THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED AT THE BONNET CARRÉ SPILLWAY:

- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while in motor vehicles or in possession of firearms
- Camping/overnight parking (except in designated St. Charles Parish camping areas in accordance with approved permit)
- Overnight mooring of houseboats
- Use of airboats
- Target practice and skeet shooting
- Spot-lighting
- Climbing trees to hunt
- Using a tree that has existing nails, spikes or paint
- Spot-lighting
- Target practice and skeet shooting
- Hunting waterfowl after 12 p.m. (noon) prohibited during shotgun deer season, use of dogs allowed for waterfowl hunting only
- Wildlife harvest data are vital to the successful management of wildlife resources. Complete and accurate harvest information will aid in future management decisions. In order to provide harvest data please contact the Spillway Project Office. Volunteers are needed on the project. If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by or contact the Spillway Project Office for more information.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages arising from the exercise of this hunting permit.
- Hunters participating in the harvest of wildlife have great responsibility in maintaining the population for future hunting.

ADDITIONAL PERMIT REQUIRED AND POSTED RESTRICTIONS APPLY 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. For permits or more information, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the project website at www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/BonnetCarreSpillway.aspx. Contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District for more information.

YOUTHS

Youths participating in youth hunts must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during these special hunts.

BONNET CARRÉ SPILLWAY HUNTING PERMIT

This pamphlet supersedes MVN Pam 303-1-28, dated 2017-2018.
GENERAL REGULATIONS

Hunting regulations are designed to protect visitors as well as ensure continued wildlife populations. The regulations below govern hunting on Bonnet Carré Spillway, under the authority vested by Code of Federal Regulations Title 36 part 327. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations subject to the following conditions.

Permits

A 2020-2021 Bonnet Carré Spillway 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 area 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.

Firearms

St. Charles Parish ordinances prohibit bodily possession 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. 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 St. Charles Parish Highway 12 (Spillway Road).

The possession of firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons are prohibited except during designated area hunts. Hunters must have firearms unloaded at all times while traveling within the area by motor vehicle, ATV, horse, bicycle and in a vessel under mechanical power. Loaded weapons are not allowed within 100 feet of designated ATV trails, foot trails, and roads; or within 100 yards of designated parking areas. Loaded is defined as shells or cartridges in the gun’s chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms or crossbows cocked and in the ready position, or caps on muzzleloaders.

Motorized vehicles and All Terrain Vehicles

All motorized vehicles, including automobiles, ATVs and motorcycles are restricted to designated roads and trails. ATVs must be operated under a valid permit from Spillway Office, be brought in to the area by vehicle or trailer, off loaded in parking areas and may only be operated on designated trails. Vehicles must park in designated parking areas. Blocking gates or roads with a vehicle or ATV is prohibited. ATVs are not allowed off designated trails, NO EXCEPTIONS! Designated trails are open from 5:00 a.m. until two hours after sunset.

SPECIFIC HUNTING REGULATIONS

State bag limits apply unless otherwise specified. The only open seasons are those listed in this brochure. Hunting is permitted except in designated closed areas as indicated on the area map. All hunting shall be still-hunting, except as otherwise specified. Migratory bird and waterfowl hunting some as outside seasons. Shotgun use only. Hunting waterfowl after 12 p.m. (noon) prohibited. During shotgun deer season, use of dogs allowed for waterfowl hunting only. Archery season is either-sex except during bucks-only seasons. All users EXCEPT waterfowl hunters must display a total of 400 square inches of “Hunter Orange” and wear a “Hunter Orange” cap during the open gun hunts for deer. Hunter orange must be worn the entire time while in the field. All persons afield during all other hunting seasons are encouraged to wear “Hunter Orange.” Deer hunters hunting from concealed ground blinds are still required to wear 400 square inches of “Hunter Orange” and wear a “Hunter Orange” cap. They must also display a minimum of 400 square inches of “Hunter Orange” above or around their blinds which is visible from 360 degrees.

Beaver, hogs, nutria, armadillos, and coyote may be taken incidental to any area hunt with weapons legal for that hunt. Deer dogs and hog dogs prohibited year round. Waterfowl hunting after 12 p.m. prohibited. Only portable stands and blinds may be used. Deer stands and blinds must be removed from the property at the end of each day.