

Presquile National Wildlife Refuge

2025 White-Tailed Deer Refuge-Specific Hunting Permit Conditions Fact Sheet

In addition to current Code of Virginia Big Game Hunting Regulations and Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, hunting of white-tailed deer on the Refuge is subject to the following permit conditions.

1. We require deer hunters to obtain a refuge permit by online request administered by FWS-selected contractor, RecAccess (<https://presquilenwr.recaccess.com/>). Beginning at **Noon on Friday, September 26, 2025**, individuals may sign-up for one of three hunts (occurring Nov. 22nd, 26th, 29th) on a first come, first serve basis. Only a limited number of permits will be offered. We require a fee to obtain a refuge hunting permit. We require hunt participants to comply with the terms and conditions outlined in annual refuge hunt fact sheet/brochure. Successful applicants are notified by e-mail. If hunting fee is paid by the date identified in the e-mail, a refuge hunting permit will be provided.
2. We require hunters to possess a refuge hunting permit, along with their State hunting license.
3. We require stand hunting only. Stand hunting means the use of portable hunting blinds, portable tree stands, or stationary ground hunting. We prohibit use of nails, screws, bolts, or screw-in steps. We prohibit damage to trees. Hunters must remove stands and blinds daily.
4. We prohibit the use of “deer drives,” defined as individuals or group efforts intended to “push” or “jump” deer or other game for the purposes of hunting.
5. We allow shotgun hunting (no rifles) on designated days as indicated on refuge hunting permits.
6. We allow the take of two deer per day, as well as fall turkey (if State seasons align with deer hunt date) and coyote. Harvested game must be checked-in via approved VA DWR system.
7. We prohibit dogs.
8. We prohibit the discharge of a weapon within 300 feet (90 m) of any building.
9. We require hunters to wear in a conspicuous manner (visible from 360 degrees) a minimum of 100 square inches (650 cm²) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material.
10. We prohibit the use of flagging to mark trails or for any other purpose.
11. Persons possessing, transporting or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Person may only use firearms in accordance with refuge regulations.
12. A person age 17 or older, possessing and carrying a valid hunting license and refuge hunting permit, must accompany and directly control youth hunters ages 12 to 16. We prohibit persons younger than age 12 to hunt on the refuge.
13. We prohibit the use or possession of alcohol while on the refuge.
14. We require hunters to dock their boats at designated locations on the refuge.
15. We require hunters to report accidents or injuries to the refuge office or sheriff’s office within 24 hours after the incident. Hunters must report hunting accidents resulting in serious injury to the sheriff’s office immediately.
16. Use of non-lead shot is recommended. If lead shot is used, field dressing harvested game on the refuge is prohibited.

Legal Hunting Hours: From ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
Refuge Arrival/Departures Times: No earlier than 4:30 AM and no later than 7:00 PM

Deer are to be checked-in by calling 1-866-GOT-GAME or at
<https://license.gooutdoorsvirginia.com/Licensing/CustomerLookup.aspx>.
Report that the deer was harvested in Chesterfield County, on Federally-owned public land.

**SCOUTING DATES (to determine if hunt application submission is of interest): Saturday
Sept. 20 & Sunday Sept. 21, 2025**