

Big Branch Marsh NWR Duck Hunt Registration Form

Fill out the information below to be eligible for the drawing to hunt on the first 3 weekends (Saturday and Sunday) of the 2001-2002 duck hunting season. This application may be submitted singly or with others as a hunt party. Party applications must indicate the sane hunt choices and be clipped together and mailed in one envelope. Maximum size of a hunt party is three. Only one application per person is allowed. A maximum of 150 special use permits will be issued for each hunt.

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

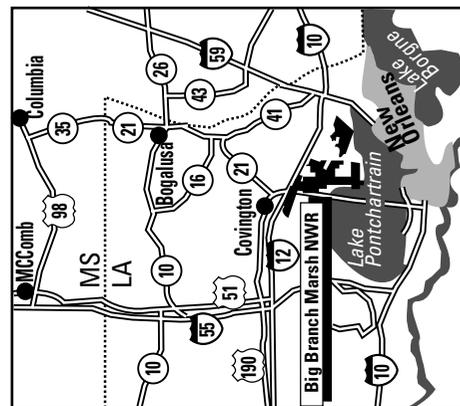
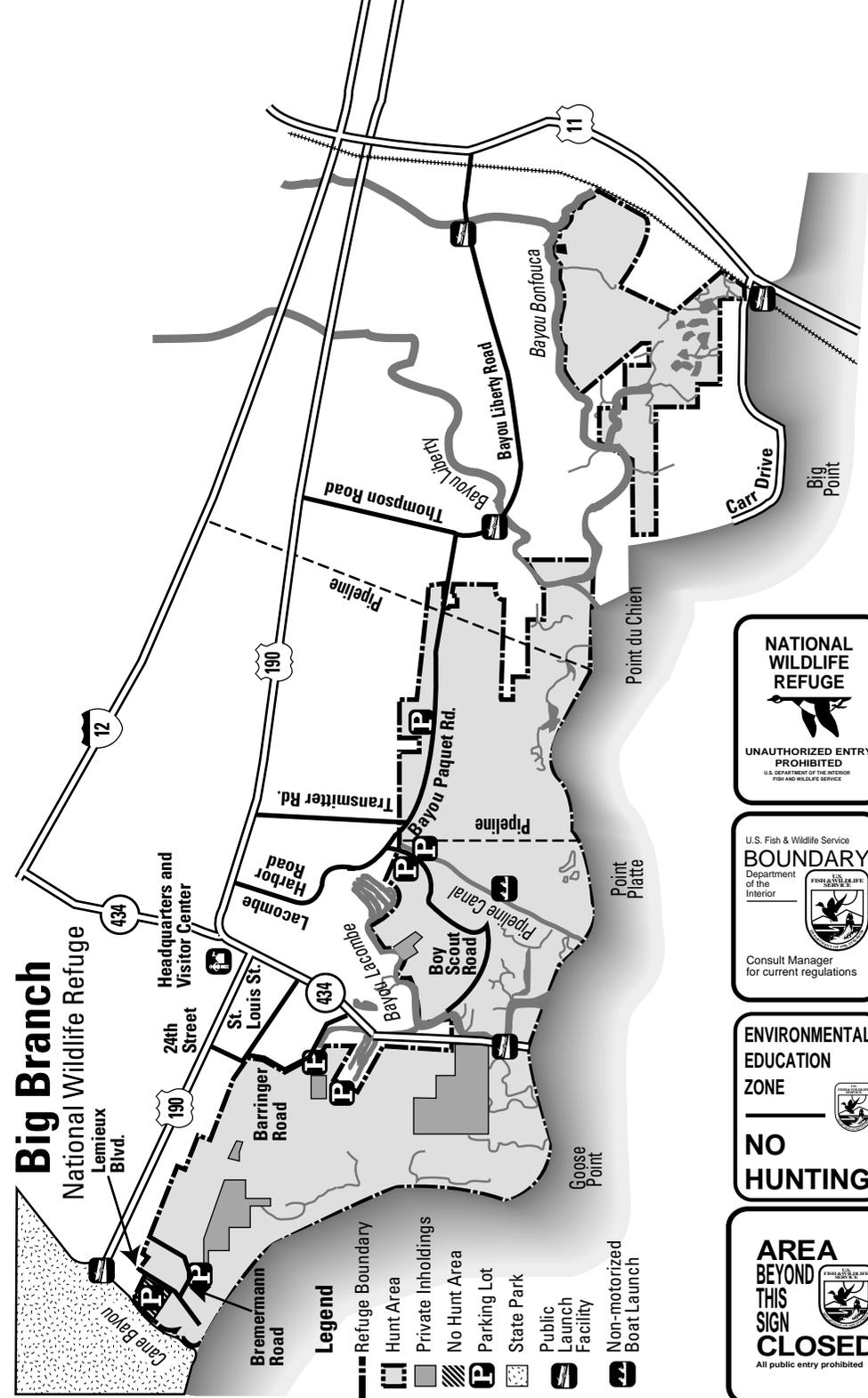
Check the hunts you want to be considered for:

- 1st weekend
 2nd weekend
 3rd weekend

This form must be received by the Slidell office of Southeast Louisiana Refuges between August 21, 2001 and September 28, 2001 to be eligible.

Send to:
 USFWS
 Southeast Louisiana Refuges
 1010 Gause Boulevard
 Building 936
 Slidell, LA 70458.

If you are selected, you will receive notification before October 12, 2001. You will then be required to send a cashier's check or money order for \$12.50 for each hunt in which you are selected (**no personal checks accepted**). A permit to hunt will be returned to you when the check is received by the Fish and Wildlife Service.



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.

These top two signs mark 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 marks an area on the refuge designated for environmental education in which school kids learn about the refuge. The area bounded by these signs is closed to hunting.

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

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 Big Branch Marsh
 1010 Gause Boulevard, Bldg. 936
 Slidell, Louisiana 70458
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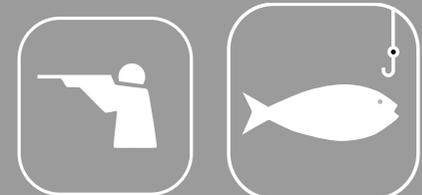
August 2001



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Big Branch Marsh

*National Wildlife Refuge
 Hunting and Fishing
 Regulations 2001-2002*



Big Branch Marsh Refuge Hunting Permit 2001-2002
 When signed and in your possession, this serves as your permit for all refuge hunts, **except the first 3 weekends of duck season**, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein. Expires June 30, 2002.

 Signature (permits are not transferable)

General Provisions

Big Branch Marsh 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.

Take pride in your refuge. Report violations.

Permits are required for all hunters

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Firearm/ Ammunition

Firearms carried in vehicles or boats must be unloaded and encased or dismantled.

Firearms are permitted only during the refuge hunting season.



Disabled Sportsmen

Please contact the refuge office for information.

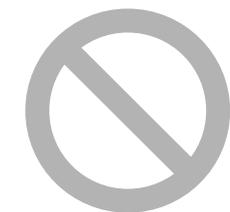
General Hunting and Fishing Regulations

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

Public hunting for waterfowl and deer is permitted on all lands within Big Branch Marsh NWR except for areas marked with “No Hunting Zone” signs. These areas are shown on the reverse map.

Hunters under age 16 must have successfully completed a State-approved Hunter Education Course. While hunting, youths

Warning



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 waterfowl hunts, the adult may supervise no more than two youths. For big game hunts, the adult may supervise only one youth.

The refuge is open during daylight hours only.

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

Specific Hunting Regulations

Identify target before shooting and be aware of other hunters in the area.

All deer stands must be removed within 14 days following the end of the refuge deer season.

All bowhunters are encouraged to complete a certified bowhunter education course.

Specific Fishing Regulations

Only recreational fishing and crabbing are permitted in all refuge waters during daylight hours.

No trotlines, slat traps, or nets permitted.

No gar sets or jug fishing.

Prohibited Activities

Possession of buckshot, slugs, rifles or rifle ammunition is prohibited.

Baiting or hunting with the aid of bait or the distribution of bait.

Hunting from permanent tree stands (attached by nails, spikes, or other metal objects).

Hunting within 200 feet of any road (including all refuge roads), residence, or designated public use facilities.

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Motorized vehicles off public roads and designated parking area.

Target shooting is prohibited.

Big Branch Marsh NWR

Type Hunt	Season	Special Conditions
Archery Deer	State season	Refuge permit required. Portable stands only. Dogs and “driving “ deer prohibited. Either sex only when ST. Tammany Parish is open to either sex harvest.
Waterfowl (ducks, geese, coots)	Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday during state duck season. Includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt. Closed during segment goose season that extends beyond regular duck season.	Refuge permit required. Hunting permitted until noon only. Temporary blinds only. Blinds and decoys must be removed by noon. Retrievers are allowed. Permits for the first 3 weekends of duck season are issued by lottery draw only. You must fill out the enclosed application and mail to our Slidell office by September 28, 2001 to be considered. Only 150 permits per weekend will be issued.
Squirrel and Rabbit	State season	Refuge permit required. Shotgun only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller. Dogs may be used only after close of state gun deer season.
Snipe, Woodcock and Quail	State season	Refuge permit required. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller. Recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.
Hog	May be taken only during refuge archery hunt with bow and arrow.	Refuge permit required.
Gallinules and Rails	State season	Refuge permit required. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.
Nutria	State season	May be taken incidental to any refuge hunt with weapons and ammunition legal for that hunt; shotgun only.

Need additional information?

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