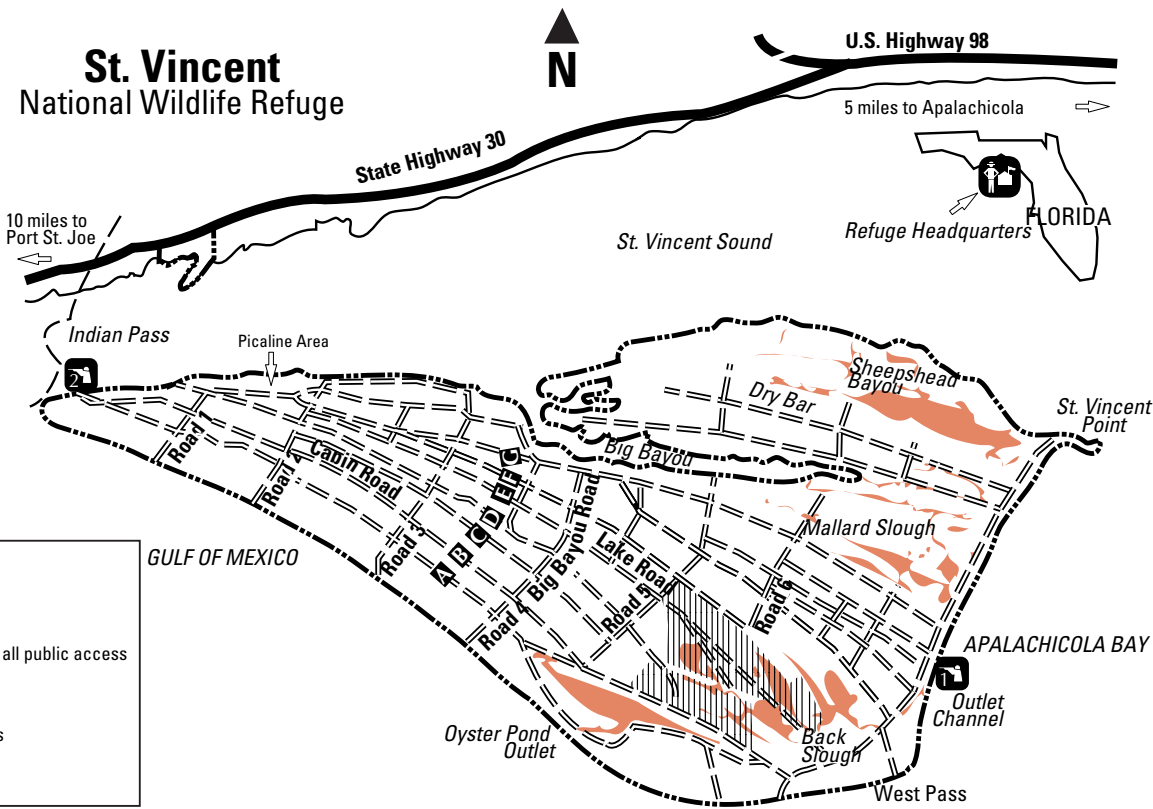


# St. Vincent

## National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2000-2001



- Sambar Deer Hunt (Primitive Weapons)**  
 Season: November 16-18, 2000 (until 3:00 pm each day)  
 Bag Limit: Two Sambar of either sex\*  
 Required Permits: State archery and/or muzzleloader permit
- White-Tailed Deer (Archery)**  
 Season: December 7-9, 2000  
 Bag Limit: One white-tailed deer either sex (no spotted fawns or spike bucks)\*  
 Required Permit: State archery permit for December 7-8, 2000
- White-Tailed Deer (Primitive Weapons)**  
 Season: January 4-6, 2001  
 Bag Limit: One white-tailed deer having one or more forked antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline with points greater than one inch in length\* †  
 Required Permit: No State permit

*If you have any questions, please contact the Refuge Manager at:*

- \* Note:**  
 Pigs may also be taken during all hunts.
- † Note:**  
 A limited number of hunter's choice permits for one deer (no spotted fawns or spike bucks) will be randomly substituted for buck only permits.
- Weapons:**  
 Per State regulations. Crossbows are prohibited.
- Harvest Quotas:**  
 Hunts may be terminated if harvest quotas are reached.
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This leaflet must be signed to be valid as the hunt permit. It must be carried by the hunter during the hunt.

I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations.

Permits are not transferable.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Permit# \_\_\_\_\_

## General Provisions

St. Vincent 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. Carefully managed hunts maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome 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, Part 32. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations.

## General Hunting Regulations

Public hunting of white-tailed deer, sambar deer, and feral (wild) pigs is permitted on 11,450 acres of St. Vincent Island. A map of the area open to hunting is found on the reverse side.

Use of St. Vincent Island is restricted during the three hunt periods (November 15-19, December 6-10, 2000 and January 3-7, 2001) to hunters only, who must possess a refuge hunt permit and valid hunting license.

Game harvested during scheduled hunts must be checked and tagged by refuge personnel before leaving the refuge.

Pets are not permitted on the refuge.

No motorized equipment, generators, or land vehicles (except bicycles) are allowed.

Littering and cutting of live trees is prohibited. Only dead and down wood may be cut.

It is unlawful to drive a nail, spike, or other metal object (including climbing

or screw-type) into any tree or to hunt from any tree in which a nail, spike or other metal object has been driven.

Only still and stalk hunting are permitted.

## Access and Camping

Only hunters with a St. Vincent refuge permit are allowed on St. Vincent Island during hunt periods. Entry onto St. Vincent Island is restricted to the Indian Pass and West Pass campsites. Entry during the sambar deer hunt is restricted to the eastern end of the island at the West Pass campsite.

Camping and fires are restricted to the two designated camping areas. Campsites are unimproved.

Hunters may set up camp beginning at daylight on November 15, December 6, and January 3 which are the days before the first hunting day of each hunt period.

Hunters must bring their own drinking water to the island; however, non-potable water will be available at the campsites for other uses.

Campers must remove all personal equipment from St. Vincent Island by 11:00 am the last day of the hunt period (Sunday).

## Permit Information

Permits are non-transferable and must be kept in the hunter's possession while hunting. Hunt participants are required to check in at the check stations.

Permits will be issued at the island access points beginning at 9:00 am (est) one day prior to the white-tailed deer hunts.

Sambar deer hunt special use permits (200) will be mailed to all successful applicants following a random drawing. To apply, a special application form, available at the refuge office, must be used.

Applicants can apply singly or as a group of five or less. Hunters drawn last year (1999) will not be eligible for this drawing and should not apply.

Senior citizens, youths, and disabled sportsmen must apply to be eligible for the sambar drawing.

Applications must be turned in at the refuge office or postmarked by July 20, 2000.

A computerized random drawing will be held at 11:00 am (EST) August 3, 2000.

Only successful applicants (those who have been drawn for the hunt) will be notified.

A fee system has been enacted for all quota hunts on national wildlife refuges. All successful applicants will be charged a \$15 non-refundable permit fee.

Youth hunters must be supervised by an adult at least 21 years of age, and must remain in sight and normal voice contact of the adult. Each adult may supervise only one youth.

Hunters who have a State disabled person hunting license, and are ambulatory, may contact the refuge office for assistance in getting to the hunt areas. No private motorized vehicles are allowed on the refuge.

A hunter safety orientation meeting will be conducted the first evening of each hunt period (5:00 pm. EST Wednesday). Non-movement stand hours for all hunts will be from one-half hour before sunrise until 9:00 am.

No discharging of weapons (including cap firing) in campgrounds.

Primitive Weapons Hunts (Sambar and white-tailed deer): All hunters, when outside the campsite area, must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of a solid, unbroken pattern of fluorescent orange-colored material visible above the waistline.

## Archery Hunt

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

## Signs Protect Visitors and Resources!

Millions of people visit national wildlife refuges every year. In order to both protect wildlands and wildlife and provide visitors with an enjoyable experience on refuges, certain regulations are necessary. Please respect the following signs and help us take care of your refuge.



This area closed to all public entry.



This sign delineates the refuge boundary.



This area closed to all public entry.



All equipment and garbage must be removed at the end of the hunt.

## Prohibited Activities

### General

### White-tailed Deer Hunts

### Sambar Deer Hunt

### Youth Hunters

### Disabled Sportsmen

### Safety

### Fluorescent Orange