



Hunting and Fishing

San Bernard

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations

Waterfowl hunting is allowed at San Bernard NWR 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.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations that govern hunting on national wildlife refuges set forth in Title 50, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations.

We allow

- Use of the area on a first come, first served basis.
- Hunting of ducks, geese and coots.
- Use of retriever dogs, which must be under the control of the handler at all times.

We require

- No special permit is needed to hunt in the public waterfowl hunting areas.
- Permits for hunting in the Sargent Permit Waterfowl Hunting areas. Reservations for this hunt and additional information are available from the refuge office.
- 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 for hunting waterfowl on the refuge.
- Hunters to maintain a safe and courteous distance from other parties.
- Hunters to carry out their empty shells and trash.

We prohibit

- Shooting or hunting of all animals except ducks, geese, and coots.
- Hunting from or use of permanent blinds. This prevents special claims to portions of the public hunting area.
- Possession of rifles, handguns or concealed weapons on the refuge at all times.
- Possession of lead shot in the hunting area at all times.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on the refuge.
- Hunting within 500 feet of houses.
- Off road vehicle travel or ATV use on the refuge.
- Target shooting or target practice.
- Dog training with or without the use of firearms.
- Retrieval of downed game from closed areas either by person on foot or by the use of retriever dogs.

Access to the public hunting areas is by public water routes. A refuge boat ramp is available on Cedar Lake Creek for small boats.

Fishing Regulations

We allow sport fishing on designated portions of the refuge in accordance with State regulations and subject to several conditions. Areas open to fishing are shown on the map on the reverse side of this pamphlet and designated by "Public Fishing Area" signs.

We require

- Vehicle parking in designated areas.
- Access by foot only.

We allow

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

We prohibit

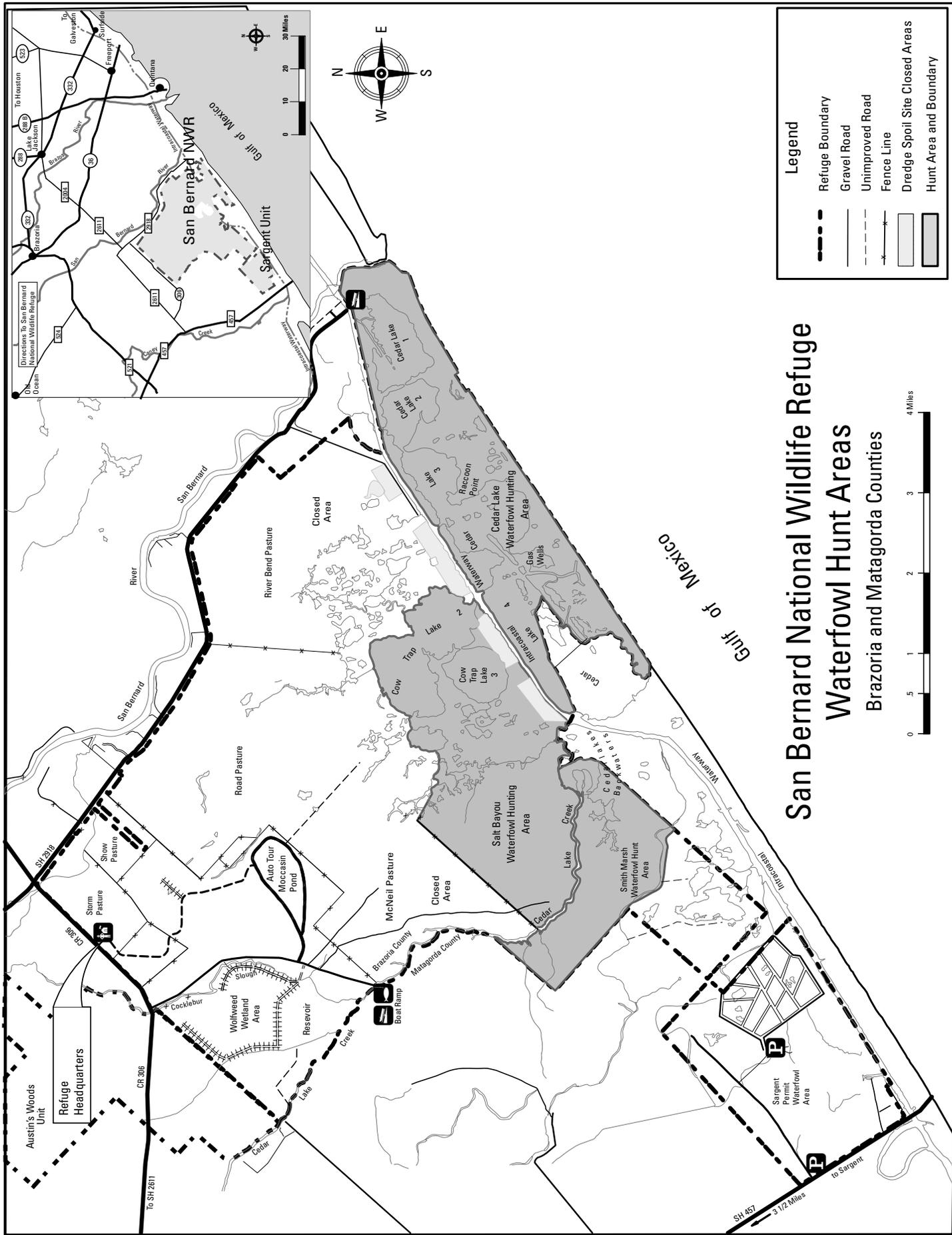
- Use of crab traps on refuge waters.
- Campfires, open flame, fireworks and firearms (unless associated with hunting program).

San Bernard NWR is located 10 miles west of Lake Jackson. Take FM 2004 and FM2611 to FM 2918, then turn east 1 mile to CR 306.

For Further Information

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Waterfowl Hunt Areas

Brazoria and Matagorda Counties

Legend

- Refuge Boundary
- Gravel Road
- Unimproved Road
- Fence Line
- Dredge Spoil Site Closed Areas
- Hunt Area and Boundary

