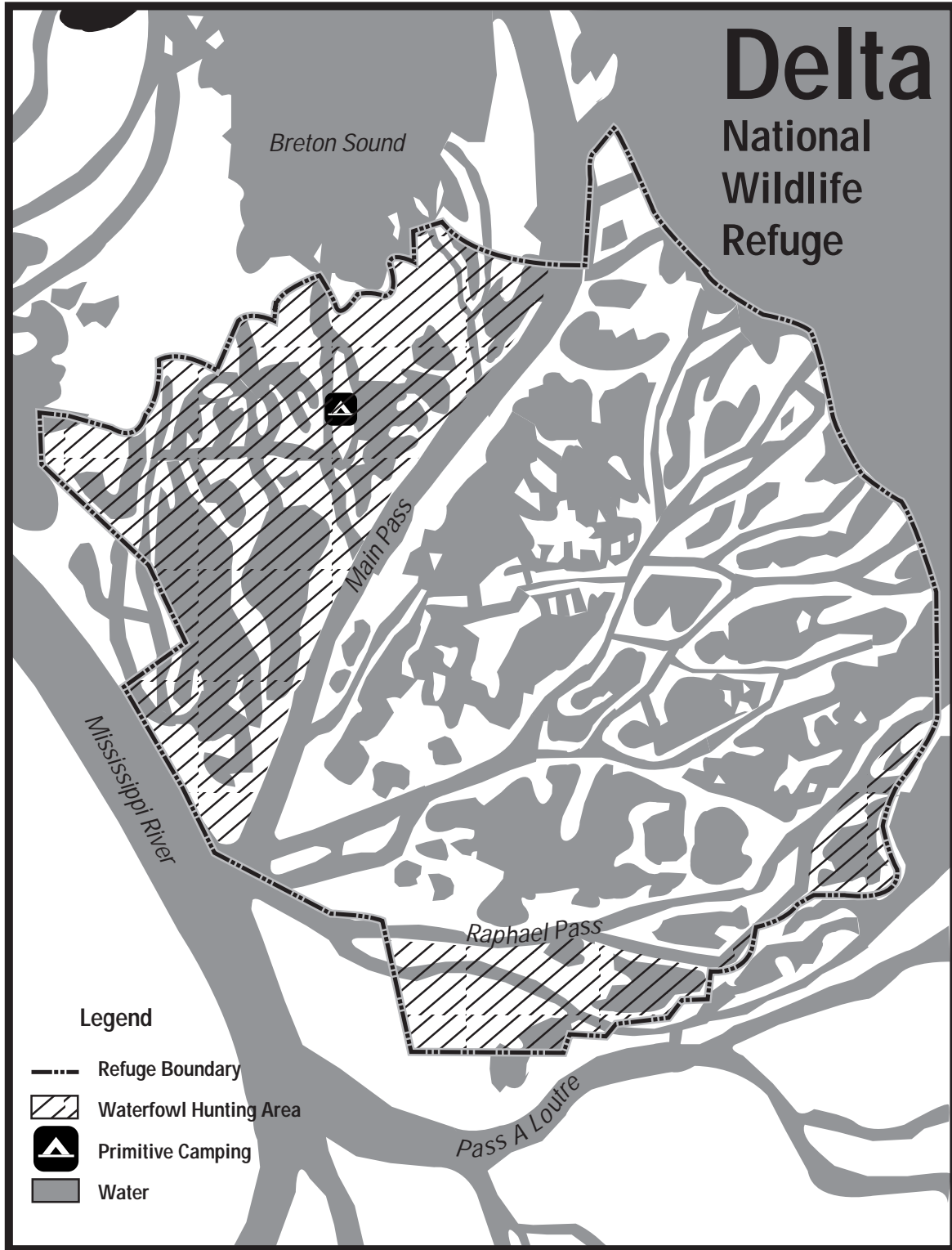
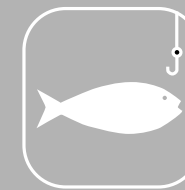


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National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations



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Delta Refuge Hunting Permit
 When signed and in your possession, this serves as your permit for all refuge hunts, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Signature (permits are not transferable)

General Provisions

Delta National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of fish and wildlife. Harvesting surplus animals is one tool used to maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource. The regulations below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting and fishing on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable state regulations.

General Hunting and Fishing Regulations

No air-thrust boats, motorized pirogues, or go-devils allowed on the refuge.

No firearms may be discharged within 250 yards of buildings or worksites such as oil or gas production facilities.

Primitive camping is permitted in designated areas (see refuge map). No person or party shall remain camped, nor shall any campsite remain established in excess of 14 consecutive days. All camping equipment and refuse must be removed from the refuge at termination of the trip.

Public hunting for rabbits and deer is permitted on all lands within Delta NWR, except for the area marked with "No Hunting Zone" signs. This area is shown on the reverse map.

All refuge lands between Main Pass and Raphael Pass are closed to public entry during the refuge waterfowl hunting season.

Hunters under age 16 must have successfully completed a State-approved Hunter Education Course. While hunting, youths must have card or certificate of completion on his/her person. Youths under age 16 must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older. For small game hunts, the adult may supervise no more than two youths. For big game hunts, the adult may supervise only one youth.

Daylight use only except in designated camping area.

Hunters are cautioned that travel to the refuge may be hazardous due to rough water, fog and swells from ships and crew boats.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is not permitted while hunting.

Specific Hunting Regulations Waterfowl (Ducks, Geese, Coots)

Hunting is permitted during the state duck season. Hunting is permitted until noon on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Delta Refuge is closed to hunting during that segment of the goose season that extends beyond the regular duck season.

Hunting is allowed on those portions of Delta Refuge that lie northwest of Main Pass and south of Raphael Pass.

Temporary blinds only; blinds and decoys must be removed by noon.

Retrievers are allowed.

Rabbits

The refuge rabbit season opens the day after the state duck season closes and continues through the remainder of the regular Louisiana rabbit season.

Hunting is restricted to shotguns only.

Dogs are allowed.

Non-toxic shot is required.

Deer

Archery, either-sex: October 1-31.

Portable stands only.

Dogs and "driving" deer prohibited.

Bowhunters are encouraged to complete a certified bowhunter education course.

Specific Fishing Regulations

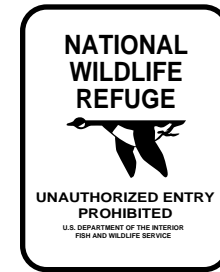
Only recreational fishing and crabbing are permitted in all refuge waters (48,800 acres) during daylight hours, except during the state waterfowl hunting season.

No trotlines, slat traps, or nets permitted.

Take pride in your refuge. Report violations.

Signs and Boundaries

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording of the signs below apply to the areas behind the signs. Pay attention to the signs, watch for boundary corners, and check your location with the maps.



This sign marks the outer refuge boundary. Public entry is generally authorized. However, other refuges in the system may have different regulations concerning general entry. Always know the regulations before entering.



This sign means that the area is closed to all entry. Do not trespass behind this sign for any reason.



This sign marks the boundaries of the waterfowl hunting areas. This is the only area of the refuge where waterfowl hunting is allowed.

Permits are required for all hunters

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