

# Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve Barataria Preserve WATERFOWL HUNTING REGULATIONS



All applicable federal and non-conflicting state regulations will be enforced by the National Park Service and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. **Any violation may result in hunter permit revocation, seizure of equipment, and filing of criminal charges.** Refer to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations for daily bag limits. Additional questions should be directed to 504-689-3690.

The area shown on the Hunt Zone 8 map (see other side) is the **ONLY** area within the Barataria Preserve where waterfowl may be hunted. **ONLY** those species which are in season according to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries regulations for the State of Louisiana West Zone may be taken. No small or large game other than waterfowl may be taken in Hunt Zone 8, except nutria which may be taken according to state regulations.

## General information:

- All waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older must carry on their person a park hunting permit, a valid state hunting license, and appropriate duck stamps signed in ink across the face.
- Hunters are required to leave a copy of their hunt permit on their vehicle dashboard and another copy on the console of their boat and in their pirogue (if applicable). Multiple hunters utilizing the same vehicle or boat must each comply with permit requirements.
- Hunting is permitted from one half hour before official sunrise until 12:00pm (noon) on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays during the state-designated waterfowl season.
- Motorized boats are absolutely prohibited in Zone 8 with the exception of Yankee Pond and adjoining canal. Motorized boats may not be taken into trenasses.

## Firearms and ammunition:

- Firearms are permitted in Hunt Zone 8 only during hunting season. Firearms carried in vehicles or boats must be unloaded and encased or dismantled.
- Each hunter may carry only one plugged shotgun not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding a maximum of three shells, one in the chamber and two in the tube. Possession of rifles or rifle ammunition is prohibited.
- Nontoxic shot such as steel, bismuth, tungsten, or other polymer type shot is required in all shotguns. **HUNTERS MAY NOT CARRY ANY LEAD SHOT ON THEIR PERSONS!**

## Migratory game birds:

- No person shall completely field dress any migratory game bird and then transport the bird from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field.
- Hunters are required to furnish information regarding hunt success to include: hunter permit number, date of kill, and species of duck taken. Harvest information can be turned in at the Barataria Preserve Visitor Center, deposited in a hunt permit drop box, or by calling 504-689-3690. Reporting must be completed by the end of each hunt day on which the bird was taken.
- All hunters taking banded waterfowl are required to report the band number to the Barataria Preserve Visitor Center 504-689-3690 or to the Bird Band Hotline 1-800-327-BAND.

## In the field:

- If blinds are utilized, same day set up and removal is required. Materials needed to build blinds must be brought in with the hunter and removed at the end of each day. Damaging, cutting, taking, or disturbing vegetation in the preserve is prohibited. Permanent blinds are prohibited. Minimum distance between blinds shall be 100 yards unless other conditions, such as natural screening, justify a shorter distance.
- Park rangers can require hunters to relocate hunt blinds away from waterways and other blinds for safety considerations.
- All debris, including decoys, spent shells, and blind material brought in must be removed at the end of each hunt.
- Trained dogs are permitted for waterfowl retrieval.
- The use of live decoys or electronically amplified bird calls is prohibited.
- Possession, consumption, or hunting under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance is prohibited.
- All commercial activities including guiding are prohibited on the preserve.
- Duck ponds will be hunted on a first-come, first-served basis. Unsportsmanlike conduct **WILL NOT** be tolerated in any form. Revocation of a hunter's permit **WILL** result from any such activities.