

## Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

**Only the following may be hunted:**

- Quail
- Mourning Doves
- Tundra Swans
- Raccoon
- Ducks
- Opossum
- Deer
- Rabbit
- Wood Cock
- Squirrel
- Rails
- Snow Geese
- Snipe
- Fox

**The Pungo Unit will be closed to all hunting except for limited deer hunts. New Lake is closed to all hunting.**

Except for Pungo Unit, State seasons and bag limits apply.

## Regulations

The refuge is open daylight hours only. Hunter access is allowed from 1 1/2 hours before until 1 1/2 hours after legal shooting hours on hunt days. Daylight use only on non-hunt days.

Night hunting for raccoon and opossum will be by special use permit only.

Firearms are prohibited except for refuge hunting activities.

**During refuge hunts all weapons in vehicles and on ATV's must be unloaded.**

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

Shotguns, muzzle-loaders, and bow and arrows only, except small game may be hunted with 22 calibre rim-fire rifles.

Vehicular access is restricted to designated areas; no off road vehicular use is allowed.

The use of artificial lights (including vehicle headlights) to locate, observe or take wildlife is prohibited.

The taking or possession of bear or any parts thereof is prohibited.

The distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait are prohibited.

The use of dogs to run deer, bear or fox is prohibited. The use of dogs is restricted to retriever type dogs only (pointers, setters, beagles) for birds and small game in season only. Dog hunters are prohibited from possessing buckshot or slugs.

Camping, open fires, and littering are prohibited. **Dispose all trash properly.**

**In addition to use for any waterfowl hunting, only non-toxic shot may be used for migratory game birds and upland game on refuge lands west of Evans Road.**

**Stopping, parking, or leaving any vehicle upon any road, trail, path or in front of a gate so as to obstruct their use by other vehicles is prohibited.**

The construction and/or use of permanent blinds, platforms, and/or ladders is prohibited. Blinds and stands must be removed from the refuge after each day's hunt with the exception of the permitted 2-day Pungo Hunt.

The use of nails, wire, screws (including lag- screw type steps) or bolts to attach a stand to a tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

**Any person participating in a deer or small game hunt with a firearm must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange-colored material above the waist.**

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

Commercial guiding is by special use permit only.

Youth hunters (ages 15 and under) must have successfully passed a State-approved hunter education course and must carry proof of certification. Youth hunters must be directly supervised by an adult (21 years or over). For small game hunts, an adult may supervise up to two youth hunters; for big game, an adult may supervise only one youth hunter.

Disturbing, injuring or destroying plants is prohibited.

In addition to these, all State and County regulations and Title 50 of the **Code of Federal Regulations** apply.

## Pungo Unit Hunt - Seasons

### Archery:

State season plus November 1-30 (except closed October 4-31 and December 1-31).

**Shotgun and Primitive Weapons**  
September 29-30, October 5-6, 12-13, 20-21, 27-28 (either sex).

State bag limits apply.

Modern rifles and pistols prohibited.

Permits required for either-sex gun hunts.

Dogs prohibited.

No off-road travel is permitted on hunt days except by persons with a permit for that day.

For permit hunts, all deer must be checked out at the Pungo headquarters before removal from the refuge.

Hunter access is allowed from one hour before until one hour after legal shooting hours.

Stands may be erected one day prior to the 2 day Pungo gun hunts and must be removed the last day of each 2 day hunt.

Permits are required for the Pungo Unit Gun Hunt **Only**. Permits will be issued for two days and are limited to one per person. Two hundred (200) permits per hunt will be issued as a result of a public drawing to be held on August 21 at 1:00 pm in the Pocosin Lakes refuge office in Creswell, NC.

**Applications for a gun permit must be obtained from refuge office. Application forms may be picked up or requested by phone or mail. Applications must be completely filled out.**

Send application to:  
Pocosin Lakes NWR  
3255 Shore Drive  
Creswell, NC 27928

Phone inquiries: 252/797 4431

**Up to five people may apply as a party by enclosing all applications (attached together) in one envelope marked "Party Hunt". Applications must be received in the refuge office by the drawing time. Duplicate applications will not be accepted.**

Selected applicants will be notified by mail. No check-in required on Hunt days.

If you have any question as to the advisability or legality of any activity, consult the refuge manager before participating in that activity.

Hunting opportunities for individuals with disabilities are available on Pocosin Lakes NWR. Persons with disabilities may contact the refuge office prior to their arrival if special arrangements are needed. Proof of handicap status is required.

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**For additional information, write or call:**

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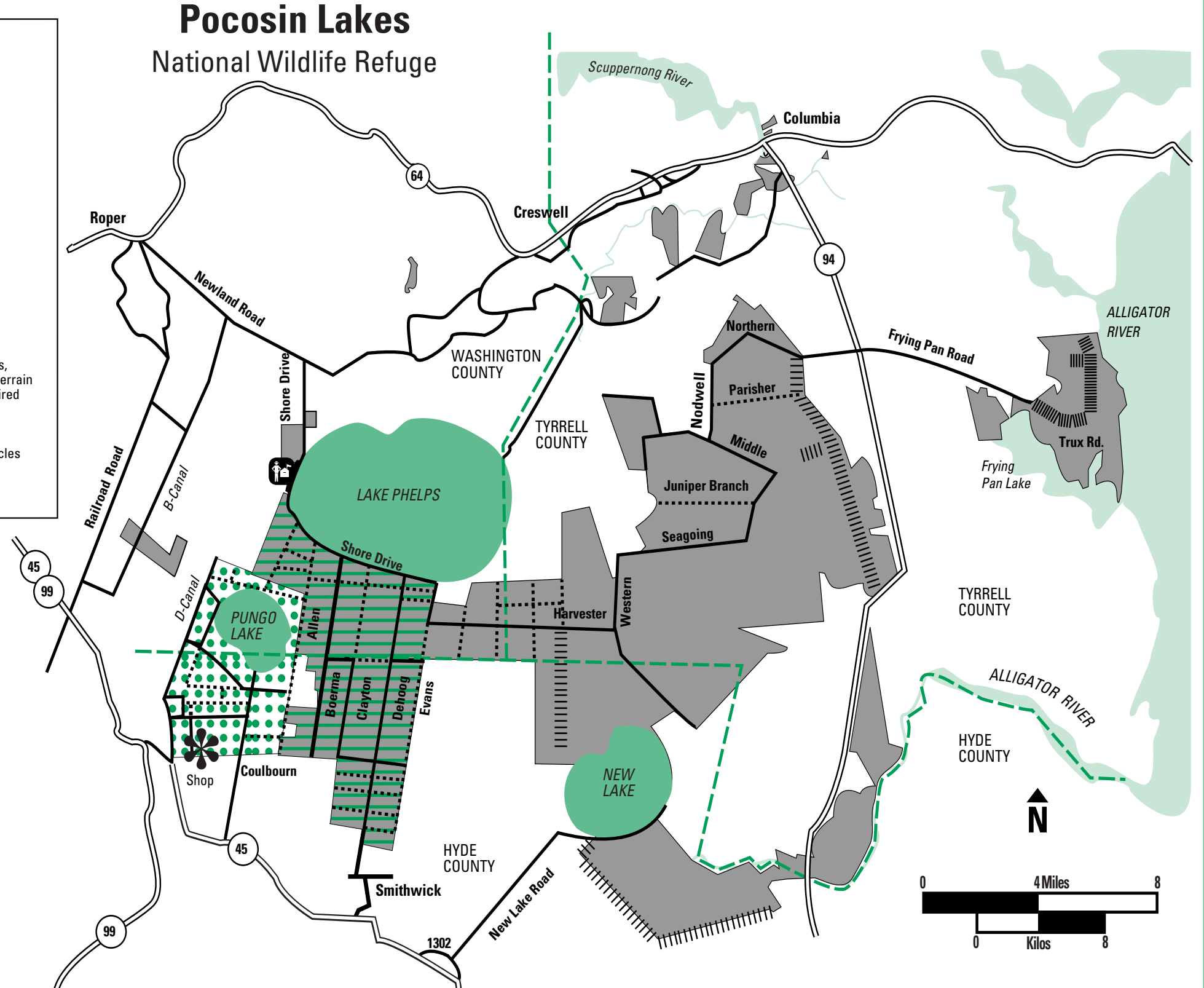
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Hunting Regulations  
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**Legend**

- Refuge office
- Hunting allowed  
State seasons and bag limits
- Pungo Unit
- Hunting allowed State seasons and bag limits, Non-toxic Shot Zone  
Migratory Game Birds and Upland Game
- Area closed to all hunting
- Roads open to licensed vehicles
- Roads closed to vehicles, except 3-4 wheeled all-terrain cycles, license not required
- County lines
- Roads closed to all vehicles
- Pungo Check Station



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