



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Hunting Rules and Regulations on the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge

General Information

Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, established in 2009, is located in Monroe and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania. Public hunting is permitted on the Aquashicola, Godfrey's Ridge, and Headwaters tracts within the Refuge during specific times of the year. The hunting program is administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC).

To ensure your safety and enjoyment while visiting Cherry Valley, please take time to become familiar with the following regulations.

Hunting Regulations

The regulations below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting is permitted in accordance with all applicable State and Federal regulations and is subject to special regulations. Hunters should consult the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Hunting and Trapping Digest.

The refuge hunt seasons are **concurrent with the seasons administered by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.**

<i>Licenses</i>	While hunting or scouting , hunters MUST carry, a PA hunting license, form of identification, and a valid Cherry Valley NWR Hunt Permit. Permits are not transferable and are tract-specific. The Refuge Hunt Permit must be carried on the hunter's person and is not valid until signed.
<i>Weaponry</i>	Game may be taken in accordance with regulations set by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.
<i>Scouting</i>	For Deer, Bear, and Turkey, scouting is permitted two weeks prior to season opening. You may scout the refuge from 2 hours before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset during these times. Weapons are prohibited while scouting.
<i>Caller/Observer</i>	All refuge permit holders will receive one Caller/Observer Permit. The Caller/Observer Permit will allow one non-hunting person to accompany the hunter. This is an opportunity for others to learn about hunting or to assist the hunter by calling or carrying equipment. The holder of this permit must be set up with the hunter at the same location, and is not allowed to shoot a firearm or bow.
<i>Hunter Orange</i>	Hunters must follow the fluorescent orange requirements in accordance with regulations set by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.
<i>Trail Markers</i>	All marking tape, reflective pins, or other materials used to mark trails must be removed at the end of each hunt day. The use of paint is prohibited.
<i>Hours</i>	Hunters may enter the refuge no earlier than two hours before shooting time and leave no later than two hours after shooting hours. See the PA Hunting and Trapping Digest for legal hunting hours.
<i>Parking Permit</i>	Hunters must park in designated refuge parking areas with the Refuge Parking Permit displayed on the vehicle's dash. Do not block gates, roads and buildings.

<i>Nature Trails</i>	Hikers may be using the trails during the hunting season, please use extreme caution. Refer to the refuge hunt map for trail locations.
<i>Report Your Harvest</i>	Harvested game must be reported in accordance with state regulations.
<i>Species To Harvest</i>	Refuge combination permit, plus valid PA hunting license, allows for the hunting of big game (white-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkey), upland/small game (coyote, fox, crow, ruffed grouse, opossum, raccoon, pheasant, chukar, rabbit/hare/jackrabbit, squirrel, woodchuck), and migratory bird.
<i>Hunter Property</i>	Only portable tree stands may be used. All stands, ladders, cameras, and blinds must have the hunter's RAID # displayed. All hunter property must be removed no later than March 31st. Anything left on Refuge Property after March 31st will be considered abandoned and is subject to disposal.
<i>Law Enforcement</i>	<i>Individuals utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, vehicles, and their contents by refuge or state law enforcement officers.</i>

* Refuge hunting areas may change each year. Hunters are required to read the hunt maps provided. Please respect adjacent landowners, **DO NOT TRESPASS!**

Prohibited Activities

- Littering
- Use of a spotlight or other artificial light may not be used to locate wildlife.
- Baiting or hunting over bait, salt or any consumable attractant.
- Drive or screw a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or hunt from any tree in which such an object has been driven.
- Trimming or cutting vegetation.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages.
- Use of ATVs and/or dirt bikes. (Disabled individuals may request a special exemption with proof of a disabled persons permit from the Pennsylvania Game Commission)
- Target practice
- Camping and campfires
- Overnight parking
- Searching for or removing any object of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other artifacts.
- Blocking gates or roadways with vehicles.
- Pets are not permitted at anytime.
- The refuge is closed to all hunting activities during the months of June, July, and August.

An Important Message

Our wildlife is a valuable resource. Laws and regulations are intended to protect them, while allowing for some consumptive use. Hunters are encouraged to report any violations they may encounter to a State or Federal employee. The future of hunting on the refuge requires responsible hunter behavior and compliance with regulations.

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Please visit our web site for more information: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/cherry-valley>

Please visit our hunt permit site for more information: <http://www.cherry.recaccess.com>