

Harris Neck

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2000



2000 Harris Neck NWR Bow Hunt Permit

When signed and in your possession, this brochure serves as your Harris Neck bow hunt permit, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Signature _____

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:

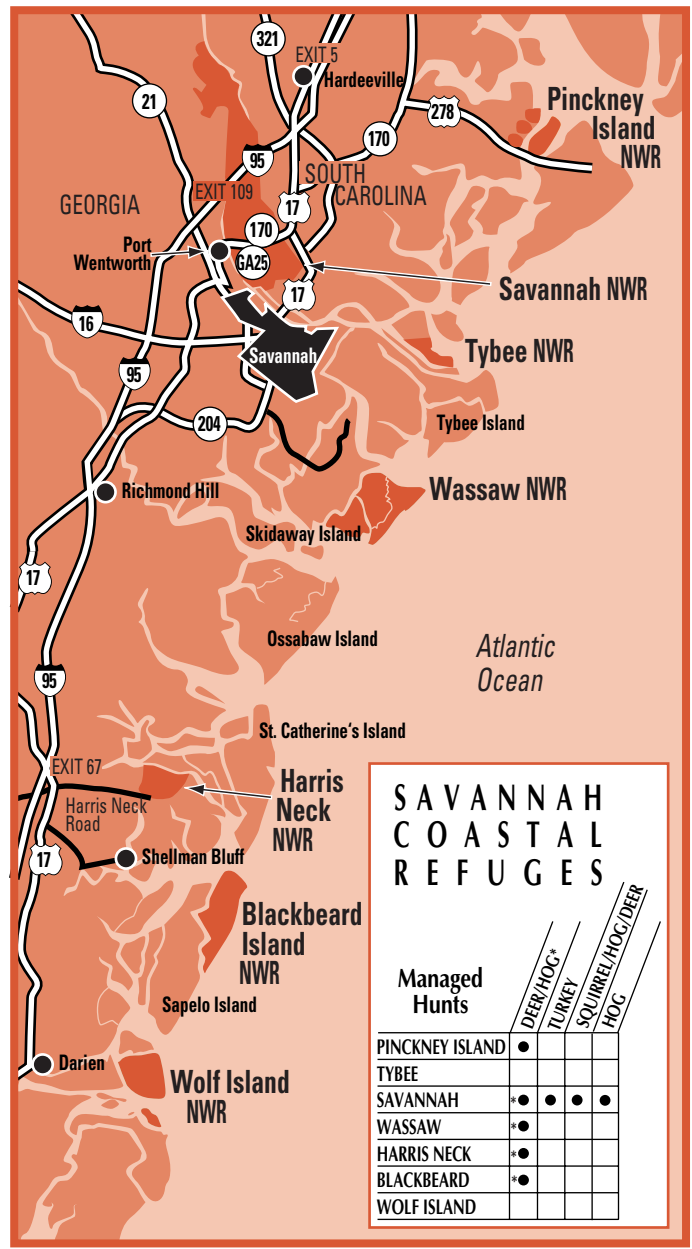
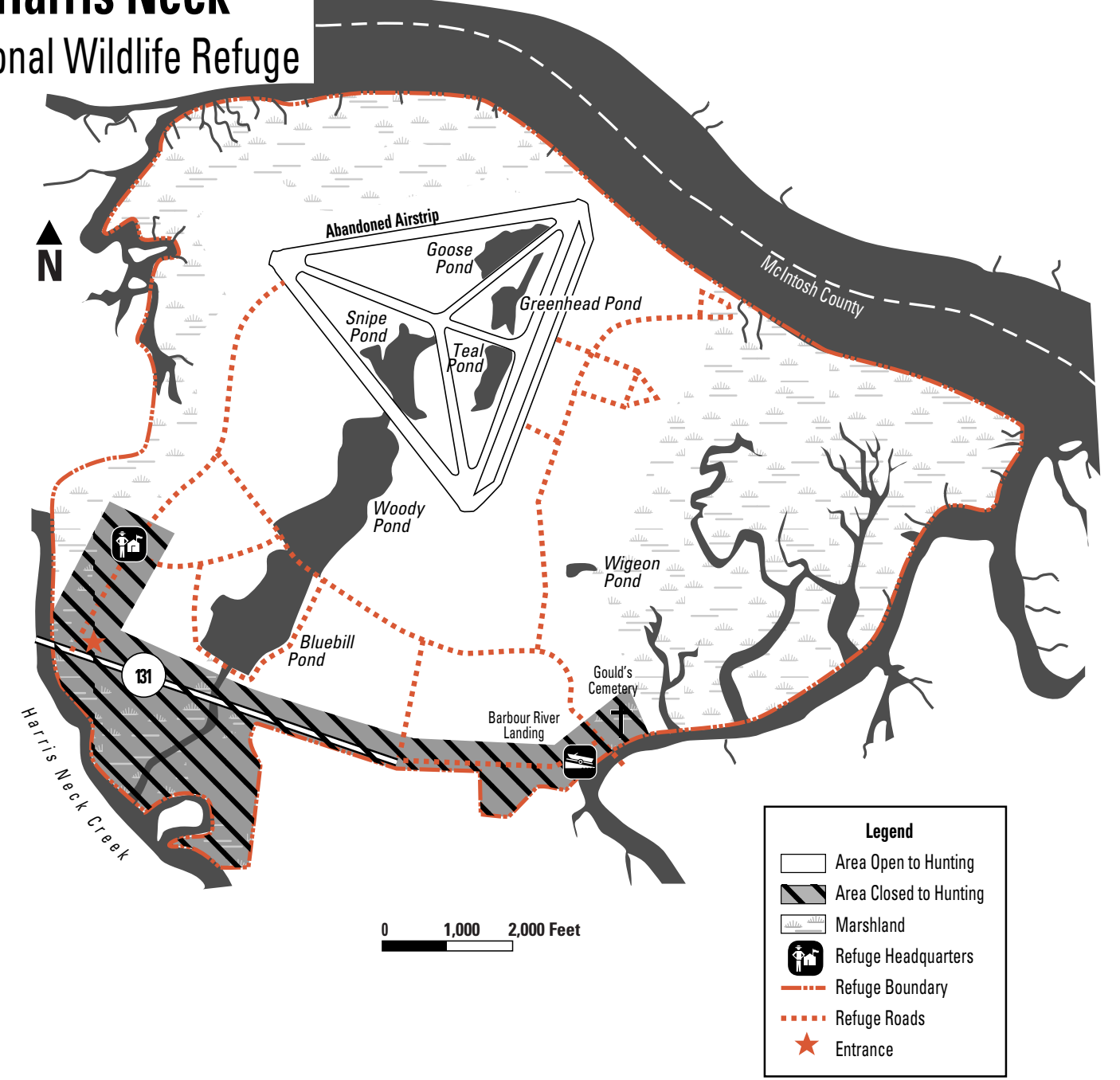


This sign delineates the refuge boundary or a restricted access area. You may enter only on designated access routes. Consult manager for restrictions.



This area is closed to all entry. No hunting or sight-seeing is permitted. Roads and trails within this area are closed to the public.

Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge



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Harris Neck 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 protect the use of a valuable renewable resource.

Public hunting on Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on approximately 2,400 acres. Certain areas (marked on the map printed on the reverse side) are closed to hunting.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on the wildlife areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable state (Georgia) regulations.

Federal permits are required for all hunts and must be carried on the person while hunting. All hunters must obtain a permit regardless of age. Permits are non-transferable. Only hunt participants with proper licenses and permits will be allowed on the refuge during the hunt. **A Georgia hunting license is required to hunt feral hogs.**

Hunters 15 years of age or under (youth hunters) must have successfully passed a state-approved hunter education course in order to participate in any refuge hunt. Satisfactory completion of the course must be demonstrated by a card or certificate. Youth hunters must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. During

refuge hunts, the adult may supervise only one youth.

Personal identification (driver's license, or official state identification card) will be required at check-in.

Hunters may place their stands on the refuge prior to the opening day of each hunt. However, hunters assume all responsibility for the loss or damage of personal property left on the refuge. Stands must be removed by the end of each hunt.

No flagging, blazing, or trail marking devices may be used to locate stands, or for any other purpose.

Deer harvested during scheduled hunts must be checked by refuge personnel before leaving the refuge.

Hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been screwed or driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

The distribution of bait, and hunting over bait, is prohibited.

Participating in "man-drives" for deer is prohibited.

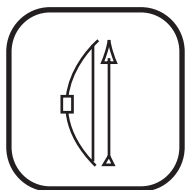
Only white-tailed deer and feral hogs may be taken and other wildlife may not be molested in any manner.

From one-half hour before legal sunrise until 9:00 am and from two hours before sunset until legal sunset hunters must be on their stands.

The possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

All forms of litter should be placed in trash receptacles for proper disposal.

Bow Hunt



Hunting will not be permitted closer than 100 yards of State Highway 131, the refuge entrance drive, refuge headquarters, Barbour River Landing, Barbour River Road and Gould's Cemetery.

Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge will be closed to the general public on all hunt days.

Bow hunting for deer and feral hogs will be permitted from September 21—23, 2000, in all areas designated on the map in this brochure.

Bow hunters must enter the refuge between 5:00 am and 6:00 am to hunt during the morning stand hours. From 9:00 am until 4:00 pm hunters will be allowed to enter and exit through the entrance gate only. After 4:00 pm no one will be permitted to enter the refuge.

Vehicles are restricted to the designated auto tour route. Two-way traffic will be permitted.

A total of three deer, either sex, may be taken during this hunt (bonus tags will be issued for all deer taken). No limit on hogs.

Only bows in accordance with state regulations will be authorized. **No crossbows will be allowed.**

The possession or use of poison or poison pods is illegal.

Archery hunters are encouraged to wear a fluorescent orange outer garment while hunting on the ground or walking to and from stands.

Gun Hunt



Gun hunting for deer on Harris Neck NWR will be permitted on November 18, 2000 within the area indicated on the attached refuge map.

Gun hunters must check-in at the refuge headquarters between 4:00 and 5:00 am and park in the designated areas prior to hunting. Entry by boat is prohibited.

Transportation is not provided to, from, or on the refuge. Any movement within the refuge must be by foot or bicycle. Entry and exit points for motor vehicles are limited to check stations or other specified areas.

Three deer, either sex, may be taken (bonus tags will be issued for all deer taken).

Feral hogs (no bag limit) may also be taken with weapons legal for this hunt.

Shotguns, 20 gauge or larger, with slugs are the only weapons permitted.

Firearms must be unloaded and cased except during hunting periods.

Target practice is prohibited.

Gun hunters must wear an outer garment which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter-orange material above the waist.

The attached permit (on cover) to participate in the bow hunt is validated when signed. An unlimited number of permits will be available for the bow hunt.

Hunters who participate in the bow hunt may also participate in the gun hunt.

The attached permit-application for the Harris Neck NWR gun hunt should be used by one hunter only. To apply as a party, applications for

all party hunters (a maximum of three) should be stapled together and mailed to: Savannah Coastal Refuges 1000 Business Center Drive Parkway Business Center, Suite 10 Savannah, Georgia 31405

Additional applications may be obtained by mail, or picked up at the Coastal Refuges office located in the Parkway Business Center (off I-16 at Chatham Parkway, Savannah, Georgia).

Only one application may be submitted per hunter. Applications must be received by August 31 to be entered in the drawing; 100 permits will be issued for the gun hunt.

Hunters selected by drawing on September 1, 2000 will be notified by mail. A \$12.50 permit fee must be paid by each hunter selected by drawing. A personal check, cashier's check, or money order made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must be **received** at the Coastal office by November 10 to guarantee issuance of a hunt permit.

Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge Permit Application for the November 18, 2000 Gun Hunt

Print: _____

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone number _____

Applications for party hunters (maximum of three) must be stapled together. List your party hunters:

1. _____

2. _____