



Hunting on the National Seashore



Background

Hunting has a long tradition along the coast. Beginning in the late 1800's, some visitors came because of the area's renowned waterfowl hunting opportunities. Congress established Cape Lookout National Seashore in 1966 to not only preserve a unique environment but to also provide outdoor recreational opportunities. This includes managing hunting activities in a way that is compatible with other recreational uses.

Regulations



National Park Service, Federal and North Carolina hunting regulations apply within the seashore and are enforced by U.S. Park Rangers as well as Federal and State Game Officers. Hunting dates, bag limits and huntable species are determined by the North Carolina Division of Wildlife regulations.

In addition to Federal and State regulations, park specific regulations (including those summarized below) are established for the safety of other visitors and to protect the park's cultural and natural resources.

The regulations are:

Closures-Hunting within 200 yards of any structure or campsite is prohibited. Hunting or possession of a loaded firearm is prohibited in the following closed areas (see map on back):

- Portsmouth Village
- Lighthouse Complex
- Former Coast Guard Station
- Concession Cabin Areas
- Harkers Island Visitor Center Site

Transporting Firearms-Firearms must be completely unloaded when being transported in any vehicle, vessel or other public conveyance.

Target Practice and/or sighting in of weapons is prohibited.

Dogs- When not actively engaged in legal hunting activities, all dogs must be under physical restraint. While hunting, maintain control of your dogs to prevent them from harrassing non-game wildlife. For your dogs safety, keep them away from horses on Shackledford Banks. Some ferries will carry dogs; check with the ferry service for their policy. Dogs are not permitted in concession cabins.

Hunting Blinds-Construction of *temporary* duck blinds is allowed under a park special use permit. Permitted blinds must be removed after March 31. Construction of *permanent* blinds is prohibited. For permit information, contact the park administrative office.

Information



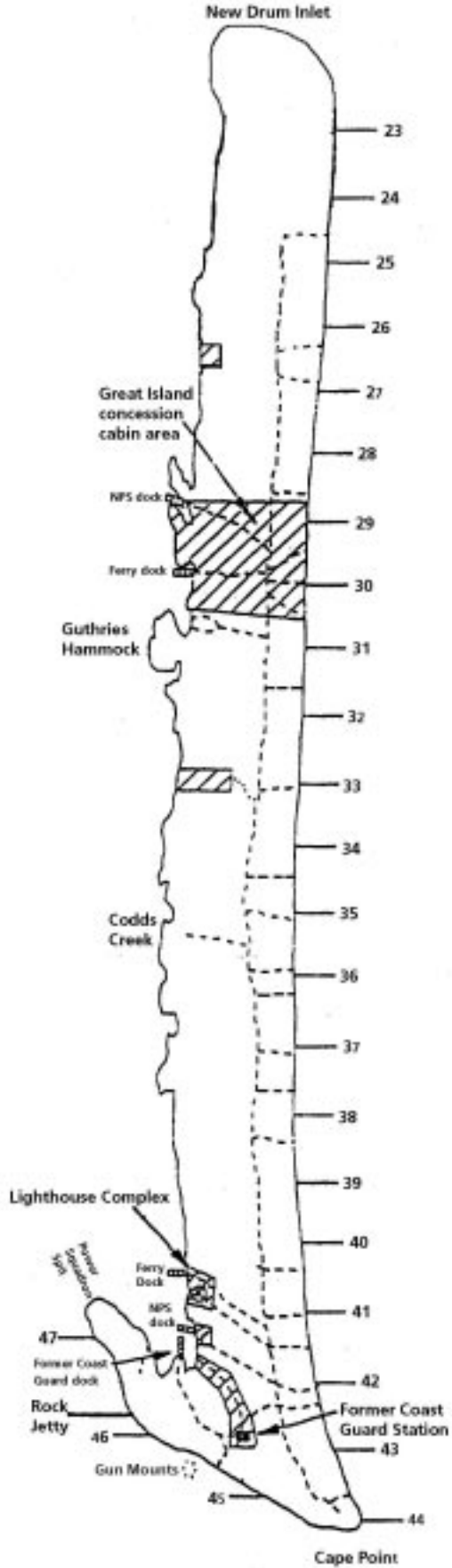
For more information on hunting regulations call or write:

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website: www.ncwildlife.org

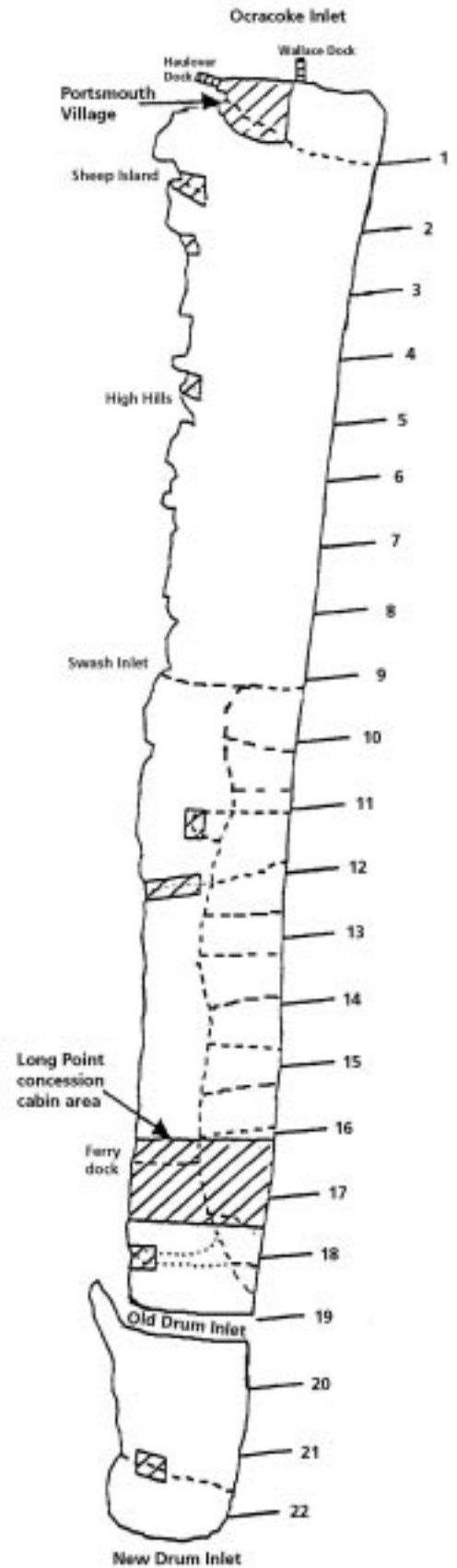
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Hunting Closures


South Core Banks



North Core Banks



Legend

- ORV Route
- ... Authorized Vehicles Only
- 1-47 Mile Markers
-  Areas Closed to Hunting