

U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
2023-2024 SEASON DATES

Old River Control and Lock Areas  
All hunting shall be still-hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

DEER SEASON	Archery	October 1 – January 31, Either Sex
	Shotgun	November 24-26, Either Sex December 23-31, Bucks Only
	Youth Hunt, Shotgun 17 years & under	October 28-29, Either Sex
	Black Powder	December 9-10, Either Sex
SMALL GAME, MIGRATORY BIRDS AND WATERFOWL	Squirrel, Rabbit and Woodcock Still Hunt	Same as outside.
	Squirrel and Rabbit Hunting with Dogs	November 29 – December 10, and January 1– February 29
	Woodcock Hunting with Dogs	January 3– 31
	Turkey	Closed
	Raccoon ( nighttime)	November 27– December 8 and January 1– February 29
	Hogs, Coyotes, Armadillos, Beavers Properly Licensed Hunters Only	May be taken incidental to any hunt with gear legal for that hunt.

The Old River Control and Lock Areas is 2,700 acres within Pointe Coupee, West Feliciana, and Concordia Parishes, and owned by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Additional permit required and posted restrictions apply for all persons

regardless of age. Permit must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. For more information, visit the project website at: [mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/OldRiverControl.aspx](http://mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/OldRiverControl.aspx) or contact Old River Project Office at 225-492-2169.

CONTACT INFORMATION

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:**  
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2084 Louisiana Highway 1  
Batchelor, Louisiana 70715  
Project Office: 225-492-2169

**Project Web Site:**  
[www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Old-River-Control/](http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Old-River-Control/)

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**Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries:**  
Information Hotline: 800-256-2749  
Operation Game Thief: 800-442-2511  
[www.wlf.louisiana.gov](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov) (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

**Concordia Sheriff Office:** 318-336-5231  
**Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff Office:** 225-694-3737  
**West Feliciana Parish Sheriff:** 225-784-3136

**Emergencies:**  
911



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# Kellers Lake

OLD RIVER HUNTING & TRAIL GUIDE 2023-2024

## 2023-2024 HUNTING PERMIT

I have read, and understand the regulations governing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Old River Control access areas. I hereby forever release and hold harmless the United States of America from all liability due to death, injury, or damages arising from the exercise of this hunting permit and will indemnify and save harmless the United States of America from any and all costs, damages, settlements, or judgments arising from death, injury or damage to persons or property arising from the exercise of this hunting permit.

SIGNATURE (PERMITS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE) — VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED  
THIS SERVES AS YOUR ANNUAL PERMIT



# Welcome TO KELLERS LAKE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District welcomes you to the Kellers Lake Area located at the Old River Lock just north of Lettsworth, Louisiana. The Old River Lock is an important navigation project that opened for business in 1963 at a cost of \$15 million. The lock is 75 feet wide, 1,185 feet long and can handle



vessel draft depths of 11 feet. The lock is the southernmost component of the Old River Control Complex and maintains navigation between the Mississippi River to the east and the Atchafalaya and Red Rivers to the west. Other features of the Old River Control Complex, designed to keep the Mississippi River in its current course, are located several miles north of the lock along LA Highway 15.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manages approx. 2,700 acres of fee-owned lands and waters and the public is allowed access as long as their activities do not interfere with the operation of the project. These public lands and waters provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking, camping and wildlife watching. The lock area contains two boat launching sites and a primitive campground, managed entirely by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A Park Ranger is on-site to provide visitor assistance and manage the project's natural resources.

It is your responsibility to know the hunting seasons and regulations. Please read through this hunting

pamphlet prior to hunting for your safety and the safety of the other project visitors. Project boundaries are marked with yellow paint and yellow carsonite posts.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

Hunting regulations are designed to protect visitors as well as ensure continued wildlife populations. The regulations below govern hunting on Old River project lands and water, under the authority vested by Code of Federal Regulations Title 36 part 327.

Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State & Federal regulations subject to the following conditions.

### Permits

A 2020-2021 Old River Hunting Permit is required for all persons regardless of age. Permits must be signed prior to hunting any game and must be carried at all times while in the field. Your hunting permit acknowledges your understanding of these regulations. The cut-out on the cover of this brochure is your annual permit. All persons 16 years or older are required to have a photo identification while in the field.

### Louisiana Black Bear

The Louisiana Black Bear is a protected species. They are not common on the project, but it is possible to encounter one. Please do not feed or disturb them. Bears will usually notice humans and move out of our path long before they are seen. Persons afield should use cau-



tion, not fear, when dealing with bears. Black bears seldom attack people unless provoked. Hogs and Bears can look alike. Know your target.

### Hiking Kellers Lake Trails

Old River project lands offer a great opportunity to view scenic areas of hardwood forests, cypress swamps and bayous. The area's forested wetlands and shallow lakes

provide excellent feeding and resting areas for wading birds like herons, egrets, and waterfowl, such as mallards and wood ducks. Numerous species of reptiles and amphibians can also be found in abundance.

To ensure your enjoyment and safety, please observe posted rules and regulations when using our trails. Visitors should take safety precautions, stay alert to other activities in the area, and keep an eye out for natural hazards along the trails, such as wildlife, logs, stumps, and rocks. There is no drinking water along the trails, so bring water with you. Always make sure that someone knows where you are in case you need any assistance.

Please remember that Kellers Lake is a popular hunting area. For your safety take a moment to familiarize yourself with our hunting season dates. Hikers are encouraged to wear hunter's safety orange during all hunting seasons.

### Camping at Old River Lock

A primitive campground is provided for project visitors on the north side of the lock in a designated 15-acre area. No water or electricity is provided; vault restrooms



and trash receptacles are provided. A permit is not required however, camping is limited to 14 days during any 30-consecutive-day period.

## POSTED RESTRICTIONS

All Corps property is managed in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, under the authority vested by Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 327. Other applicable regulations include Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations.

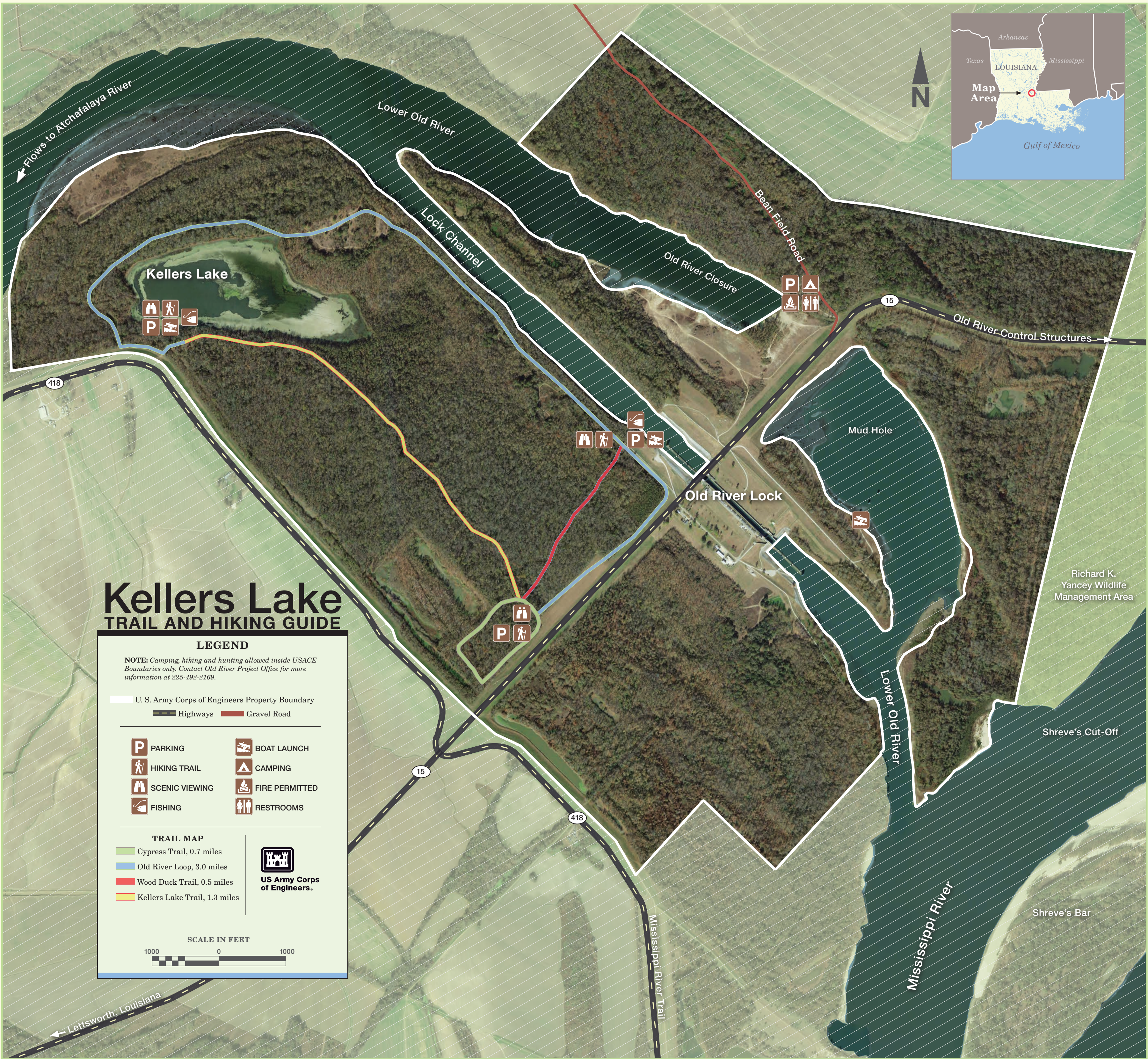
ALL LOUISIANA STATE and FEDERAL HUNTING LAWS APPLY. In addition, the following posted restrictions will be enforced on Corps property:

1. Deer season shall be restricted to Archery, Black powder firearms, and Shotgun hunting ONLY.
2. All hunters must have in their possession a picture ID, a valid State Hunting License and a signed Corps of Engineers hunting permit.
3. All deer hunting shall be STILL HUNTING ONLY. Moving deer or hogs on Corps property with organized drivers and standers, or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles or boats.
4. Use of DOGS is RESTRICTED during the deer season, except for duck hunting. Raccoon, rabbit and squirrel hunting with dogs are permitted after deer season, unless otherwise specified.
5. Baiting or hunting over bait for any species is prohibited.
6. The use and/or possession of center-fire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire are prohibited.
7. Firearms must be unloaded at all times while in the designated camping areas and while traveling within the area by motor vehicle, ATV, horse, bicycle, and while in a vessel under mechanical power. Firearms may not be carried in any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas.
8. The possession of loaded weapons and the discharging of firearms are prohibited within 100 feet of designated roads, levees, and parking areas.
9. Target shooting, skeet shooting, and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited.
10. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds are prohibited. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural material or having a frame, which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing, or other materials may be used but must be removed from Corps land within two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. Any permanent stand or permanent blind located on Corps property will be removed and destroyed by Corps personnel.

11. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are prohibited.
12. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.
13. All decoys must be removed daily.
14. Saving or reserving hunting locations on the property is prohibited.
15. Hunting from utility poles, high tension wires, levees and public roads are prohibited.
16. The use and/or possession of trail markers (paint, flagging, bright eyes, etc.) are prohibited.
17. The use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages are prohibited while in possession of a firearm.
18. Disorderly conduct or hunting under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals, and other similar substances is prohibited.
19. During open gun season for deer and while hunting rabbits with dogs, all persons in possession of firearms (including archers and small game hunters) must display a total of 400 square inches of "hunters orange" and wear a "hunters orange" cap.
20. Taking of outlaw quadrupeds and birds (coyotes, feral hogs, armadillos, crows, blackbirds, starlings and beavers) is allowed incidental to any hunt with gear legal for that hunt..
21. During the Black Powder season you may only use black powder weapons or archery equipment. Black powder weapons must use black powder or approved substitute only. All must be loaded from the muzzle.
22. The hunting of waterfowl after 2 pm is prohibited.







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## TRAIL AND HIKING GUIDE

### LEGEND

**NOTE:** Camping, hiking and hunting allowed inside USACE Boundaries only. Contact Old River Project Office for more information at 225-492-2169.

- U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Property Boundary
- Highways
- Gravel Road

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| PARKING        | BOAT LAUNCH    |
| HIKING TRAIL   | CAMPING        |
| SCENIC VIEWING | FIRE PERMITTED |
| FISHING        | RESTROOMS      |

### TRAIL MAP

- Cypress Trail, 0.7 miles
- Old River Loop, 3.0 miles
- Wood Duck Trail, 0.5 miles
- Kellers Lake Trail, 1.3 miles



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### SCALE IN FEET

