We only allow federally permitted non-toxic shot while hunting (see Sec. 32.2(k)).

We prohibit hunting within 500 feet of any residence or structure adjacent to the refuge; and we prohibit hunting within 200 feet of any road, railroad, levee, water control structure, designated public use trail, designated parking area, and other designated public use facilities.

The use of dogs as retrievers is permitted while hunting.

Hunters are required to comply with State regulations regarding the completion of a Hunter Safety Course.

**Sport Fishing and Shell Fishing**

We allow sport fishing and shell fishing from February 1 – October 31, with the following exceptions: we allow sport and shell fishing year-round on designated areas of the refuge and only after 12:00pm in the waterfowl hunting areas from November 1 through January 31. We close the remainder of the refuge from November 1 through January 31.

Only recreational finfishing with a hand-held rod and reel or hand-held rod and line is permitted. Bait shrimp may be taken with cast nets 8 feet in diameter or less. Crawfish can be taken (up to 100 pounds per person) with wire nets up to 20 inches in diameter. Recreational crabbing is permitted with a limit of 12 dozen per person. All fishing, crabbing and crawfishing equipment must be attended at all times.

The use of trotlines, limblines, slat traps, gar sets, nets or alligator lines is prohibited on the refuge.
General Regulations

The regulations listed below supplement Louisiana State hunting and fishing regulations and the general regulations governing hunting and fishing on National Wildlife Refuges set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. All hunters must possess a refuge permit. This brochure serves as a permit when signed and in your possession. This brochure may also be found at: http://www.fws.gov/bayousauvage/

Access to and recreational use of the refuge resources are permitted in designated areas and in accordance with state and federal regulations, subject to the following conditions:

Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge is open thirty minutes before legal sunrise until thirty minutes after legal sunset, except for specific hunting regulations.

Only outboard motors 25 horsepower or less are permitted in waterways inside the hurricane protection levee.

Airboats, mud boats, aircraft, and air-cooled propulsion engines are prohibited in refuge waters.

Motorized vehicles are prohibited on all levees.

The feeding of any wildlife is strictly prohibited.

Cutting, removing, or damaging trees and other plant matter is prohibited.

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of state and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

We prohibit the use of fires.

We prohibit camping.

We prohibit target shooting.

We prohibit the use of any type of material used as flagging or trail markers, except bright eyes.

We prohibit any person or group to act as a hunting guide, outfitter, or in any other capacity that any other individual(s) pays or promises to pay directly or indirectly for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on the refuge, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging, or club membership.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting

All hunters must carry a valid refuge permit.

We allow only hunting of waterfowl (ducks, geese) and coots on designated areas of the refuge (as shown on map) in accordance with State and Federal regulations subject to the following conditions:

All waterfowl and coot hunting shall be considered youth hunts. Adults must be 21 years of age or older and must be accompanied by a youth, age 15 and under. Such youth must be capable of and must actively participate in such hunt by the possession and/or firing of a legal weapon during such hunt for the express purpose of harvesting game.

Each adult may supervise no more than two (2) youths, and each youth may be supervised by no more than one adult during the course of any hunt. Youth must remain within normal voice contact of the adult who is supervising them. Adults accompanying youth on refuge hunts may participate by hunting, except for the special youth waterfowl season, and may not harvest more than their own daily bag limit. Youth must harvest their bag limits. Parents or adult guardians are responsible for ensuring that hunters under the age of 16 do not engage in conduct that would constitute a violation of the Refuge regulations.

Waterfowl (ducks, geese) and coot hunting is permitted until 12 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, during the State waterfowl hunting season, including early teal season, youth waterfowl hunt season, or other such special seasons which may be promulgated by law or statute. The refuge shall be closed to waterfowl and coot hunting during any segment of goose season that extends beyond the regular duck season. Hunters may not enter the refuge prior to 4 a.m. on the day of the hunt and must remove all decoys, blinds, and equipment from the hunting area no later than 1 p.m.

We only allow hunting on those portions of the refuge that lie outside of the confines of the hurricane protection levee system, unless otherwise posted.

Specific State regulations apply during the State Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days (i.e., adults may not hunt), except adults must be 21 years of age or older.