tensas River NWR Visitor Center*

You may also purchase an ATV permit in person only at the Tensas River NWR Visitor Center during normal office hours from September 13, 2013 through January 31, 2014. Only cashiers checks or money orders made payable to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be accepted. ATV permits are valid only from September 15, 2013 through January 31, 2014. The Tensas River NWR Visitor Center at 2312 Quebec Road, Tallulah, LA 71282 will **NO LONGER ACCEPT** any ATV permit requests by mail. Applications must be completed on-line or mailed directly to:

Tensas River NWR  
c/o Kinsail Corporation  
P.O. Box 1092  
Arlington VA 22207

**No cash or personal checks** will be accepted at any time. No faxes or emails will be accepted at any time.

### *Physically Challenged Hunters*

Physically Challenged and hunters under sixty years of age using the Refuge physically challenged all-terrain vehicle trails must possess the State's Physically Challenged Program Hunter Permit. Physically challenged users may carry one person on their ATV to assist them. Physically challenged users are encouraged to consult with Refuge staff at the Refuge Headquarters for available options and alternatives that may make their visit more enjoyable.

### *Firearms/Ammunition*

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on Refuge must comply with all provisions of state and local laws. Refuge users may only possess approved nontoxic shot while on the Refuge, with the exception that lead shot is allowed during turkey hunting season only. Possession of buckshot is prohibited.

### *Motor Vehicles*

All motor vehicles are restricted to normal passenger vehicle roads. Roads and trails may be closed to vehicle use due to adverse conditions. We allow ATV travel on designated trails for access from September 15 to January 31 by permit only. Designated ATV trails are open from 4 am to no later than two hours after legal sunset. We define an ATV as an off road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight 750 pounds, length 85 inches, width 48 inches, and tires no larger than 25 x 12 with maximum 1" lug height and maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. ATV travel is prohibited on Refuge roads.

No trailers may be pulled behind an ATV. Bicycles are permitted on roads and maintained trails. Using an ATV to travel off a designated trail in order to retrieve game, or for any other reason, is strictly prohibited.

### **The following activities are prohibited on Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge:**

- Littering
- Entering the refuge without a valid Access Permit
- Use or possession of alcohol while hunting
- Camping/overnight parking
- Fires
- Trapping
- Use of horses or mules except as noted under night raccoon regulations.
- Target practice
- Possession or distribution of bait while in the field and hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, minerals, or any non-natural occurring food attractant on the Refuge.
- Spot-lighting; use of artificial light to locate wildlife.
- Blocking trails, gates or roadways with vehicles.

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- Climbing trees by driving nails, spikes, or other metal objects; using a tree that has existing nails, spikes or metal objects; or using climbing spikes; or screw-in accessories; or possession of such items.
  - Hunting from deer stands left attached to trees (climbing, loc on, leaning type), left in hunting position (free standing) overnight is prohibited.
  - Use or possession of any type of material to be used as flagging or trail markers, except bright eyes and reflective tape.
  - Use or possession of night vision equipment.
  - Possession of limb saws, tree cutting saws or any other equipment of this nature.
  - Man-drives for game.
  - Use or possession of deer and male turkey decoys.
  - Use of or installation of remote trail cameras.
  - Collecting or harvesting any articles of antiquity, plants, animals or parts thereof is prohibited unless specifically authorized by this permit.
  - Unleashed pets
  - Hunting, or shooting within 150 feet of a designated public road, Refuge maintained road, trail, fire breaks, dwellings, above ground oil or gas or electrical transmission facilities or designated public facility. (A maintained road, fire break, or trail is defined as one which has been mowed, disked, or plowed and free of trees.)
  - Field dressing game or cleaning fish within 150 feet of parking areas, maintained roads, or trails.
- ### Specific Hunting Regulations
- Only those persons with valid General Gun Lottery Hunt permits are permitted to be present on the Refuge during the General Gun Lottery Hunts for deer.
  - No hunting or scouting is permitted in reforested areas during General Gun Lottery, Refuge-wide Youth Gun, and Antlerless Gun Hunts for deer.
  - Hunting in and/or shooting into or across any reforested and/or closed area during General Gun Lottery, Refuge-wide Youth Gun, and Antlerless Gun Hunts for deer is prohibited.
  - No more than 3 dogs per hunting party. **NEW**
  - State bag limits, tagging system, and regulations apply unless otherwise specified.
  - All Refuge-specific hunting seasons are permitted except in designated closed areas, (see map), or as otherwise stated under specific regulations.
  - All blind material and decoys must be removed from the Refuge after each day's waterfowl hunt before 1 pm.
  - Deer hunters may not leave deer stands unattended before the First day of archery season and must remove stand by the last day of the Refuge archery season. Each hunter can only bring one stand, which if left unattended on the Refuge must be clearly marked with the name and address of the owner of the stand. Portable stands must be removed from trees daily and free standing stands must be placed in a non-hunting position when unattended. Ground blinds must be placed in non-hunting position when unattended.
  - Migratory bird and small game hunting and scouting is prohibited during General Gun Lottery hunt, Refuge-wide youth hunt, antlerless gun hunt, and primitive weapon hunt for deer.
  - Hunters born after September 1, 1969 must possess and carry proof of completion of State-approved hunter education course. Youths are generally defined as those individuals 17 years of age or younger. Youths under the age of 16 may hunt without hunter education certification if they are accompanied by and under direct supervision of a person born before September 1, 1969 that has a valid hunting license; or they are accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a hunter education course approved by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Direct supervision means that the person being supervised is within a normal audible voice contact and in direct line of sight of the supervising person at all times while hunting. The supervising adult is responsible for ensuring that youth hunters do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations. Each adult can supervise no more than one youth hunter during big game hunts and no more than two youth hunters during waterfowl and upland game hunting. Persons supervising youth hunters are responsible for violations of Laws and Regulations committed by the youth hunter they are supervising while on the refuge.
  - Hunters using shotguns to hunt small game and waterfowl are required to use approved non-toxic shot.
  - All hunters must wear and display 400 square inches of solid "hunters orange" vest and a solid "hunters orange" cap in the field during deer gun hunts and primitive weapon hunts. Hunters participating in the special dog season for squirrels and rabbits are required to wear a solid "hunters orange" cap.
  - Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds must display a minimum of 400 square inches of solid "hunter orange" above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees. Ground blinds must be placed in non-hunting position when unattended.
  - No individual may enter the Refuge earlier than 4 am and must exit the Refuge no later than two hours after legal sunset unless they are participating in the refuge nighttime raccoon hunt.
  - All deer taken on General Gun Lottery Hunts, Antlerless Gun Hunt, and Primitive Weapon Hunts for deer must be tagged according to state regulations and checked daily at a manned check station nearest to point of take. All other game taken must be checked after each hunt at a self-clearing check station nearest to point of take before leaving the Refuge. For deer and turkey State tagging regulations apply.
  - Only one deer per day may be taken during any deer hunt, with the exception of the staff guided lottery youth and wheelchair bound hunt which is one antlerless deer and one antlered deer. State tagging regulations apply.
  - Hunters are authorized to take only species listed within this brochure. Harming or needlessly disturbing any plants or other wildlife is a violation of Refuge regulations.
  - Hunters using primitive weapons (Breech loading, Part 2 of definition) during the General Gun Lottery Hunt and Primitive Weapon Hunt will only be allowed in areas where modern gun hunters can legally hunt not in reforested areas (see map). Primitive weapons described as muzzleloaders (including in-line) in part 1 of definition in brochure

and archery will be allowed to hunt in reforested areas during Primitive Weapon Hunt.

## Specific Fishing Regulations

### *Sport Fishing*

State creel limits and regulations apply.

### *Trotlines*

Trotlines must be attached with a length of cotton line that extends into the water; must be tended at least once every 24 hours and reset when exposed by receding waters. Trotlines must be removed when not in use.

### *Frog Hunting*

Frog hunting may occur by any legal means in the Tensas River and Indian Lake only. State bag limits apply.

### **Boating - State Regulations Apply**

Boats will not be left overnight on the Refuge. We allow non-motorized boats, electric motors and outboard motors not greater than 10 hp to be operated in all Refuge lakes, streams, and bayous. All motorized boats must utilize navigation lights according to State regulations. Personal flotation devices must be worn by all occupants of motor boats that are under power on the Refuge.



This sign marks the outer Refuge boundary. Public entry by foot is generally authorized during legal hours on Tensas River NWR. Boundaries are also designated by yellow paint on trees.



This sign means that the area is closed to all public entry. Do not trespass behind this sign for any reason other than emergency. Closed Areas are also designated by red paint on trees.



This sign means that the area is closed to hunting. This area can be walked across as long as your firearm is unloaded.

### Report Game Here

This sign marks the location of a self-clearing check station. All game must be checked out before leaving the Refuge.

## 2013-2014 Hunting Seasons Deer-Archery, November 2, 2013 - January 31, 2014

(Closed during Refuge-wide Youth and General Gun Lottery Deer Hunts)

Limit one deer per day, antlered or antlerless.

Possession/use of pods, chemical drugs or firearms prohibited.

Hunters using archery equipment during primitive weapon and General Gun (Antlerless) hunts must follow all primitive weapon and General Gun (Antlerless) regulations (including all hunter orange requirements).

Completion of International Bow Hunter Safety course is NOT required to hunt on Tensas River NWR but RECOMMENDED. Longbow, compound bow, and crossbow or any bow drawn, held, or released by mechanical means will be a legal means of take. State tagging regulations apply.

Contact the Refuge headquarters for more information.

### Deer-Youth (Refuge Wide, Open Youth), November 9-10, 2013

(Limit one deer per day, antlered or antlerless.) Youths are generally defined as those individuals 17 years of age or younger. Youths under the age of 16 may hunt without hunter education certification if they are accompanied by and under direct supervision of a person born before September 1, 1969 that has a valid hunting license; or they are accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a hunter education course approved by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Direct supervision means that the person being supervised is within a normal audible voice contact and in direct line of sight of the supervising person at all times while hunting. The supervising adult is responsible for ensuring that youth hunters do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations. No more than one youth supervised on this hunt.

### **NEW**

Primitive Weapon, Muzzleloader or Modern Firearms are authorized method of take. Use/possession of buckshot is prohibited.

State tagging regulations apply.

During these two days, ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES to include but not limited to small game and archery hunting; scouting; birdwatching; and etc. are prohibited.

### Deer-Staff Guided Youth-Lottery Hunt (Greenlea Unit, December 27, 2013 and January 3, 2014

(Limit 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer)

Each youth must be 8-15 years old.

Primitive Weapon, Muzzleloader or Modern Firearm are authorized method of take. Use/possession of buckshot is prohibited.

Limit 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer per day. State tagging regulations apply.

Registration and drawing on September 21, 2013 at Visitor Center. Contact the Refuge Headquarters for more information at 318/574 2664.

### Deer-Full Time Wheelchair-Bound Hunt, January 11, 2014

In cooperation with the Tensas River Refuge Association and NWTFF Wheelin Sportsman, a lottery full time wheelchair-user hunt will be conducted. Participation is limited and applications must be received by December 2, 2013.

Contact the Refuge Headquarters for more information at 318/574 2664.

Limit 1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer.

Primitive Weapon, Muzzleloader or Modern Firearm are authorized method of take. Use/possession of buckshot is prohibited. State tagging regulations apply.

### General Gun Antlerless Deer Hunt, November 23, 2013

(Limit 1 Antlerless deer).

Archery equipment, Primitive Weapon, Muzzleloader or Modern Firearm are authorized method of take. Use/possession of buckshot is prohibited. Hunting in and Shooting into or across reforested or closed areas is prohibited.

Hunters using primitive weapons or muzzleloaders must follow all modern firearms regulations (no hunting in reforested areas). State tagging regulations apply. Hunters using archery equipment during antlerless general gun hunt must follow all modern firearm regulations (including all hunter orange requirements and no hunting in reforested areas). During this hunt, ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES to include but not limited to small game, scouting, birdwatching; and etc. are prohibited.

## **Deer-Lottery Hunt, November 29-30, 2013 or December 14-15, 2013 (Lottery Hunt Permit)**

(Limit one deer per day, antlered or antlerless.)

Primitive Weapon, Muzzleloader or Modern Firearm is authorized method of take. Use/possession of buckshot is prohibited. Hunting in and shooting into or across reforested areas or a closed area is prohibited.

Hunters using primitive weapons or muzzleloaders must follow all modern firearms regulations (no hunting in reforested areas). State tagging regulations apply. During this hunt, ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES to include but not limited to small game, scouting, birdwatching; and etc. are prohibited.

## **Deer Primitive Weapon December 7-8, 2013**

State Primitive Weapon and muzzle loader regulations apply.

Hunters using primitive weapons (Breech loading, Part 2 of definition) will only be allowed in areas where modern gun hunters can legally hunt, not in reforested areas. Primitive weapons described as muzzleloaders (including in-line) in Part 1 of definition in brochure will be allowed in reforested areas. Hunting in and shooting into or across a closed area is prohibited. Primitive Weapon Hunters utilizing ground blinds will be required to display 400 square inches of solid Hunter Orange outside of the blind which is visible from all sides of the blind. Ground blinds must be placed in non-hunting position when unattended. State tagging regulations apply.

During this hunt, ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES to include but not limited to small game, scouting, birdwatching; and etc. are prohibited.

## **Turkey TBA**

First 16 days of the State season. Limit 1 gobbler per day, 2 gobblers per season. State tagging regulations apply.

## **Youth Turkey TBA**

Youths may hunt Saturday and Sunday prior to State Turkey Season. Each youth must be 8-17 years old before the 1st day of the hunt. Limit 1 gobbler per day, 2 gobblers per regular State season. Youths are generally defined as those individuals 17 years of age or younger. Youths under the age of 16 may hunt without hunter education certification if they are accompanied by and under direct supervision of a person born

before September 1, 1969 that has a valid hunting license; or they are accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person who is 18 years of age or older and has proof of successful completion of a hunter education course approved by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Direct supervision means that the person being supervised is within a normal audible voice contact and in direct line of sight of the supervising person at all times while hunting. The supervising adult is responsible for ensuring that youth hunters do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of refuge regulations. State tagging regulations apply. **NEW**

## **Small Game - Squirrel & Rabbit (without dogs), October 5 - November 28, 2013**

Closed during Refuge wide youth, primitive weapon, general gun (antlerless), and Lottery hunts for deer. Approved nontoxic shot required. No squirrel hunting in reforested areas or closed areas. **NEW**

## **Small Game - Squirrel & Rabbit (with/without dogs) December 2, 2013 - January 31, 2014**

Closed during Lottery Hunts for deer. Approved non-toxic shot required for shotguns. Solid hunter orange cap required. Squirrel hunters are limited to 3 dogs per hunting party. No squirrel hunting in reforested or closed areas. **NEW**

## **Night Raccoon, December 21, 2013 - January 19, 2014**

No bag limit. Use of dogs and lights approved. Horses and mules allowed from legal sunset to legal sunrise. Hunters must attempt to take treed raccoons.

## **Woodcock State Season**

Closed during Refuge-Wide Youth, General gun (antlerless), Lottery and Primitive Weapon hunts for deer. Approved nontoxic shot required for shotguns.

## **Waterfowl Season**

State limits apply. Ducks and Coots during regular State season, except can be hunted only on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday until noon (12:00pm) on the refuge during this season and Closed during Refugewide youth, General gun (antlerless), primitive weapon and Lottery hunts for deer.

CLOSED AREAS and NO WATERFOWL HUNTING AREAS are marked on the map in this brochure.

Constructing and/or hunting from permanent or pit blinds is prohibited. Portable blinds and decoys must be removed daily by 1 pm. Approved nontoxic shot required. Possession of lead shot prohibited.

## **Incidental Species, October 5, 2013 - January 31, 2014 and during refuge turkey season (weapon legal for the day excluding night time raccoon hunt.)**

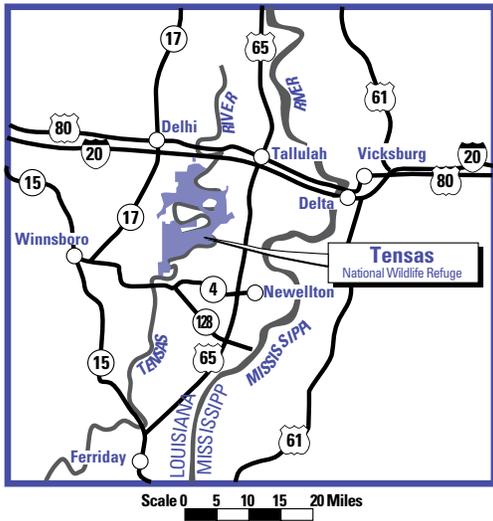
Coyote, beaver, raccoon, skunk, opossum, feral hog

**NOTE:** ALL game must be checked at a check station nearest to point of take after each hunt before leaving the Refuge! Each hunter is responsible for and required to check in and out daily at the designated entries of the Refuge. Reporting harvest information will be required on the daily check out form as well. Each hunter is also responsible for abiding by state tagging regulations; please provide your own writing utensil. Volunteers are needed at Tensas River NWR. Stop by the visitor center or call 318/574 2664 for more information.

## **Primitive Weapon Definition**

Legal Primitive firearms for primitive season include:

- 1) Rifles or Pistols, .44 caliber minimum or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use of black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets, including primitive firearm known as "in line" primitive firearm.
- 2) Single shot, breech loading rifles, .35 caliber or larger having an exposed hammer that use metallic cartridges loaded with black powder or modern smokeless powder. All of the above may be fitted with magnified scopes. Any other firearm approved by State as Primitive Weapon is acceptable.



**Items of Special Concern**

Tensas River NWR will host a wheel chair bound Lottery Deer Hunt in cooperation with the Tensas River Refuge Association, NWTf Wheelin Sportsman and other partners in the Greenlea Bend unit January 11, 2014. For more information contact the Refuge headquarters at 318/574 2664.

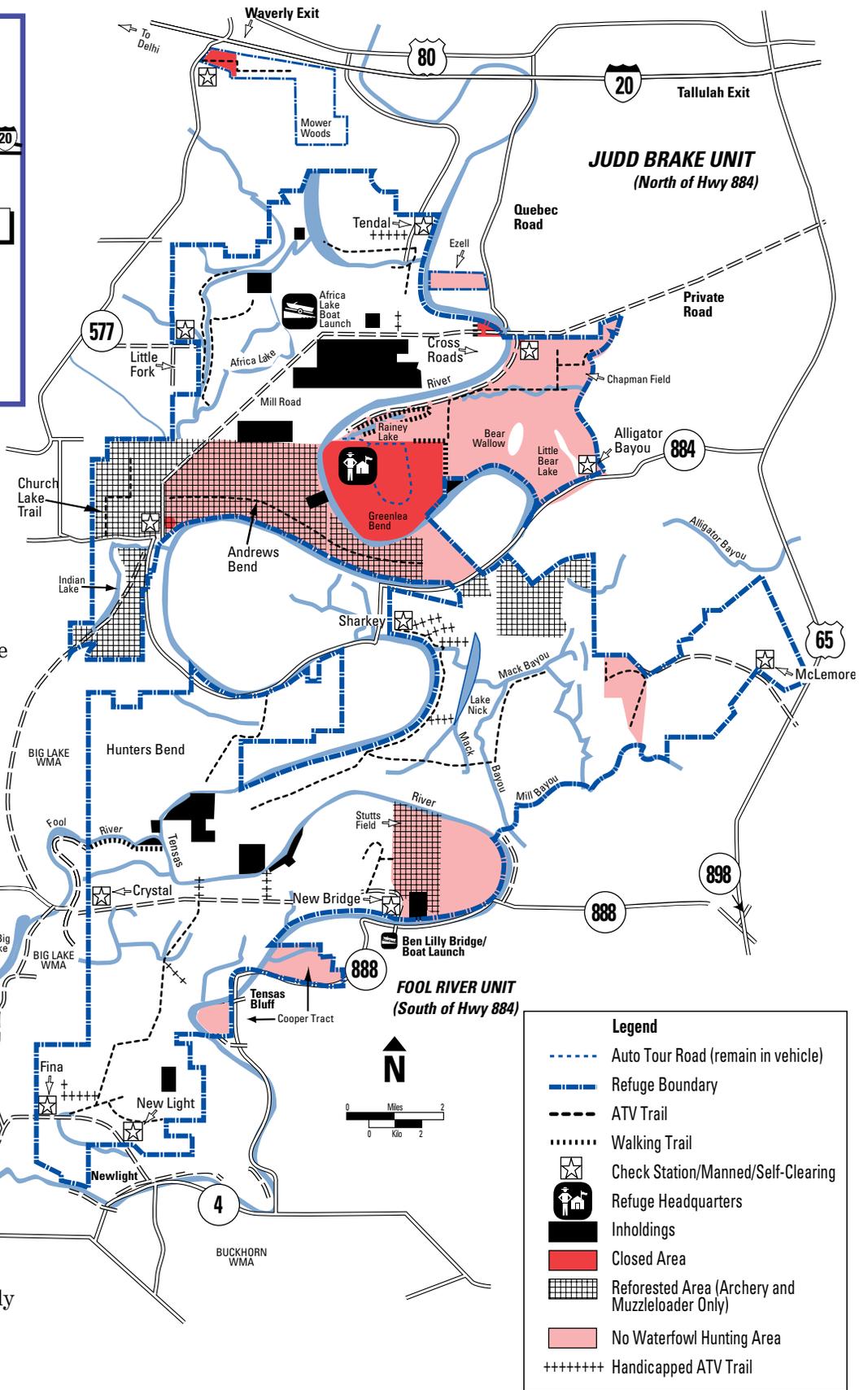
A staff guided lottery youth deer hunt will be conducted in the Greenlea Bend closed area. A lottery drawing for each youth chosen for this hunt will be held during the Hunting and Fishing Day celebration at the Refuge headquarters Saturday, September 21, 2013. For safety reasons, there will be no hunting within 200 yards of the closed area located near the Refuge Headquarters on December 27, 2013 and January 3, 2014 and January 11, 2014. For more information contact the Refuge headquarters at 318/574 2664. **Black Bears are Protected!**

**NEVER FEED OR APPROACH BEARS**

Always use good hunter ethics and make sure of your target not to confuse it with a Louisiana black bear. The Louisiana black bear could be mistaken for a black feral hog in palmetto or heavy cover, so always clearly identify your target. Read US Fish & Wildlife Service brochure "Hunting in Louisiana Black Bear Habitat" for more information.

**Black Bears are Protected!**

The Louisiana black bear is listed as a threatened species under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. It is unlawful for anyone to take, harass,



disturb, and etc., any Louisiana black bear. If a bear approaches you, make loud noises and make yourself appear as large as possible. You may carry air horns or pepper spray to discourage curious bears.