

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge
Jasper Co., South Carolina, Effingham Co., Chatham Co., Georgia

Savannah 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 resource.

Public hunting on the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on approximately 19,000 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 wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State (Georgia and/or South Carolina) regulations. **All Coast Guard and State boating regulations will be enforced.**

General Hunting Regulations

Permits are required for all hunts and must be carried on the person while hunting. All hunters must obtain a permit (printed on the cover of this brochure) regardless of age. Permits are non-transferable. Only hunt participants with proper licenses and permits will be allowed on the refuge to hunt. A 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.

No check-in or checkout is required. Transportation is not provided to, from,

or on the refuge. Any movement within the refuge must be by foot, bicycle, or boat.

Hunters will not be permitted to enter the hunting area sooner than one hour before sunrise.

Hunting hours will be from one-half hour before legal sunrise to one-half hour after legal sunset.

Firearms must be unloaded and disassembled or cased while boats are in motion.

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

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

Handguns are prohibited.

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

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

Dogs will not be allowed on refuge hunts.

Camping is not permitted on the refuge.

The possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Only designated game species and feral hogs may be taken, and other wildlife may not be molested in any manner.

Hunting will not be permitted closer than 100 yards of S.C. Highway 170 or the refuge headquarters area; or railroad rights of way, nor within the areas marked as closed on the map printed in this brochure.

All persons within the hunt zone are required to wear an outer garment

which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter-orange material above the waist, except during the archery-only deer hunt and the turkey hunt.

Specific regulations governing the deer, turkey, and squirrel hunts are listed separately.

An unlimited number of permits will be available for all refuge hunts. Permits will be available beginning August 1 and throughout the hunt periods.

Deer/Hog Archery Hunt October 1-31, 2000

Archery hunting for deer and hogs on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge will be permitted from October 1–31, 2000, in all areas designated on the map printed in this brochure.

Only bows will be authorized for deer/hog hunting. Crossbows are not allowed.

Five deer (no more than three antlerless and two antlered) and feral hogs (no bag limit) may be taken. “Bonus” deer tags will not be issued for deer taken.

Doe days for refuge lands in Georgia will coincide with doe days set by the state for Effingham County only.

Does taken in South Carolina must be tagged with state doe tags before being removed from the refuge. South Carolina antlerless deer tags (\$5 each) may be purchased from any authorized state license agent.

Deer/Hog/Squirrel Gun Hunt November 1-30, 2000

Deer/hog/squirrel hunting on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge will be permitted on November 1–30, 2000 in all areas designated on the map printed in this brochure.

Five deer (no more than three antlerless and two antlered) may be taken. “Bonus” tags will not be issued for deer taken. Doe days for refuge lands in Georgia will coincide with doe days set by the state for Effingham County only.

Does taken in South Carolina must be tagged with state doe tags before being removed from the refuge. South Carolina antlerless deer tags (\$5 each) may be purchased from any authorized state license agent.

Georgia and/or South Carolina Game Zone 11 bag limits for squirrel will apply.

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

Only .22 caliber rimfire rifles or shotguns with #2 shot or smaller will be authorized for squirrel hunting.

Only shotguns with slugs and bows (crossbows prohibited), in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized for deer and hog hunting throughout the designated hunt area. However, high-powered rifles are permitted north of Interstate Highway 95 only.

Hog Hunt March 12-18, 2001

Hog hunting on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge will be permitted March 12-18, 2001 in all areas designated on the map printed in this brochure.

Only hogs (no bag limit) may be taken.

Only shotguns with slugs and bows, in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized during the March hog hunt.

Turkey Hunt April 14-29, 2001

Turkey hunting on the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge will be permitted April 14-29, 2001 in all areas designated on the map printed in this brochure.

Hunters may harvest three gobblers only.

Only shotguns with #2 shot or smaller, and bows in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized for turkey hunting.

Disabled Persons’ Deer Hunt October 19, 20, 2000



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Special Information

Boater Caution



Possession of slugs or buckshot is illegal during the turkey hunt.

A limited number of disabled hunters (permanently dependent on wheelchairs for mobility) will be permitted to hunt deer/hogs within a portion of the refuge on October 19 and 20, 2000. For information concerning this hunt, contact the refuge office before October 1.

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Portions of the refuge lying in both Georgia and South Carolina are open to hunting. Therefore, hunters should familiarize themselves with the area they wish to hunt and obtain the appropriate state license/licenses.

Boats are needed to hunt the Georgia portions of the refuge; some areas in South Carolina are accessible by foot. Motorized land vehicles may not be used.

Coastal waters are subject to extreme tidal fluctuations of six to ten feet. Hunters are urged to be familiar with tide tables, carry adequate safety equipment, and exercise caution when participating in hunts on the refuge.

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 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.

Fishing Regulations

Sport fishing on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on impounded waters, tidal creeks, and canals within the refuge boundaries. Sport fishing shall be in accordance with all applicable state regulations and subject to the following special conditions:

Bank fishing from the Laurel Hill Wildlife Drive is permitted year-round. Kingfisher Pond (located off US-17, one mile north of the refuge impoundments on SC-170) is open to fishing all year. For all other impounded waters, the fishing season extends from March 1 through November 30. A South Carolina fishing license is required to fish in any of these areas.

Only non-motorized boats and boats with electric motors are permitted on Kingfisher Pond and other impounded waters.

State licenses are required, but no special refuge permit is needed for sport fishing.

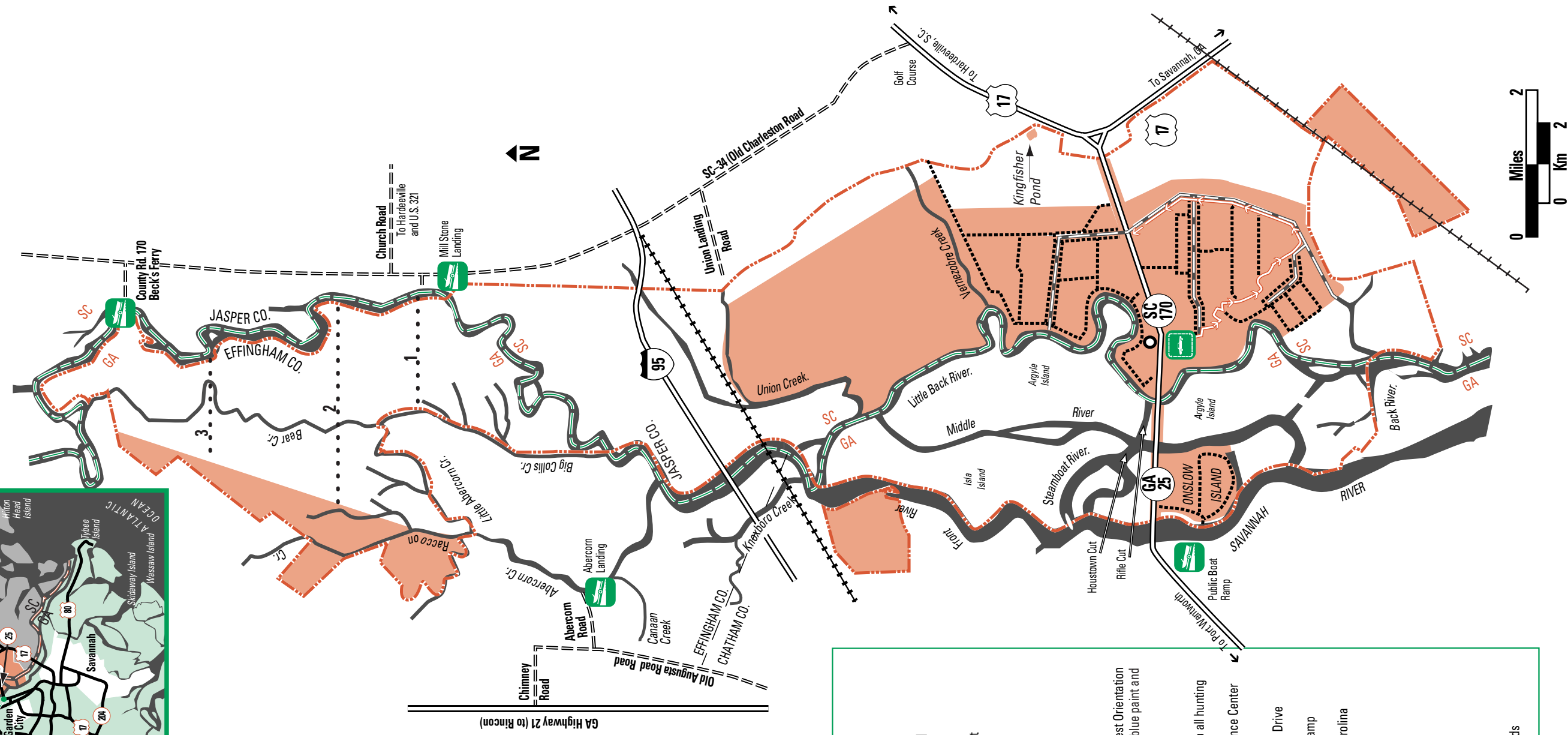
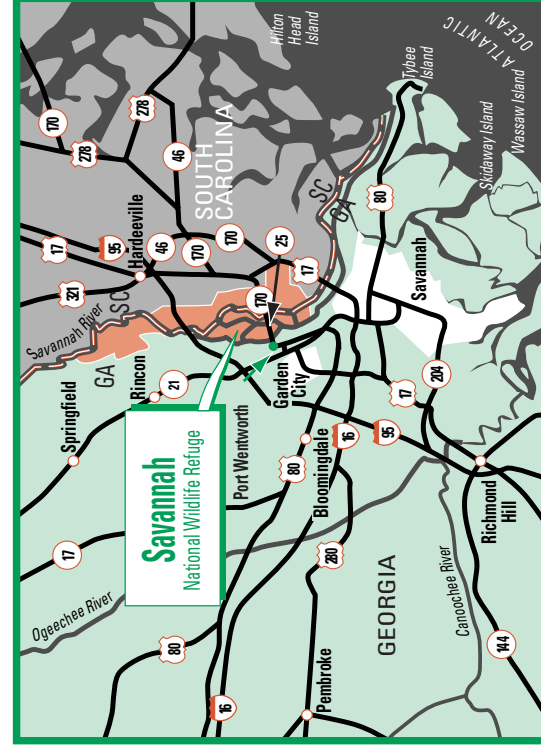
All areas posted with “Closed Area” signs are closed to all activities including fishing.

No one will be allowed on the refuge before sunrise and all persons must be off the refuge no later than one half hour after sunset.

Boats may not be left on the refuge overnight.

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Wildlife National Refuge



Legend

- Areas open to hunting unless otherwise posted
- Arched Deer/Hog Hunt
October 1-31, 2000
- Deer/Hog/Squirrel Gun Hunt
November 1-30, 2000
- Hog Hunt
March 12-18, 2001
- Turkey Hunt
April 14-29, 2001
- (1, 2, & 3) East/West Orientation Lines (trees marked with blue paint and reflectors)
- Areas closed to all hunting
- Refuge Maintenance Center
- 🚚 Laurel Hill Wildlife Drive
- 🚤 Boat Launching Ramp
- Georgia/South Carolina Boundary
- - - Refuge Boundary
- Diversion Canal
- ⋯ Dikes
- ⚓ Railroad
- - - - County/State Roads

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2000-2001 Savannah NWR Hunt Permit

When signed and in your possession, this brochure serves as your permit for Savannah NWR's 2000 season hunts (including the March 12-18, 2001 hog hunt and the April 14-29, 2001 turkey hunt), and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Signature _____

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 Hunting and Fishing
 Regulations 2000-2001*

