

Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) 2023 – 2024 Hunting Dates

General

- Bag Limit: 1 deer per day up to the statewide seasonal limit.
- All deer hunting on KNF lands is still hunting only.
- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) tagging requirements apply.
- LDWF Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Regulations for hunter orange and blaze pink apply.
- LDWF Youth Only Deer Hunt regulations apply for all KNF lands except that archery and open season small game hunting is allowed (Excluding Fort Johnson-Vernon WMA).
- See the 2023 – 24 Louisiana Hunting Regulations pamphlet for additional information.

Deer Archery:

- Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Johnson-Vernon WMA)
 - Sept. 16 – Jan. 15
- Catahoula Ranger District (Grant & Rapides Parish), Winn Ranger District (Winn, Grant & Natchitoches Parish), Kisatchie Ranger District (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish) and the Caney Ranger District (Webster & Claiborne Parish)
 - Oct. 1 – Jan. 31 (including the Catahoula & Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves (NWMP))

Deer Firearms:

- Catahoula Ranger District (Grant & Rapides Parish), Winn Ranger District (Winn, Grant & Natchitoches Parish), Kisatchie Ranger District (Natchitoches Parish), Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Rapides Parish) and the Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District (Vernon Parish, excluding Fort Johnson-Vernon WMA)
 - *Youth Only*, either-sex: Oct. 14 – 20, still hunting only
 - Primitive Firearms, either-sex: Oct. 21 – 22 and Dec. 30 – 31, still hunting only
 - Firearms, either sex: Oct. 28 – 29 & Nov. 24, still hunting only
 - Firearms, bucks only: Nov. 4 – 23, Nov. 25 – 26, and Dec. 9 – 24, still hunting only
- Caney Ranger District (Webster & Claiborne Parish) Same as Area 2 regulations including *Youth Only* Hunt and Primitive Firearms, either-sex, except still hunt only

Other Species:

- Rabbit, Squirrel, Quail, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl (see LA Hunting Regulations for additional waterfowl information for Caney RD): Same dates and bag limits as outside
 - EXCEPT, NO spring squirrel season on the KNF
 - EXCEPT, All waterfowl hunting ceases at 2 p.m.
- *Youth Only* Squirrel: Sept. 23 – 24
- Feral Hogs, Coyotes, Armadillos & Beavers: May be taken during daylight hours on any KNF hunt by properly licensed hunters with the weapon legal for that hunt.
- Fox (chase only), Raccoons, & Opossum: Oct. 1 – Feb. 29 (See LA. Trapping Regulations for additional info. on trapping)
- Crows: Sept. 1 – Jan. 1
- Turkey: Caney Ranger District: April 6 – 21. All remaining KNF lands (includes NWMPs): April 6 – 28.
 - Youth Only: March 29 – 31 on all Ranger Districts (except Vernon Unit lands within Fort Johnson-Vernon WMA).

Catahoula & Red Dirt NWMP see Season Permit for additional information:

- *Deer Youth Only*, either-sex: Oct. 14 – 20, still hunting only
- Deer Physically Challenged, either-sex: Oct. 14 – 15, still hunting only
- Deer Primitive Firearms, either-sex: Oct. 21 – 22, still hunting only
- Deer Firearms, either-sex: Oct. 28 – 29 & Nov. 24, still hunting only
- Deer Firearms, bucks only: Nov. 25 – 26, still hunting only
- Squirrel/Rabbit (with dogs) & Raccoon (nighttime with dogs): Jan. 6 – Feb. 29, Quail (with dogs): Nov. 18 – Feb. 29
 - Hunting these animals is closed during deer gun hunts on NWMP
 - Youth Only Squirrel: Sept. 23 – 24
- Self-clearing Daily Permit required on NWMP during deer gun hunts and turkey season.