

General Provisions

The Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 National Wildlife Refuges. The primary objective of a National Wildlife Refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations and the following special refuge regulations.

General Hunting Regulations

Public hunting of white-tailed deer, hog, turkey, quail, woodcock, mourning dove, raccoon, opossum and rabbit is permitted on all portions of the refuge as designated by the map on reverse.

All refuge hunts are open to disabled hunters. **Mobility impaired hunters are permitted to use an ATV for hunting big game (deer and turkey) in the designated mobility impaired hunt area (see hunting area map).** The area designated as the Mobility Impaired Hunt Area is open to all refuge hunters; however, only mobility impaired hunters are allowed to use ATVs in this area.

Hunters wishing to use an ATV must provide a copy of their State Disabled Hunting license or be confined to a wheel chair, need mechanical aids to walk, or have had complete single or double leg amputation. They must also present their state driver's license (or other form of photo identification). These documents must be presented at the refuge office no later than 10 calendar days prior to the first day of

the hunt period. A special permit will be issued to allow the use of an ATV in the designated area. No other use or operation of ATVs on the refuge is allowed.

All rules and regulations pertaining to standard vehicles will also be in effect for ATVs while they are in motion. Weapons must be unloaded and encased or dismantled while ATVs are in motion.

A special refuge permit is required for all hunts and is attached to this brochure, except the turkey hunt which requires a quota hunt permit. This permit must be carried at all times while hunting and is not valid until signed. Permits are non-transferable.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Use of flagging tape, reflective tape, paint, tacks, or other trail markers is prohibited. Painted clothes pins or clothes pins with reflective tacks attached may be used but must be removed at the end of the hunt.

Camping, overnight parking, open fires, and littering are prohibited.

The refuge is open for prehunt scouting year-round during daylight hours only. Hunter access roads will be opened the weekend before each deer hunt. Weapons and dogs are not allowed during scouting.

Dogs are permitted for bird hunting and for hunting raccoon and opossum at night only.

The use of ATVs on the refuge is prohibited except by mobility impaired hunters in the designated mobility impaired hunt area.

All vehicles must travel only on maintained refuge roads. Do not block roads or gates.

Loaded firearms are prohibited within 100 feet of maintained roads or within 500 feet of the paved visitors drive.

Firearms must be unloaded and cased or dismantled when being transported in a vehicle or ATV.

It is unlawful to insert a nail, screw, spike, or other metal object into a tree or to hunt from a tree into which such an object has been inserted.

Hunters may enter the refuge at 4:00 am and must leave the refuge no later than two hours after sunset. Gates will be locked on the last day of each hunt.

Distributing bait and hunting near baited areas are prohibited.

During the deer gun hunts, hunters are required to wear an outer garment above the waist which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange material at all times.

Man-driving is prohibited.

Hunters utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, vehicles and their contents by Refuge or State officers.

Hunter Education

Hunters under 16 years old must possess evidence of successful completion of a State-approved hunter education course. They must also be supervised by an adult at least 21 years of age and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult.

During Youth deer and turkey hunts, an adult may supervise only one youth at a time. Adults are prohibited from discharging firearms during the youth deer and turkey hunts. During small game hunts, an adult may supervise a maximum of two youth at a time.

The bag limit for **each hunt** is the State limit plus two antlerless deer and unlimited hogs.

Hunt Dates

Youth Deer Hunt

September 28, 2002. For 10-15 year olds only.

Archery

October 7-11, 2002. Bows and arrows only. Pods are not allowed.

Primitive Weapons

October 21-25, 2002. Bows and arrows and muzzleloading shotguns and rifle.

Modern Guns

November 7-8 and November 20-22, 2002. Weapons legally possessed are the same as those prescribed by the State of South Carolina.

All antlerless deer must be tagged prior to removal from the refuge. During hours when the check station is not manned, hunters may have antlerless deer tagged at the refuge headquarters. All deer and hogs killed during all hunts must be checked at a check station before they are removed from the refuge.

Deer must be field dressed prior to transportation in a vehicle or removed whole from the refuge. Waste must be disposed of in accordance with State law. Littering is prohibited.

Check Station #1 will be open only during modern gun hunts and during the youth deer hunt. During archery and primitive weapons hunts, antlered bucks and hogs may be self-checked at check station #1. Antlerless deer must be checked and tagged at the refuge office prior to removal from the refuge.

Quail

Season corresponds to the State season but hunting is allowed **only** on Wednesday and Friday of each week. **Mourning doves, woodcock, and rabbits** may be taken as incidental species when the State seasons coincide with the quail season. State bag limits apply. If sufficient doves are present, dove hunts will be conducted at designated fields on

Small Game Hunts

Turkey Quota Hunts

Spring Gobbler Season

Thursdays in September. Contact the refuge office in August for details.

Raccoon and Opossum

February 3-12, 2003. Night hunting only. Special State regulations on night hunting apply.

All small game hunters are required to complete the attached check sheet. Check sheets must be turned in daily at one of the check stations indicated on the map.

Applications for the Youth and General turkey hunt may be obtained by contacting the refuge office. Completed applications must be received by 4:00 pm on January 17, 2003. The drawing for 125 general season and 125 youth quota hunt permits will be January 31, 2003.

Duplicate applications or applications improperly filled out will be rejected.

All hunters successfully drawn for refuge quota hunts will be issued a notification card. They must return that card with a \$12.50 hunt permit fee by March 3, 2003 to receive their permit. Permits are **not** transferable.

General Turkey Hunt - April 7- 11, 2003

Youth Turkey Hunt - April 18 - 19, 2003

Species: Bearded turkeys only

Area: Special map of hunt area will be mailed with permit.

State regulations apply except for the following Special Regulations:

Bag Limit: 2 turkeys for the entire hunt.

Time: Hunts will end at 1:00 pm and all weapons must be unloaded and dismantled or cased after 1:00 pm.

Check Station: All turkeys harvested must be promptly taken to the refuge headquarters and checked.

For additional information

Contact refuge personnel at 843/335 8401 or write to:

Carolina Sandhills NWR
23734 Hwy. 1
McBee, SC 29101

Carolina Sandhills NWR Small Game Check

All hunters must provide the requested information for each day hunted and return this report to a check station or the refuge office.

Hunter information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date hunted: _____

No. in party: _____

Seen

Taken

Quail: _____

Mourning Dove: _____

Woodcock: _____

Rabbit: _____

Raccoon: _____

Opossum: _____

Other wildlife observations: _____

Comments: _____

Special Permits

Special Regulations

Scouting

Vehicles

Firearms

Hours of Entry

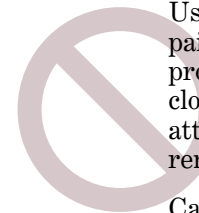
Baiting

Hunter Orange

Other Regulations

Youth Hunters

Bag Limits



Disabled Access

Carolina Sandhills

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations and Permit 2002-2003



**Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge
General Hunt Permit 2002-2003**

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Signed _____
(Cut out if desired)



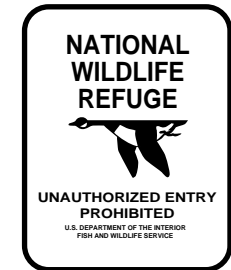
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Signs Protect Visitors and Resources

Millions of people visit national wildlife refuges each year. The impact of human activity, if not regulated, can degrade these wildlands. Signs control recreational activities while protecting natural resources on the refuge. Please respect the following signs.



This sign delineates the refuge boundary. Entry is permitted only for authorized uses (hunting, fishing, sightseeing, etc.) in accordance with refuge regulations.



This area is closed to all entry. No hunting fishing or sightseeing is permitted. No roads or trails are open to the public.



This area is closed to all hunting. Firearms and archery equipment are strictly prohibited (see map).

Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge

Legend

- Mobility Impaired Hunt Area
- Hunting allowed unless otherwise indicated
- Closed to all hunting
- Open to small game and turkey hunting only
- Private Property
- Refuge Headquarters
- Check Station #1
- Entrance Points
- Refuge Boundary
- Paved Roads
- Unpaved Roads
- Major Highways
- Small Game Drop Box

