



United States Department of the Interior
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge
1730 Eastern Neck Road
Rock Hall, MD 21661



Dear Youth Hunter:

Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge (refuge) will host its annual mentored youth turkey hunt in partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation on April 11 and April 18, 2026. To apply please review the instructions and email the completed application by 3pm on March 20th to easternneck@fws.gov. All youth selected must attend a mandatory virtual orientation on April 8th at 6pm and will be assigned one hunt day.

Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge is part of the Chesapeake Marshlands National Wildlife Refuge Complex, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The refuge is one of 573 national wildlife refuges in the United States which primary objective is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of wildlife. The refuge is an island located at the confluence of the Chester River and the Chesapeake Bay and provides important migration and wintering habitat for migratory birds, namely waterfowl. To learn more visit https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Eastern_Neck/.

For questions or comments, please email: easternneck@fws.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Hengst".

Nicole Hengst

Wildlife Biologist – Chesapeake Marshlands NWR Complex

**2026 YOUTH TURKEY HUNT INSTRUCTIONS
EASTERN NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Department of the Interior - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

Application Instructions:

1. Only youths ages 12 through 16 on the day of the hunt who were not chosen for previous youth turkey hunts are eligible.
2. All interested applicants must complete a Hunt Application form. Under 'Hunt Date Choices', please indicate your first and second choice for your hunt date – April 11 or April 18, 2026. If you are selected and your first date choice is full, you will be offered your second date choice. Both the applicant and the applicant's parent or guardian must sign the form.
3. Fill out and sign the Agreement for Use of Likeness in Audio/Visual Products form.
4. Completed application forms must be received by **3pm on Friday, March 20, 2026** to be entered into the lottery. Email completed forms (scanned or Adobe PDFs preferred) to easternneck@fws.gov. Illegible applications (i.e. blurry photos) may not be included in the lottery.

Information/Regulations:

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Youth Turkey Hunt Map



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Cambridge, Maryland
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0 0.5 1 Kilometers
0 0.5 1 Miles

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HUNT APPLICATION
National Wildlife Refuge System

Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge
1730 Eastern Neck Road, Rock Hall, MD 21661
(410) 228-2677
<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/eastern-neck>

Follow instructions in the refuge hunt publication; not all fields may be required. Read and comply with all refuge regulations, including application deadlines.

Lottery Application: Both the applicant and the applicant's parent or guardian must sign this form. Completed application forms must be received by **3 pm on Friday, March 20, 2026** to be entered into the lottery. Email all completed forms to easternneck@fws.gov.

Hunt Application

Date of Application _____

Method
 Shotgun

Species Permit Type
 Youth Turkey Hunt

Primary Hunter Contact Information

Full Legal Name _____

Check if Youth Hunter (*Aged 12 through 16 years old*) _____

Age at Time of Hunt (*Youth Hunter Only*) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____ Cell Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____

Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information (Required Only for Youth Hunters)

Full Legal Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Relationship to Youth _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____ Cell Phone (Incl. Area Code) _____

Email Address _____

Hunt Date Choices

Please indicate your first and second choice for your hunt date. If you are selected and your first date choice is full, you will be offered your second date choice.

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

I have read and understand the refuge hunt regulations and agree to abide by the regulations governing hunting on the refuge.

Hunter Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)
(Required for hunters less than 18 years old)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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Date Received: _____ Payment Exempt/No Fee Payment Required Payment Amount: _____
Payment Type: Personal Check Cashier's Check Money Order Other:

Notes:

NOTICES

All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) as amended and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k – 460k-4, 640K-3, & 664).

Purpose: The collection of personal information is to verify that an individual is eligible to receive a permit to conduct monitored activity on areas within the National Wildlife Refuge System, national fish hatcheries, and other conservation areas administered by the Secretary of the Interior for fish and wildlife purposes.

Routine Uses: The individual's information will be used to verify permit status, provide permittees with permit-related information, and monitor activities conducted under a permit. This information may be shared in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the routine uses listed in the System of Records Notices: FWS-5 National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permits; FWS-21 Permits System; FWS-10 National Fish Hatchery Special Use Permits.

Disclosure: Providing the information is voluntary; however, as a requirement for maintaining a Federal permit under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, failure to disclose the requested information may be sufficient cause for revocation of the permit.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) to provide the refuge managers the information needed to decide whether or not to allow the requested use, and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is voluntary; however, submission of the requested information is required to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants. Failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned OMB Control No. 1018-0140.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed application to this address.

APPLICANT DOES NOT NEED TO PRINT OR RETURN THIS PAGE



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Agreement for Use of Likeness in Audio/Visual Products

General Release

Event _____ **Date** _____

I hereby grant permission to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to record my name, likeness, image, voice, and/or sound, at the event specified above, and to place these recordings in the public domain.

As a result of these recordings being voluntarily placed in the public domain, the USFWS, or anyone else, may freely modify, reproduce, display, and/or distribute them in any media without limitation and without my approval or permission, with no monetary compensation to me.

The United States will be held harmless and have no liability for any use by any person or entity of the recordings made subject to this agreement.

Adult

I am at least 18 years of age and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and fully understand the content, meaning, and impact of this release.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Minor Child (Under the age of 18)

Printed Name of Child/Children/Age _____

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

For Internal Use

Producer _____ **Production Date(s)** _____

Production/Shoot Name _____

Production Location(s) _____

Additional Information