

Presquile National Wildlife Refuge 2009 Refuge-Specific Hunting Permit Conditions

In addition to current Code of Virginia Big Game Hunting Regulations and Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, hunting of white-tailed deer in designated areas of the Refuge is subject to the following permit conditions. **APPLICANTS MUST SIGN BELOW AND RETURN WITH PERMIT FEE. NO PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED UNLESS A SIGNED COPY IS RECEIVED BY THE REFUGE OFFICE.** Any violation of the permit conditions may result in loss of hunting privileges. No refunds will be given.

- A state hunting license (includes apprentice license) and a Refuge permit are required. **THE LICENSE AND PERMIT MUST BE CARRIED ON YOUR PERSON AT ALL TIMES WHILE HUNTING ON THE REFUGE;**
- Hunters may only hunt on the dates designated on their permits. Permits are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for another date;
- Hunt permits are for take of white-tailed deer only, and only by the method of take specified on the permit (shotgun – no muzzleloaders);
- It is unlawful to discharge a weapon across or within 100 feet of any Refuge road (gravel, dirt, or mown path). All Refuge roads (gravel, dirt, or mown path) are shown on Refuge hunt map;
- No loaded weapons are permitted on or within 100 feet of roads, in vehicles, or in no-hunt zones. Unloaded means no shells in shotguns;
- It is unlawful to discharge a weapon within 300 feet of any building;
- A minimum of 400 square inches of solid blaze orange visible from 360 degrees must be worn by hunters on the Refuge;
- Daily flagging is permitted. Flagging must be removed at the end of each day. Flagging not removed will be considered litter and violators will be subject to prosecution.
- All slug shotgun hunting is to take place from a tree stand at least 10 feet above ground;
- Portable tree stands are the only type permitted on the Refuge and must be removed at the end of the day;
- To reduce potential for wildfire, smoking is prohibited;
- Hunting with dogs is prohibited;
- All accidents and injuries must be reported to the Refuge or Sheriff's office no more than 24 hrs after the incident. Hunting accidents resulting in serious injury must be reported immediately to the Sheriff's office;
- Use or possession of drugs or alcohol on the Refuge is prohibited;
- Still hunting only. The use of "Man Drives", defined as individual or group efforts intended to "push" or "jump" deer for the purposes of hunting, is prohibited;
- Bag limit is 2 deer per day, either sex. In the interest of more effectively thinning the herd, the Refuge encourages hunters to take an antlerless deer before taking an antlered deer;
- Hunters must be at least 18 years of age unless accompanied by a licensed parent, legal guardian, or an adult (designated by the parent or guardian) when hunting. Adult hunter must be in close verbal and visual contact with youth. Youth under the age of 12 may not hunt.
- All hunters must dock their boats at designated Refuge locations.

I confirm that I understand and will comply with the conditions stated above.

Name (Please Print)

Signature

Date

** Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Print)*

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

* NOTE: Both hunter and Parent/Legal Guardian must sign if hunter is a youth under the age of 18.