

Eastern Shore of Virginia

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting



Eastern Shore of Virginia NWR Hunting Permit

When signed, validated by a refuge official, and in your possession, this serves as your permit for all refuge hunts and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Signature of Hunter (permits are not transferable)

Refuge Official

Valid From: _____ To: _____

Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge
5003 Hallett Circle
Cape Charles, VA 23310

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300

General Provisions

Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge is one of 550 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wildlife-oriented recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

General Deer Hunt Regulations

All hunters must possess a refuge hunt permit. When signed, validated by a refuge official, and in your possession, the permit on the front cover of this brochure serves as a permit for the archery and shotgun deer hunts at the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge. Hunt dates, bag limits, fees, and check station hours are included with the permit application information sheet.

Refuge hunt permits may be purchased at the refuge office Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (excluding Federal holidays), from September 15, through the last day of the annual refuge hunt. Permits may also be purchased through the mail; please contact us for additional information. Checks or money orders must be payable to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Permits are nontransferable and permit money will not be refunded for any reason.

The regulations in this brochure supplement Virginia State hunting regulations and the general and refuge-specific hunting regulations set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. All Federal and State hunting regulations apply.

Hunting of white-tailed deer is permitted in designated hunt zones within the refuge. Shooting at wildlife other than white-tailed deer is prohibited.

Hunters will be selected by lottery each day of the hunt (lottery times are



included with the application information sheet). Hunters arriving after the lottery may hunt on a space available basis.

You must possess the required Virginia licenses (i.e., hunting, big game, archery and/or crossbow).

The minimum hunting age on the refuge is 12 years of age. Hunters ages 12 through 17 must be accompanied by and directly supervised (within sight and normal voice contact) by an adult age 18 or older. The supervising adult must also be engaged in hunting and possess and carry a State hunting license and refuge permit.

Apprentice hunters may hunt in accordance with Virginia State hunting regulations. The supervising mentor must also possess a refuge hunt permit.

A sign-in/sign-out sheet is located at the refuge deer check station. Each hunter must sign in before entering her/his hunt zone and sign out after she/he has finished hunting for the day.

Hunters are not permitted to switch zones during the day.

Hunt zone boundaries are delineated by white posts, signs, fences, and flagging. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the boundaries of her/his hunt zone.






Portable tree stands are permitted but must be removed at the end of each day. Safety straps are required when using tree stands. The use of nails, wire, screws 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.

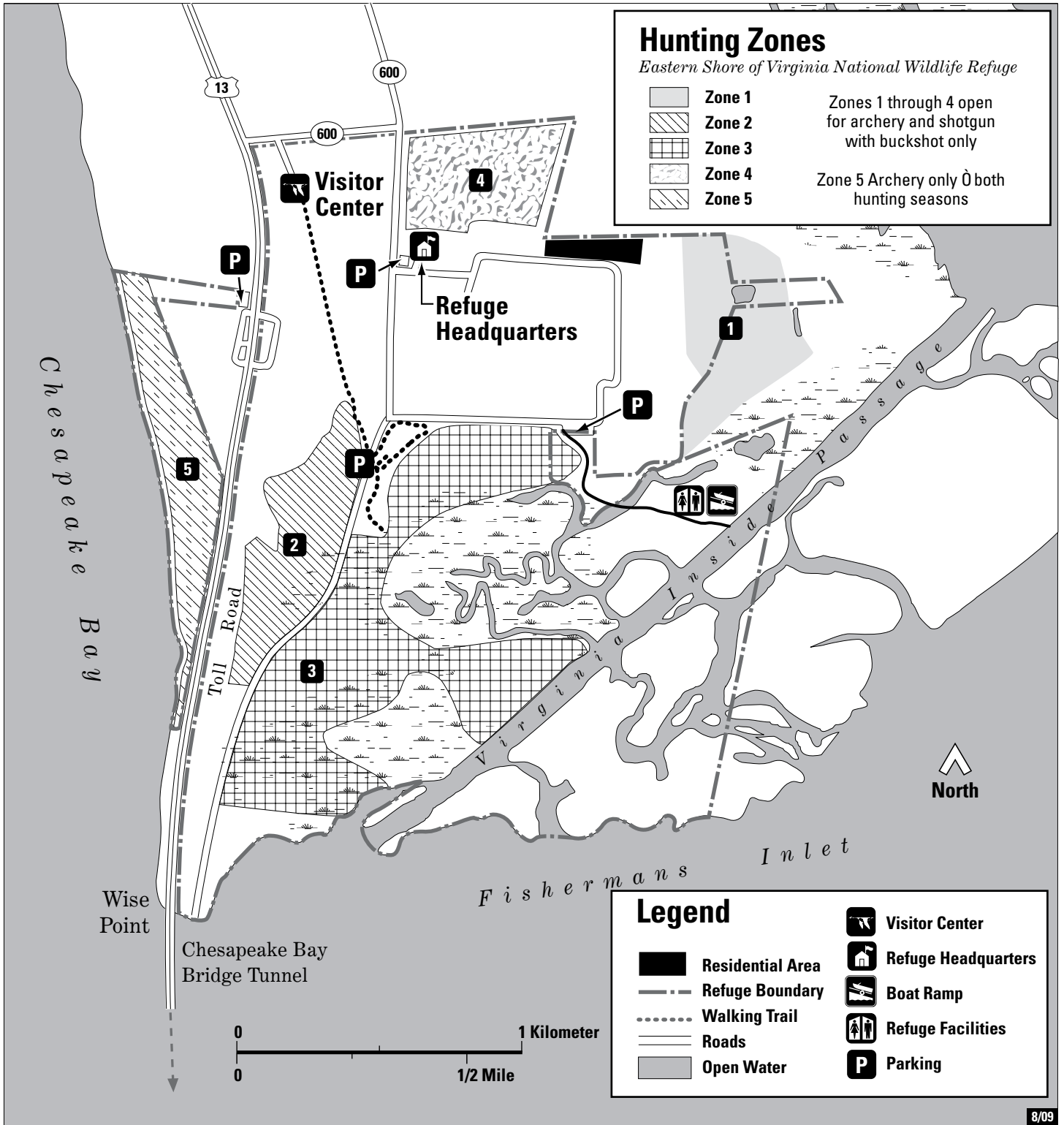
Hunters must make a reasonable effort to recover wounded deer and must notify refuge personnel if they have been unable to recover a deer.

All deer harvested must be brought to the refuge check station for inspection. Field dressing deer is only allowed in

Hunting Zones

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|  | Zone 1 | Zones 1 through 4 open for archery and shotgun with buckshot only |
|  | Zone 2 | |
|  | Zone 3 | |
|  | Zone 4 | |
|  | Zone 5 | Zone 5 Archery only ð both hunting seasons |



Legend

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|  | Residential Area |  | Visitor Center |
|  | Refuge Boundary |  | Refuge Headquarters |
|  | Walking Trail |  | Boat Ramp |
|  | Roads |  | Refuge Facilities |
|  | Open Water |  | Parking |

your hunt zone, away from roads and trails.

No "driving" of deer is allowed.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or narcotics is prohibited.

All commercial activities including guiding or participating in a guided hunt are prohibited.

Target shooting on the refuge is prohibited.

The possession or distribution of bait or hunting with the aid of bait, including any grain, salt, mineral, other feed, or non-naturally occurring attractant on the refuge is prohibited.

Cutting, removing or damaging trees and other live plant matter is prohibited.

Only biodegradable paper flagging or reflective tape/tacks may be possessed or used to mark trails.

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There are five zones open to archery hunting. Archery hunting is permitted in Zone 5 during the firearm hunt but you must comply with the firearm hunt regulations.

Noocked arrows are prohibited outside of the hunt zones.

Scouting (by foot only) will be allowed in the hunt zones from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM during the week (7 days) prior to the first day of the refuge archery season. Scouts must sign in and out at the check station.

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Hunters with Disabilities

Shotgun hunting is permitted in zones 1-4. Only archery hunting is permitted in Zone 5.

Shotguns must be 20 gauge or larger. Only buckshot is permitted.

During the firearm hunt, you must wear in a visible manner on the head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-colored blaze-orange clothing or material.

Scouting (by foot only) will be allowed from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM the day before each set of hunt dates. Scouts must sign in and out at the check station.

A disabled person, as described by the state motor vehicle code, may participate in either hunt. All hunt regulations apply except the disabled hunter may have one unarmed partner to assist.

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**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
<http://www.fws.gov>**

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1 800/344 WILD**

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Archery Hunt

Shotgun Hunt