

# News Release

## *Great Dismal Swamp*

## *National Wildlife Refuge*



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### **Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge Releases Details of Annual Deer Hunt Program**

**Suffolk, Virginia.** Details of the annual Deer Hunt were released today by Refuge Manager Chris Lowie. “Hunters should take a closer look at this year’s deer hunt schedule. Based upon hunter input, we have made changes to the hunting dates for the first time in many years. Changes have also been made to application deadlines and to available hunting areas.” reported Lowie.

This year’s deer hunt will be divided into an early season and a late season. Hunt dates will be October 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 and then November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22. Registration for the fall Deer Hunt will be from August 1 through September 15 for hunters desiring to hunt all dates. Registrations received from September 16 through October 15 will permit hunters to hunt the November dates only. The registration process for the Deer Hunt will remain as in previous years. Interested hunters are to mail the required permit fee and their full name (as it appears on their hunting license), complete address, and phone number to Great Dismal Swamp NWR, Attention Deer Hunt, 3100 Desert Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434. The cost of the refuge permit is \$15.00, payable to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. A scouting opportunity will take place on September 27 for hunters with a signed permit. The designated hunting areas will include the Jericho Lane, Railroad Ditch, and Corapeake Ditch entrances. For additional hunt information and a downloadable application form see [www.fws.gov/northeast/greatdismalswamp](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/greatdismalswamp).

The Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 refuges administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The refuge was established in 1974 to protect the unique swamp ecosystem and is one of the largest wildlife refuges on the east coast. Hunting is one of the priority public uses on national wildlife refuges, as affirmed in the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997.

For further information please contact the Refuge office at 757/986-3705 during business hours on Monday-Friday, from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.