

**Application for Permission to Hunt
Migratory Birds on Assawoman
and Metompkin Island Divisions
Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge**

Please print clearly

Name: _____
Street: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Please check one or both for type of hunting:

- Waterfowl
- Rail

Waterfowl

Date(s) of hunt: _____

Rail

Date(s) of hunt: _____

Permission is granted to the above named applicant to hunt waterfowl and/or rail on Assawoman and Metompkin Island Divisions as indicated above.

Refuge Manager

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge
P.O. Box 62
Chincoteague, VA 23336-0062
Telephone: 757/336 6122
<http://chinco.fws.gov>

Hearing impaired visitors may call the Virginia Relay Service at 1 800/828 1120 TDD/1 800/828 1140 voice.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
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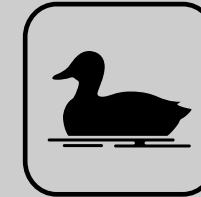
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Chincoteague

*National Wildlife
Refuge*

*Migratory Bird
Hunting*



**Assawoman and
Metompkin Island Divisions**

General Provisions

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. Assawoman Island and the northern end of Metompkin Island are divisions of the refuge. Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1943 to provide habitat and protection for migratory birds. The refuge mission has expanded to include protection of endangered and threatened species; as well as stewardship of native wildlife. Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge provides environmental education and wildlife compatible recreation to all visitors.

General Hunting Regulations

Season: *Virginia Waterfowl and Rail Seasons*

- Each member of the general public wishing to hunt on the Assawoman Island Division or the Metompkin Island Division must obtain written permission.
- Hunters may apply for permission by completing the attached application. Applications can not be submitted more than ten days prior to the requested hunt date. Applications may be mailed or dropped off at the refuge administration building Monday through Friday (except holidays) 8 am to 4 pm. Applications may also be taken over the telephone or in person at the refuge administrative office. A maximum of 15 hunters will be allowed per day. Permission will be granted on a first come basis.
- Each person is required to possess their written permission while in the hunt areas.
- Hunters **must report** waterfowl take, or non-take, as part of their permit requirements. Hunters must return these report forms no later than 15 days after each of their permitted hunt periods expire.
- All federal and state waterfowl hunting regulations apply.
- Waterfowl hunting is permitted only on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays during the Virginia waterfowl season.
- Rail hunting is permitted during the Virginia season.
- License and permits: As required by the Commonwealth of Virginia and Special Regulations.
- Age: As required by Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Allowable equipment: Dogs, boats, and all sporting arms

that are legal for migratory waterfowl hunting or rail hunting in the Commonwealth of Virginia are permitted.

- Nontoxic shot is required for waterfowl and rail hunting. The possession of shot other than non-toxic shot is prohibited when hunting waterfowl and rail.
- Obey all posted closures; inquire at the refuge for information.
- Open fires are prohibited.
- Sanitary waste disposal units will not be provided.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

