

Bonnet Carré Spillway

Hunting Regulations

Hunting is permitted on the Bonnet Carré Spillway Project in accordance with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers policy, the Federal Code of Regulations, the state of Louisiana game laws and St. Charles Parish ordinances.

State of Louisiana

1. Hunters are required to have a valid Louisiana hunting license in their possession.

St. Charles Parish

1. St. Charles Parish ordinances prohibit bodily possession of, or discharge of, any rifle, pistol or weapon discharging ball ammunition within the boundaries of the Bonnet Carré Spillway Project. Ball ammunition is defined as a **single** lead and/or metal projectile, including all rifles, muzzleloaders, shotgun slugs, BB guns, and pellet rifles.
2. Parish ordinances also prohibit the bodily possession of a loaded shotgun or the discharge of any shotgun within 800 feet of the Bonnet Carré Spillway levees from the Mississippi River to Lake Pontchartrain, U.S. Hwy 61 (Airline Highway), and SC - 12 (Spillway Road).
3. The spillway is closed to public use from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. daily, with the exception of campers and those who are launching boats at the front or the rear boat ramps. Camping is allowed in the parish recreation pavilion area only. A camping permit is required. Call the St. Charles Recreation Department at 985-783-5090 Monday – Friday for a free permit.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

1. ATV Areas 1 and 2 are closed to hunting.
2. Skeet shooting is not allowed under any circumstances.
3. Target practice is not allowed under any circumstances.
4. Buckshot is allowed during open deer season.

Please refer to the [full text](#) of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations - [Part 327](#)- Rules & Regulations governing public use of water resources development projects administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Visitors are encouraged to become familiar with these rules governing the use of the spillway. Violators may be subject to a citation and/or an appearance before a federal magistrate. Copies are posted at all recognized spillway entrances or may be obtained at the spillway office located on River Road in Norco, by calling 504-764-0126, or logging on to www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/.

Remember - Safety First.