

Santee

National Wildlife Refuge
 Hunting Regulations and
 Permit 2009-2010



Santee NWR 2009-2010 Hunt Permit
 Valid for Big Game, Small Game & Migratory Birds

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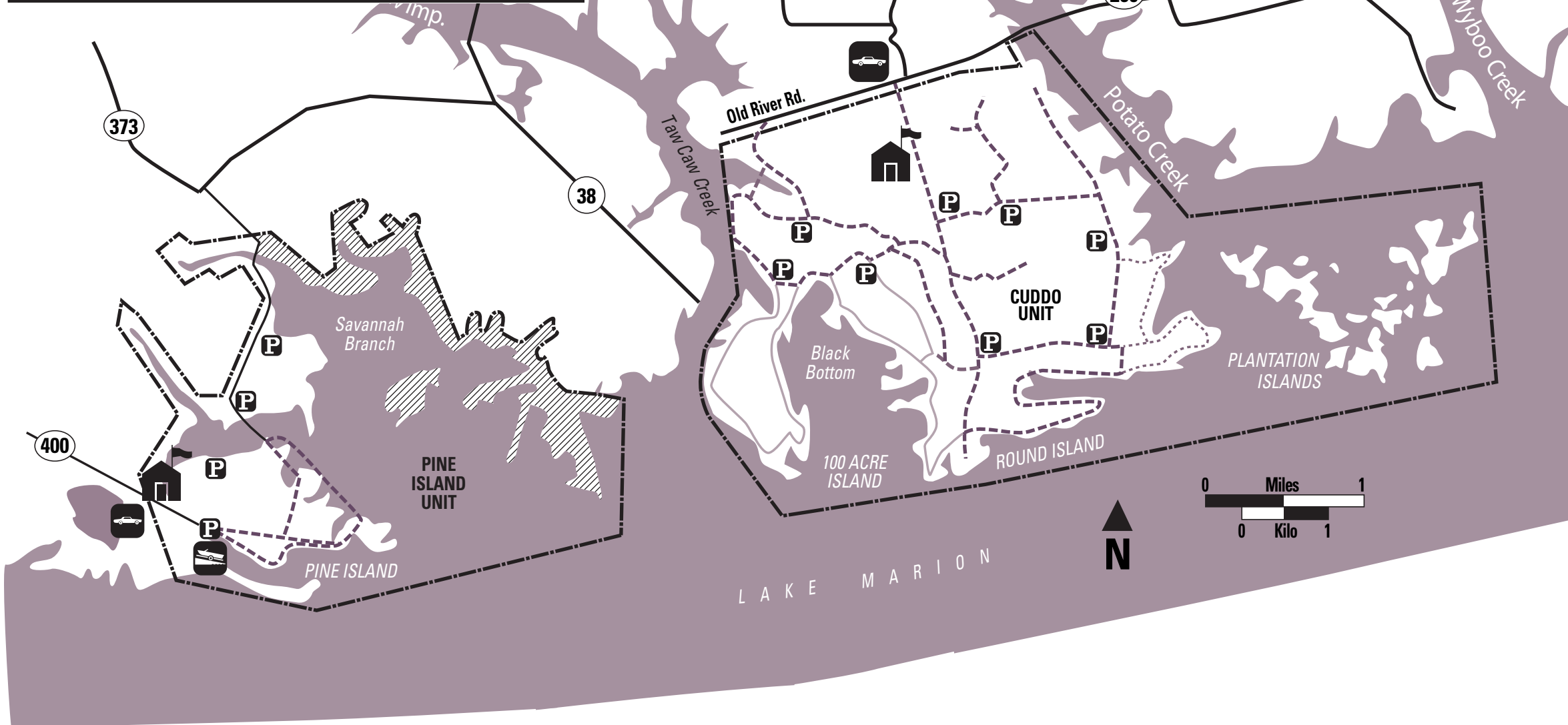
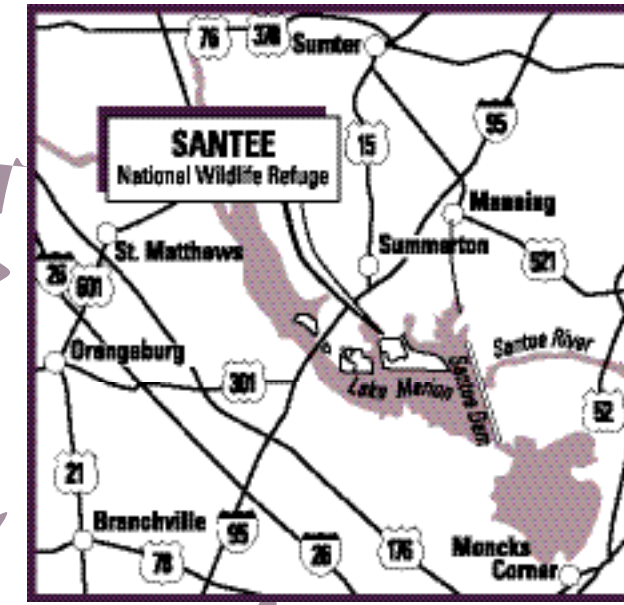
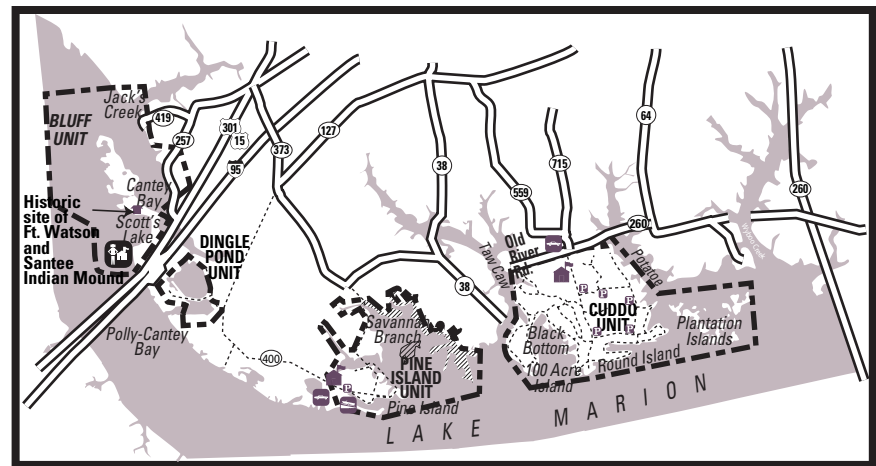
I have read and understand the regulations governing hunting on Santee NWR.

Hunter's signature: _____

This permit must be in your possession while hunting and is valid only when signed by the hunter. The permit is valid for the duration of the Santee hunt season.

Date signed: _____

Take pride in your refuge. Do not litter!



Santee
 National Wildlife Refuge
 Littering Is Prohibited By Law
 BLUFF, PINE ISLAND & CUDDO UNITS

Legend

- Refuge Boundary
- Paved Roads
- Unpaved Roads
- Vehicular access permitted
- Roads accessible only by foot or bicycle
- Designated Refuge Foot Trail
- Vehicle Entry Point
- Vehicle Parking Area
- Check Station
- Boat Ramp
- Visitor Center
- Area Closed to Hunting



Santee National Wildlife Refuge is one of 550 National Wildlife Refuges in the U.S. and its territories. The mission of this system is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the U.S. for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. Hunting is one of many necessary tools used to responsibly manage wildlife populations. Maintaining a balanced population by removing surplus animals ensures the overall health and viability of all wildlife populations that depend on the managed habitats that this refuge provides.

The list below supplements the general regulations that govern the legal use of NWR's and their hunting programs as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. In addition, hunting on Santee NWR will also follow applicable State laws and regulations.

General Hunting Regulations

The following regulations apply to all types of hunting on the refuge.

By law, recreational activities on National Wildlife Refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other recreational uses are permitted on designated areas of Santee National Wildlife Refuge. Contact the Refuge Manager for current regulations and authorized activities.

Possession of weapons and firearms are prohibited unless specifically authorized for refuge hunts.

Non-toxic shot is required when hunting with shotguns.

Hunters must personally check in and out daily at designated hunter check stations when hunting on any portion of the refuge, and check all animals harvested. Feral hogs are an exotic species and may be harvested as an incidental take while hunting for deer.

All deer and hogs killed on the refuge must be checked at the check station prior to removing the animal from the refuge.

For safety considerations, hunters utilizing refuge island areas identified as being open to hunting (see map) must indicate on check-in sheets that they are hunting on an island.

The use of non-motorized boats is permitted for access via interior canals to inland areas open to hunting.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL REFUGE VISITORS, REFUGE UNITS THAT ARE OPEN TO PUBLIC DEER HUNTS ARE CLOSED TO GENERAL PUBLIC ACCESS DURING DESIGNATED HUNT PERIODS.

Youth Hunters - Hunter Education

All refuge hunters under the age of 16 must show proof of successfully completing a hunter education/safety course. Hunters under the age of 16 must be directly supervised (within sight and normal voice contact) by a properly

licensed adult at least 21 years of age. An adult may supervise only one youth.

Dogs

Dogs may be used for mourning dove and raccoon hunting only and must wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address and telephone number. Tracking dogs may not be used during deer hunts.

Hunters are required to make a reasonable effort to retrieve wounded game. Permission must be obtained from refuge personnel to enter a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area" for the purpose of tracking and/or retrieving legally taken game animals.

Hunt Permits

A refuge hunt permit (located on the cover of this brochure) signed by the hunter along with state hunting license, and photo identification (such as a state driver's license) are required for all hunts and must be in your possession while hunting.

Hunters utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, vehicles, and their contents by Refuge or State officers.

Vehicles

Vehicles are only allowed on established roads marked open for vehicular travel. Roads marked closed to all vehicles may be traveled on foot or bicycle. The speed limit for all roads in the refuge is 15 MPH. Parking so as to block travel through refuge access gates or road ways is prohibited. ATV's are prohibited.

Firearms

Firearms being transported in vehicles and boats during refuge hunts must be unloaded and dismantled (or cased). A loaded firearm is defined as having ammunition in the chamber or magazine. Muzzleloaders will be considered unloaded if the percussion cap is not seated in the chamber.

Handguns and crossbows are prohibited on all refuge hunts.

Prohibited Activities

Baiting and/or hunting in the vicinity of bait is prohibited. Baiting includes, but is not limited to, the distribution of grains, feeds, salts, mineral blocks, meats, fruits and food stuff.

Using illuminating devices for the purpose of spotlighting deer is prohibited.

Camping, overnight parking, open fires and littering are prohibited.

No entry (vehicular or pedestrian) is permitted beyond "Closed Area" or "No Hunting Zone" signs. Weapons may not be discharged within, into, or across a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area".

Discharging a firearm from, on or across any refuge road or designated refuge foot trail is prohibited.

Hunting from within 100 feet of any roadway, whether open or closed to vehicular traffic or from within 300 yards of any residence or designated hunter check station is prohibited.

Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

The use of nails, screws, or bolts to attach a tree stand to a tree or hunting from a tree where a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

Destroying or cutting vegetation is prohibited. The possession of axes, saws, machetes, or other tools used for cutting vegetation are not permitted on the refuge while scouting or hunting.

Flagging may be used only along the edges of roads and trails and at the tree in which the stand is placed. Clothes pins with reflective tape can be used to mark the path to the tree. All marking and flagging must be marked with the hunter's full name and must be removed at the end of the hunt. Any flagging or pins found without a name will be removed immediately.

Man-drives, stalk hunting, dog drives and/or hunting from artificially pruned trees is prohibited.

Hunting is only allowed on each refuge unit within specified hunt periods and only for wildlife that is officially designated under the **Seasons and Specific Hunt Regulations** section of this brochure.

Other Regulations

Hunter are required to wear 500 square inches of solid fluorescent orange above the waist consisting of a hat and vest or jacket during all refuge big game firearm hunts.

Scouting

Scouting on both the Pine Island and Cuddo Units is allowed during periods when these units are open to general public access. Vehicles are only allowed on roads designated as open for vehicular traffic. All other roads and trails are only open to walk-in or bicycle traffic.

Weapons and dogs are prohibited during scouting activities. Hunter access roads will be opened only during each deer hunt and on the Friday and Saturday prior to each hunt to allow hunters to place their stand on the area.

Hunting Stands

Deer and feral hog hunting must occur from elevated deer stands. Only one stand per hunter is permitted and the stand must be clearly marked with the hunter's full name and phone number.

Stands may be placed on respective hunt areas on the Friday and Saturday immediately prior to each hunt (from 8 am until 5 pm) and must be removed by 8:30 pm on the last day of each hunt.

Any stands found within designated hunt areas outside of allowed periods will be confiscated.

Seasons and Specific Hunt Regulations

White-tailed Deer

Cuddo Unit

The Cuddo Unit will be closed during the summer, fall and winter of 2009 for major road renovations. Consequently, there will be no hunts during this period. Hunting will resume on the Cuddo Unit during the 2010 hunting season.

Archery only: No Season

Primitive weapons only: No Season

Pine Island Unit

Primitive weapons only: October 5-10, 2009

Weapons

Primitive weapons only; long, recurve, or compound bows and muzzle loading (black powder) rifles only. All other weapons including handguns and crossbows are prohibited.

Bag Limit

No bag limit for either sex. Antlerless deer tags will be provided by the refuge at the check station. Unlimited feral hogs may be harvested as an incidental take while deer hunting.

Hours of Entry

The gates for hunting areas will be open from 5:00 am until 8:30 pm during designated hunt periods. Hours of entry for scouting and stand placement are as previously specified under the **Other Regulations** section.

Both the Pine Island and Cuddo Units will be closed to all public access on the Sunday prior to the beginning of any hunts on each respective unit.

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour past sunset.

Bluff Unit (Youth Only Lottery Hunt)

Friday, September 25, 2009

Saturday, September 26, 2009

A special quota Youth Deer hunt will be conducted on the Bluff Unit on the dates listed above. To be eligible for Bluff Unit Youth Only Deer hunts, youth applicants must be between the ages of 10 to 17, and must have a valid hunter education certificate. Youth hunters will be selected from applications received by September 15, 2009.

Youth hunters will be allowed to use muzzle loading (black powder) rifles or shotguns with slugs during these special afternoon hunts and must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Accompanying adults are prohibited from discharging firearms during Youth Only hunts. Fixed, two-person ladder stands will be provided for Youth Only hunts.

Bluff Unit (Family, Friends, & Kids – Adult/Child Lottery Hunt)

Friday, October 2, 2009

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Friday, October 16, 2009

Saturday, October 17, 2009

The Family, Friends, and Kids adult/youth deer hunts will be conducted on the Bluff Unit on the dates listed above. Hunters will be selected from applications received by September 15, 2009.

Hunters may use muzzle loading (black powder) rifles or shotguns with slugs during these special afternoon hunts. Both the youth and the accompanying adult will hunt from the same stand. Both the adult and youth may actively hunt during these hunts, provided the youth meets age and hunter education requirements listed below. During

the Family, Friends and Kids Adult/Child hunts, youths under 10 years of age or without a valid hunter education certificate are still welcome to participate, but will not be allowed to possess or discharge a firearm.

Applications for Youth Only or Adult/Child hunts may be obtained online www.fws.gov/santee or by calling the refuge office at 803/478 2217 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 am until 4:00 pm) or by written request to Santee NWR, 2125 Fort Watson Road, Summerton, SC 29148.

Other Hunting

Mourning Dove - CUDDO UNIT ONLY - No Season

The Cuddo Unit will be closed during the summer, fall and winter of 2009 for major road renovations. Consequently, there will be no hunts during this period. Hunting will resume on the Cuddo Unit in 2010.

Raccoon and Opossum - CUDDO UNIT ONLY

From March 1, 2010 (after 6:00 pm) until March 13, 2010 (until 6:00 am). No hunting is permitted on Sunday, March 7, 2010.

Special Regulations

Night hunting only. Special state regulations on night hunting apply. Raccoons and opossums may be taken with a shotgun using non-toxic shot size no larger than # 4's or a .22 caliber rimfire rifle. Possession of buckshot or slugs is prohibited. Crossbows and handguns are prohibited.

For additional information, visit the Santee NWR webpage at [:www.fws.gov/santee](http://www.fws.gov/santee) or contact refuge personnel at 803/478 2217 or write to:

Santee National Wildlife Refuge, 2125 Fort Watson Road Summerton, SC 29148

TO ASSURE YOUR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING WHILE YOU ARE HUNTING ON THE REFUGE, REFUGE STAFF MAY NEED TO CONTACT YOU. WE ASK THAT ALL HUNTERS PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW. THIS INFORMATION WILL ONLY BE USED FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PURPOSE AND WILL BE DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR FINAL HUNT.

PLEASE TEAR OFF THIS SHEET AND LEAVE IT AT THE DESIGNATED CHECK IN POINT. IF HUNTING ON MORE THAN ONE HUNT UNIT OR ON MULTIPLE DAYS, ONLY ONE INFORMATION SHEET PER HUNT IS REQUIRED.

ANTICIPATED HUNT DATE(S)

HUNTING PARTY CONTACT (LEAD HUNTER)

OF INDIVIDUALS IN YOUR HUNT PARTY

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In order to enhance your safety and yet protect your privacy, we have minimized the amount of personal information we collect. If you choose, you may provide an outside phone number/address that is different from your own. You need not provide the name of the "emergency contact". If there is more than one person in your party we require the lead hunter's name who will have responsibility for the party. For your safety and the management of this refuge, every hunter must carry proof of a current permit to hunt on the refuge.