

Upland Game

Only ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare and gray squirrels may be hunted.

Only shotguns, muzzleloaders, or archery equipment may be used on open areas east of the Missisquoi River and on Shad Island.

Hunting is not permitted from the end of snowshoe hare and rabbit season through September 1.

Open season will run concurrent with VT Fish and Wildlife seasons as provided in the VT Fish and Wildlife Regulations Guide.

Big Game

Only deer may be hunted.

Only shotguns, muzzleloaders, or archery equipment may be used on open areas east and north of Vermont Route 78. Rifles may not be used in these areas at any time.

During the State-designated muzzleloader season and Youth Deer Hunting Weekend, hunters may hunt the Long Marsh and Metcalfe Island areas, in addition to other open areas.

The refuge strongly recommends wearing hunter orange, at a minimum, wear a hat and vest while hunting deer.

Permanent tree stands and ground blinds are prohibited. You may use portable tree stands in accordance with State regulations guiding their use on State Wildlife Management Areas with the following exception: We allow only one tree stand or ground blind for each big game/upland game permit issued. This does not grant exclusive use of area or site. Stands/blinds may only be erected after September 1st and must be removed by the third Saturday in December.

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Prohibited Activities

Littering

Spotlighting - artificial light may not be used to locate wildlife.

Baiting or hunting over bait, salt or any attractant.

Target practice

Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting.

Taking of wildlife or plants (including cutting trees or brush) other than as specified in this brochure.

Driving or screwing a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or to hunt from any tree in which such an object has been driven.

Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts.

Use of motorized vehicles in hunting areas.

The use of drones

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Upland Game/ Big Game Hunting Map, Regulations and Permit



Guidance for Completing Harvest Reports

Hunt Area Choices:

*East Side of Missisquoi River/Shad Island
Tabor Road/Maquam Swamp and Bog
Long Marsh/Metcalfe Island*

Date of Hunt: *Include all dates hunted*

Total Hours Hunted: *Include total combined hours*

SPECIES NOT ALLOWED TO BE HUNTED ON MISSISQUOI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Feral Hog	Raccoon
Turkey	Opossum
Pheasant	Coyote
Bobwhite Quail	Fox
Chukar Partridge	Woodchuck
Jackrabbit	Moose
Gambel's Quail	Black Bear
California Quail	
Scaled Quail	

Upland Game/Big Game Hunting Permit

This permit must be signed by the hunter and the refuge manager to be valid. It must be carried by the hunter during the hunts. This permit expires December 31.

The enclosed Upland Game/Big Game Harvest Report must be completed and returned to the refuge by 12/31. Failure to do so will result in denial of permit for the following year.

I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations and realize that hunting on the refuge is a privilege and willingly agree to allow Federal and State officers to inspect or search all equipment used during my hunt.

Date:

Signature (Permit Not Transferable)

Date:

Signature of Refuge Manager

