When and How to Report a Hunt

Before a hunter enters a hunting zone for any reason (i.e. scouting, working on stand, hunting, etc.), they must report such activity to the Barataria Preserve. Hunters are required to email an activity report. Absolutely no call ins. You can only report for yourself and one day at a time.

Email your activity report at jela_hunt@nps.gov.

The report must contain permit number, zone, date and time of entry, and what activity you're doing (hunting, scouting, setting up a stand, etc)

If you do not have email, you can report your activity via drop slip. Please contact 504-689-3690 ext. 18 for more information.

How to Check Game

All game killed, including small game, waterfowl, hogs, and deer, must be reported by 7:00 P.M. the day of the kill. You can check game by either emailing us at **jela_hunt@nps.gov** or by calling **504-689-3690 ext. 18.**

Provide all the following information:

- Call back number or email address
- Permit number
- LDWF tag number used
- Date of harvest
- Time of harvest
- Species taken
- Number taken
- Sex and age of kill
- Live weight
- Antler points
- The zone it was taken from

Hunters are still responsible for reporting applicable harvests to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Applying For A Hunting Permit

Applications for hunting permits can be picked up at the Barataria Preserve Visitor Center.

Applications for the 2020-2021 hunting season will be accepted from September 12th, 2020 to January 31st, 2021. Permits will be available for pickup 5 days after submission.

To receive your permit, you must pick up your own permit and show a photo ID, or you can leave a self-addressed stamped envelope when you submit your application & it will be mailed to you.

Hunting permits are issued by appointment: Wednesday through Sunday, September 12th, 2020 to January 31st, 2021.

Juveniles are not required to obtain a permit. They must hunt under the parent's or legal guardian's permit while being accompanied.

If you were assigned a permit number in 2019-2020 season, you do not need to apply for a new permit. Your permit number will remain the same for this year's hunting season. You are required to understand our updated rules and regulations as listed in this brochure.

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Hunting Season 2020-2021

Hunting Rules and Regulations

In applying for a hunting permit, all applicants agree to abide by these provisions in addition to all other applicable and non-conflicting federal, state, and local laws. Failure to comply with any regulation or law, including terms and conditions listed on this brochure is prohibited and may result in revocation of the hunter's permit and filing of criminal charges with the Federal District Court. Bear in mind that equipment utilized in a criminal act, including firearms, motor vehicles, and vessels, may be seized as evidence. **In the event of conflicting laws, federal law supersedes state law.**

Hunting Season Dates

Hunting season at the Preserve follows the dates provided by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

The Barataria Preserve recognizes shotguns as modern firearms, and we do not participate in the Primitive Firearms season.

Archery and Shotgun Seasons

Deer: Follows LDWF's regulations for area 9

Either Sex Deer: Follows LDWF's regulations for area 9

Youth Hunters: Follows LDWF's regulations for area 9

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Feral Hogs and Nutria

May be taken during any open season, by a licensed and permitted hunter with gear legal for the season in progress.

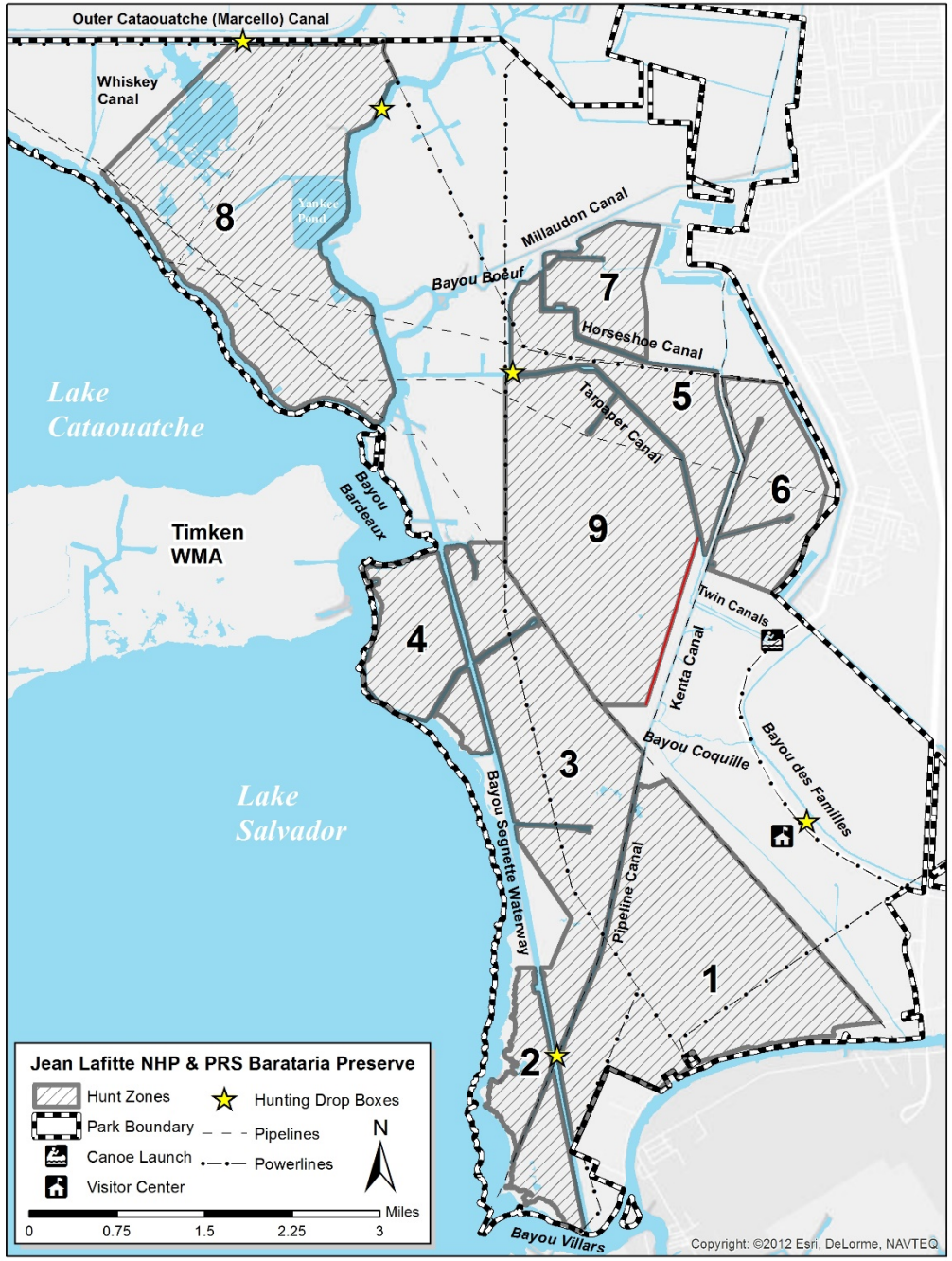
Squirrels and Rabbits

October 1, 2020 through December 23, 2020 and January 2, 2021 through January 31, 2021

Waterfowl

Follows LDWF's regulations for the Coastal Zone.

Hunting will be closed December 24, 2020 through January 1, 2021
Hunting Ends January 31, 2021 and stands must be removed by 5:00 P.M. January 31, 2021



All hunters must adhere to the following rules, in addition to season-specific rules and prohibited activities:

- All game killed, including small game, waterfowl, hogs, and deer, must be reported by 7:00 P.M. the day of the kill. (see instructions under "How to Check Game")
- Before hunters enter a hunt zone for any reason, they must report such activity to the Barataria Preserve. (see instructions under "When and How to Report a Hunt")
- Hunting is permitted one half hour before official sunrise until noon.
- Only still hunting is allowed in the preserve. Still Hunting: Stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s)
- Hunters must report, through a drop slip, their activity each time they enter a zone. Hunters cannot combine reports. Each hunter must provide a one report per day.
- All hunters born on or after September 1, 1969 must complete a state-approved hunter safety program before being allowed to hunt in the Barataria Preserve or be supervised by someone who has a hunting license, permit to hunt in the preserve, and a hunter safety card.
- Hunters under the age of 18 must always be accompanied and closely supervised by a legal guardian/adult with a hunting license.
- Hunters and those accompanying them must wear orange/pink on their head, chest, and back at all times while in the field. (In total all hunters and those accompanying them must be wearing at least 400 square inches of hunter orange or pink.)
- Mesh-style hunter orange clothing is not permitted.
- Trail cameras, pirogues, and any other property used in the Preserve must display the hunter's permit number, and they must be removed by the stand removal date. The setup of these must not cause damage to the vegetation or trees, and it must not penetrate the marsh.
- Waterfowl hunters have the right of way in Zone 8 of the Barataria Preserve.
- Biodegradable crepe paper is the only approved trail marking material. Other trail marking materials, including cans, plastic, wood, pallets, reflective tape, etc. are prohibited and will result in a fine.

Hunters are required to possess the following documents while hunting in the Barataria Preserve:

- a current and valid Barataria Preserve hunting permit
- a current and valid Louisiana driver's license or other photo identification
- a hunter safety card if born after September 1, 1969 (all persons born after that date must complete a state-approved hunter safety program before being allowed to hunt in the Barataria Preserve) unless they are under direct supervision of another hunter with a license, permit to hunt in the Barataria Preserve, and a hunter safety card
- a current Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hunting license
- if hunting waterfowl, applicable federal duck stamp and Louisiana state HIP (Harvest Information Program) certification

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Deer Stands

Please follow these rules about Deer Stands

- Only one deer stand per hunter is permitted in accordance with the standards listed below. Stands not conforming to the following criteria will be removed & the owner will be cited.
- The hunter permit number must be displayed in 3 inch non-removable block letters and numbers, and it must be permanently affixed and clearly displayed near the top of the stand on both the front and back.
- The entire stand, including the seat and accessories, must be completely painted hunter orange.
- No stand may be set up or left in a non-hunt position in the Barataria Preserve prior to the day before deer season opens.
- All stands must be left in a non-hunt position when not in use.
- All stands must be removed from the Barataria Preserve by 5:00 P.M. 1/31/2021.
- The stand itself and its installation must not damage the trees or other vegetation, including the marsh. The use of a pole stand is permitted as long as it or the anchors do not permanently damage the marsh.
- Damage to natural and/or cultural resources could result in fines and punishment (not limited to) $5,000 and/or 1 year in jail
- Hunting from another hunter's stand without the owner's written permission is prohibited.
- If hunting from another hunter's stand then both parties permit numbers must be displayed while in use.
- Climbing stands that do not injure the trees are permitted.
- Climbing stands with metal brackets or spikes are prohibited.
- Hunters using a climbing or hanging stand must wear a safety belt or harness while in the stand. The climbing or hanging stand must also comply with all other park-specific regulations pertaining to stands (marked with permit number, painted hunter orange, etc.).
- Erecting stands in areas not designated for hunting is prohibited.
- Stands are prohibited within 500 ft of power poles, gas lines, or other structures.
- Persons under eighteen (18) years of age require supervision of a legal guardian/parent when hunting on this federal preserve. This allows a ratio of one (1) permit-holding adult and one (1) juvenile to be in a properly designed deer stand, or to be safely at the base of the deer stand.

Boats

- Please follow these rules about boats in the preserve.
- Airboats are prohibited at all times and in all areas of the preserve.
- Motorized vessels are prohibited in all marsh ponds and trenasses.
- Motorized vessels are prohibited through the lengths of Twin Canals, Kenta Canal, Parallel Canal, Bayou Coquille, and Bayou des Familles. You are not even allowed to "push-pole" a motorized boat through these areas.
- Portions of Tarpaper Canal are also closed to motorized vessels.
- "Push-poling" of motorized vessels is permitted in the area of Tarpaper Canal from the motorized boat closure sign up to and including the length of Parallel Canal
- All boats must be in compliance with all federal, state and local laws/regulations for operations and safety equipment.

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Waterfowl Hunting

- Please follow these rules for waterfowl hunting.
- Hunt Zone 8 (see map) is the ONLY area within the Barataria Preserve where waterfowl may be hunted. Additional licensing is required for waterfowl hunting: Federal Duck Stamp and Louisiana state HIP (Harvest Information Program)
- ONLY those species which are in season according to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries regulations for the State of Louisiana Coastal Zone may be taken.
- Trained Hunting Dogs are permitted while waterfowl hunting.
- Temporary blinds that do not damage surrounding natural resources may be established but must be removed daily.

If you are interested in waterfowl hunting in the Barataria Preserve, please email jela_hunt@nps.gov or call 504-689-3690 ext. 18.

Firearms and Archery

Please follow these rules regarding firearms and archery.

- Firearm hunting is by shotgun only (shotgun-slug barrels are permitted).
- Handguns, rifles, and primitive weapons are prohibited, even during small game season.
- Use of shotguns larger than a 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited
- Possession of shotguns in which the plug may be removed without disassembly is prohibited.
- Hunters possessing loaded firearms (in chamber/magazine) are prohibited in a motor vehicle, in a vessel or boat, outside of a designated hunt zone or on the hurricane protection levee.
- Possession of any shotgun not approved in the current Louisiana hunting regulation booklet or by United States law is prohibited.
- Discharge of a firearm outside of designated hunting areas or specific seasons and times is prohibited.
- Possession of a firearm outside of the dates and times established for shotgun season is prohibited.
- Outside of deer shotgun season, it is illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot.
- A Bow License is required of all persons hunting deer with archery gear during archery Seasons.
- Legal Gear for Archery Season includes: Traditional bow, compound bow, crossbow with a draw greater than 30 lbs.
- Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress. In such cases, archers must conform to the bucks only regulations.

Please note that Resource Management projects may disrupt hunting activities.

Resource Managements projects such as but not limited to the collection of data, invasive species management and reduction, will continue throughout hunting seasons and may disrupt hunting activities. The Barataria Preserve reserves the right to close zones or establish necessary safety buffers for the safety of necessary work projects. The regulations, seasons, etc. written in this permit supersede any discrepancy that may exist in the regulations posted in the Federal Land Schedule of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) state regulations for the Barataria Preserve for the current year.

Additional Prohibited Actions in the Preserve

The following are prohibited in the Barataria Preserve:

- Hunting by any means other than shotgun or archery in their respective seasons
- Hunting with dogs is prohibited outside of waterfowl season
- Hunting outside of hunting zone as indicated on available maps
- Hunting within 100 ft of a hunting zone boundary
- Hunting within a1000 ft from the safety buffer zone (refer to Barataria Preserve map)
- Baiting, hunting over bait, or possession of bait is prohibited
- Hunting with the aid of artificial light, infrared or laser sighting devices, or any night vision devices
- Hunting species other than deer, rabbit, squirrel, nutria, feral hog, and waterfowl
- Utilizing boards or other material as bridges to cross tressnasses, or soft spots in the marsh
- No off-road motorized vehicles, including ATVs, are allowed in the Barataria Preserve or on the hurricane protection levee
- Motorized vessels are prohibited in all marsh ponds and trenasses
- Airboats are prohibited at all times and in all areas of the preserve
- Camping and/or fires (including marsh-fires) are prohibited
- Possession, consumption, or being under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance while hunting in the Barataria Preserve is prohibited and will result in arrest
- Biodegradable crepe paper is the only approved trail marking material. Other trail marking materials, including cans, plastic, wood, pallets, reflective tape, etc. are prohibited and will result in a fine

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