

History

Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is one of over 560 National Wildlife Refuges managed as part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Wildlife Refuge System. Grand Bay NWR encompasses 10,188 acres and was established in 1992 to protect one of the largest expanses of undisturbed pine savanna habitats in the Gulf Coastal Plain region.

Permit Information

These regulations apply to all Refuge hunts. Each Grand Bay NWR hunter must have in his/her possession a current, signed copy of the Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Permit. All hunters under 16 years of age must be in the presence and under direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least 21 years of age.

Refuge Hours

General Refuge hours are from sunrise to sunset. During hunting season, hunters may enter the Refuge at 4 am and must exit no later than 1.5 hours after legal shooting hours unless otherwise specified. Please note the following exceptions:

Hunting of waterfowl is allowed from 30 minutes before sunrise until 12 noon on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Restricted and/or Closed Areas

It is unlawful to hunt from or shoot into the area that is within 100 feet of a pipeline or power line right-of-way, and within 300 feet of a designated road, trail, or parking lot. Areas marked in black on permit map are closed.

Vehicles must not obstruct roads, gates, turn rows, field access ramps, or fire lanes and must be only operated on designated roads.

Temporary or permanent closure of Refuge areas may occur due to unforeseen circumstances and not be in this brochure.

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV), Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV)

Use of ATVs and UTVs on the Refuge is prohibited.

Weapons and Ammunition

Big Game Hunting: We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and feral hog on designated areas of the Refuge subject to State regulations and the following conditions: Hunting is permitted with bow and arrow and crossbows, according to state regulations. The use of poisonous arrows is prohibited. Archery Feral Hog hunting is permitted only during Refuge deer hunts.

Upland Game Hunting: We allow hunting of squirrel on designated areas of the Refuge subject to State regulation and the following conditions: All shotgun ammunition must meet legal shot-size requirements and be federally approved non-toxic shot.

Waterfowl Hunting: Waterfowl hunting is allowed on designated areas of the Refuge and subject to State regulation and the following conditions: You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while hunting waterfowl.

Pets/Animals

Dogs are allowed for hunting migratory birds and squirrels during designated seasons only. All other domestic animals are prohibited. Dogs must be leashed or under control of owner during hunt.

State Bag Limits

State season bag and possession limits apply.

Deer Stands

It shall be illegal to construct or to hunt from any permanent stands or blinds. Valid permit holders are allowed to possess and hunt from one portable stand on the Refuge. All stands on the Refuge must be identified with hunter’s name and phone number permanently and legibly written on or attached to the stand. Stands left on the Refuge do not reserve the hunting locations. Stands may be placed two days prior to hunt and must be removed two days after the season closes. Stands not in compliance with these regulations may be confiscated and disposed of by the Refuge.

Fluorescent Orange

Hunters must wear hunter orange in accordance with State law.

Prohibited Activities

- All commercial activities including guiding or participating in a paid guided hunt.
- Searching for or removing any object of archeological or historical significance as well as any natural materials such as plants, mushrooms, berries, and antler sheds.
- The use of artificial light, including vehicle headlights, to locate or take any animal.
- Use or possession of any drug or device for employing such drug for hunting.
- Use of flagging tape, bright eyes, or other trail marking devices.
- Use or possession of alcohol while hunting.
- Fire, Camping, or littering.
- Organized drives for deer/big game.
- Baiting, possession of bait in the field, and hunting over bait.
- Removal or destruction of vegetation for any reason.
- Overnight parking.
- Target shooting.
- Field dressing game (hogs included) within 300 feet of any road, trail or parking lot.
- Leaving personal property except legal deer stands on Refuge.

Signs and Boundaries

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording of the sign applies to the area behind the sign. Please respect the following signs:



Refuge Boundary
Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations.



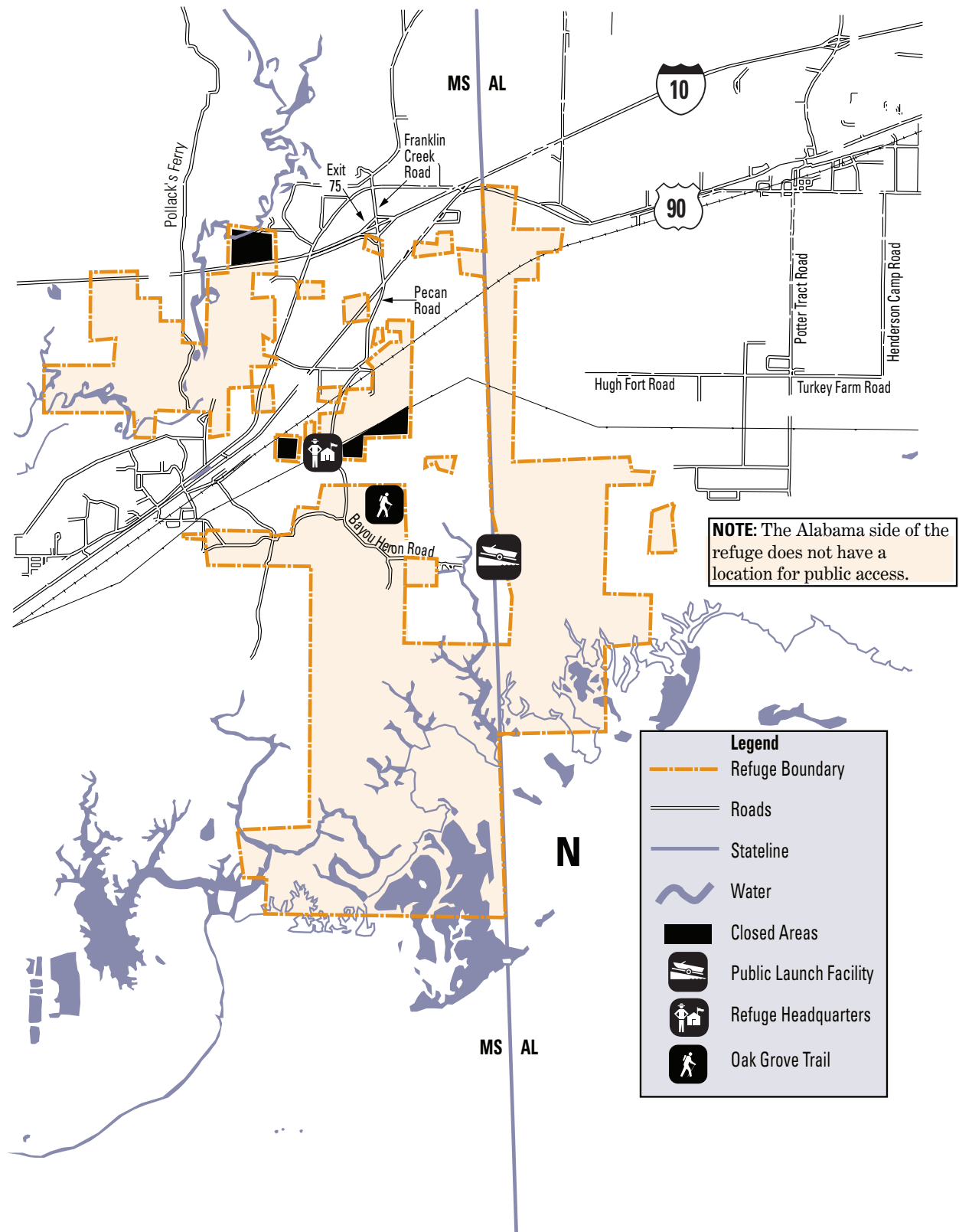
Closed Area
All entry prohibited.



No Hunting Zone
Hunting, weapons, or game retrieval prohibited.



No Vehicles
All vehicle traffic prohibited.



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Hunting Regulations

2017-2018

Grand Bay Refuge Hunting Permit 2017-2018

When signed and in your possession this brochure serves as your permit for all refuge hunts and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Signature (permits are not transferable)

Expires June 30, 2018

Season dates and bag limits may vary between states. A valid state hunting license, refuge permit, and identification, are required to be carried on person by hunters.