



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

2020 - 2021 General Hunting Information *Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge*

The Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (refuge) offers public hunting opportunities for white-tailed deer, nilgai antelope, feral hogs, and other exotic ungulates. These hunts are self-guided and in remote areas with limited vehicle access. Archery and firearm permits are processed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Public Drawn Hunt System. All refuge hunters are selected by lottery. Up to 4 people can apply together on one application. All applications are completed online at: tpwd.texas.gov/drawn hunts.

The following information applies to all public hunts at the refuge.

Fees and Permits - Permits cost \$80.00 per hunter for hunts up to 3 days, or \$130.00 per hunter for hunts 4 days or more, plus a processing fee of \$3.00 per application. Please note the following:

- All hunt fees are non-refundable.
- All hunts may be canceled without notice, due to extenuating circumstances
- Hunt permits are not transferable.

Regulations - Permitted hunters are subject to inspection of permits, vehicles, equipment, and bag limits by state and federal law enforcement officers. TPWD hunting regulations apply to hunting on the refuge. We encourage you to contact the TPWD at 1-800-792-1112, or tpwd.texas.gov for complete information.

All hunters must use their TPWD-issued license tags, in compliance with the TPWD requirements.

Refuge Bag limits - **Two whitetail deer no more than one male deer may be harvested. During all refuge hunts, unlimited feral hogs and nilgai antelope may be harvested.**

Hunter Assistance -

- **This is a traditional hunt and hunters are expected to harvest and retrieve their own game. The refuge may be able to provide limited assistance depending on staff availability.**
- A walk-in cooler is available at the Laguna Atascosa Unit hunt check station for temporary storage.
- A limited number of game carts are available for loan to hunters.
- The hunt check station can be reached during hunts at **956-443-9227**.

Important Refuge Regulations - In addition to the firearm and archery hunt regulations, these apply:

- The maximum speed limit on Refuge roads is 25 mph unless otherwise posted.
- Taking or collecting any plant or non-game animal (including venomous snakes) is prohibited.
- The use of artificial lights (including car headlights and game cameras) to locate, observe, or take animals is prohibited.
- Fires, littering, target practice, and commercial guiding are prohibited.
- The disturbing, molesting, or interfering with any person engaged in the pursuit of an authorized activity on the Refuge is prohibited.

Camping - The only camping on the refuge is at Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park. To contact the park, call 956-748-2044. The hunt units are not accessible directly from the park.

Safety Considerations - Africanized honey bees, alligators, cougars and rattlesnakes are in the area. Stay alert and watch for bee activity and be cautious of venomous snakes and stinging/biting insects. Wearing snake guards or boots is recommended.

Scouting - Scouting access will be allowed on Sept. 19 - Sept 20, 2020 from legal sunrise to legal sunset, as well as after hunter orientation the day before each hunt period begins.

Cattle Fever Tick Considerations - Hunters must place a tarp on their vehicle to eliminate contact with a deer or nilgai carcass. Hunters must skin deer and nilgai antelope before leaving the refuge. A designated skinning station is provided. Hunters must adhere to all cattle fever tick prevention measures, which include subjecting hides and heads to an approved anti-parasitic treatment. Hunters may take skinned carcasses after inspection. A wildlife resource document will be issued as proof of sex for white-tailed deer transport.

Archery Hunts

Mandatory Hunter Orientation will be held at the refuge hunt check station at **9:00 am the day before your scheduled hunt period**. See hunt dates below.

Laguna Unit Archery Hunts -

- Archery #1: Nov 06 - Nov 10, 2020
- Archery #2: Nov 13 - Nov 17, 2020

Ocelot Monitoring Period Archery Hunts (Laguna Unit, excludes Subunit 6) -

- Archery #3: Nov 20 - Nov 24, 2020
- Archery #4: Dec 04 - Dec 08, 2020

Bahia Grande Archery Hunts -

- Archery #1: Feb 05 - Feb 07, 2021
- Archery #2: Feb 12 - Feb 14, 2021

Permits - There will be 200 hunt permits available for each Laguna Unit archery hunt. There will be 50 hunt permits available for each Bahia Grande archery hunt.

Firearm Hunts

Mandatory Hunter Orientation will be held at the refuge hunt check station at **9:00 am the day before your scheduled hunt period**. See hunt dates below.

Laguna Unit Firearm Hunts -

- Firearm #1: Dec 11 - Dec 13, 2020
- Firearm #2: Dec 18 - Dec 20, 2020
- Firearm #3: Jan 08 - Jan 10, 2021
- Firearm #4: Jan 15 - Jan 17, 2021

Bahia Grande Muzzleloader/Slug-only Shotgun Hunts -

- Firearm #1: Feb 19 - Feb 21, 2021
- Firearm #2: Feb 26 - Feb 28, 2021

Permits - There will be 35 hunt permits available for each Laguna Unit firearm hunt. There will be 50 hunt permits available for each Bahia Grande firearm hunt.

For additional information and copies of this and other hunt pamphlets, please contact or visit:

Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge
22817 Ocelot Road
Los Fresnos, Texas 78566

956-244-2019 or 956-748-3607 x105

www.fws.gov/refuge/laguna_atascosa/hunts

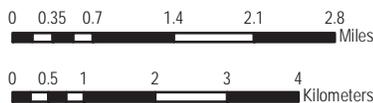
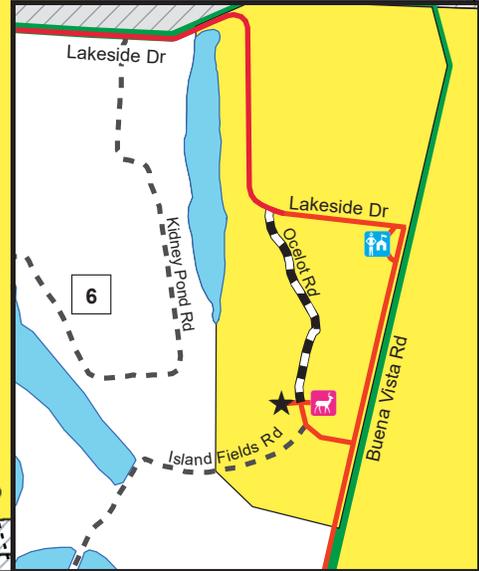
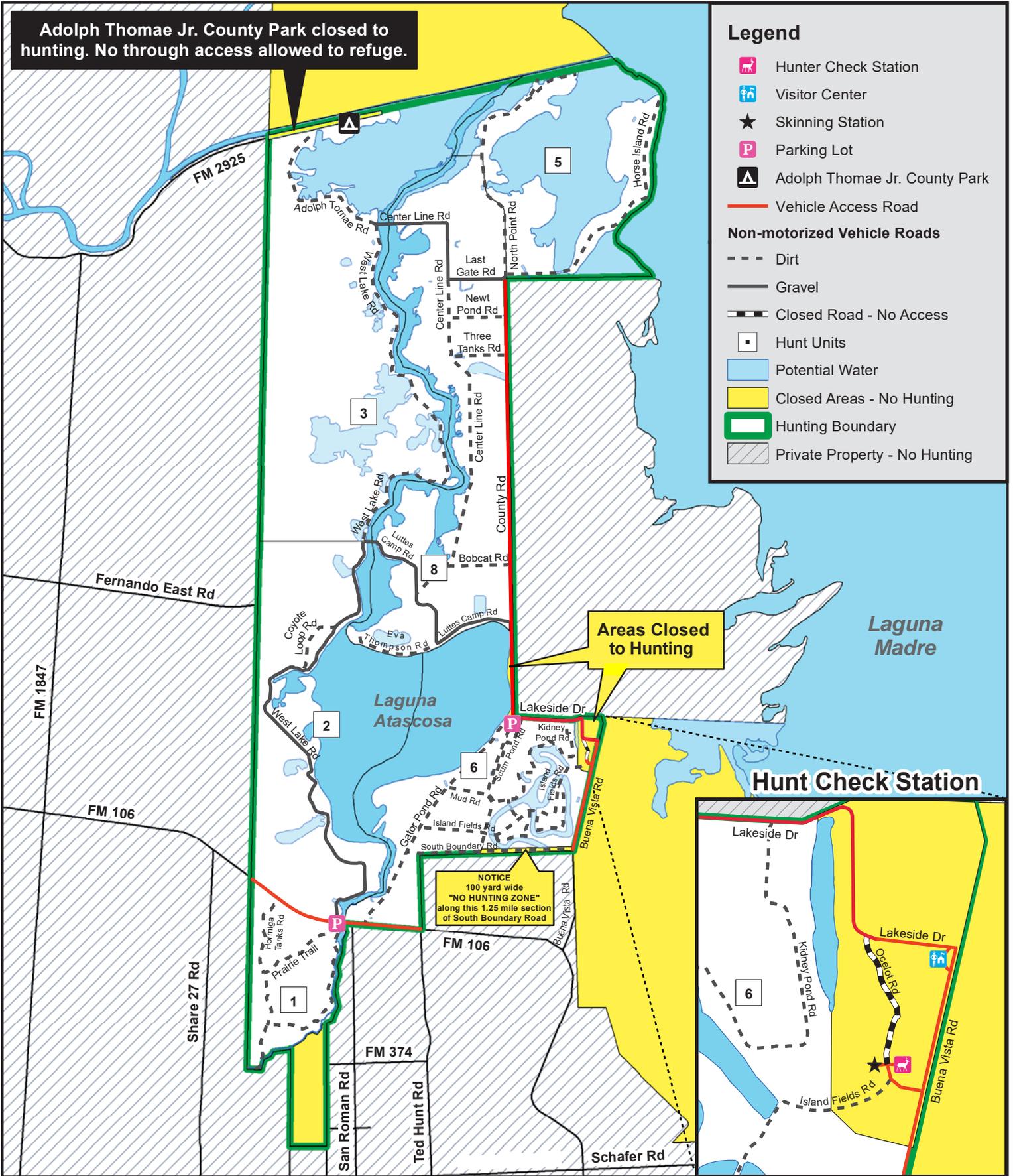
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Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park closed to hunting. No through access allowed to refuge.

Legend

- Hunter Check Station
 - Visitor Center
 - Skinning Station
 - Parking Lot
 - Adolph Thomae Jr. County Park
 - Vehicle Access Road
- Non-motorized Vehicle Roads**
- Dirt
 - Gravel
 - Closed Road - No Access
 - Hunt Units
 - Potential Water
 - Closed Areas - No Hunting
 - Hunting Boundary
 - Private Property - No Hunting





2020 - 2021 Laguna Unit Archery Hunt Map

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