

Welcome
Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1939 to provide habitat for migratory birds, to demonstrate sound management practices that enhance natural resource conservation, and to provide wildlife-oriented recreational opportunities. The 46,000-acres refuge is dominated by the longleaf pine-wiregrass ecosystem that provides a mosaic of habitats for wildlife and more than 900 species of plants.

The refuge is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a national network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.

General Information
Access

The refuge is open every day from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset.

During deer and turkey seasons, hunters may access the Refuge between 4:00a.m. and two hours after legal sunset on scheduled hunt days.

Firearms
Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

A loaded firearm is defined as ammunition in the chamber or magazine, or percussion caps on muzzleloaders.

Vehicles & Roads
Licensed motor vehicles are permitted on most refuge roads as depicted on the map. However, not all roads and trails displayed on the map are open to vehicle traffic. These administrative trails and fire lanes are posted with “no vehicles beyond this point”, “official vehicles only”, or “administrative road, authorized vehicles only” signs. Obey all posted signs.

ATV/UTV are prohibited except for use by mobility impaired persons possessing a refuge special use permit for use in the designated mobility impaired hunt area.

Vehicles may park along roads in a manner that will not block gates or fire lanes or interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

The speed limit on all refuge roads is 15 MPH, unless posted otherwise.

Bicycles
Bicycles and E-bikes with an electric motor of less than 750 watts (1h.p.) with fully operational pedals and an operating speed of less than 20mph (Class 1 electric bicycles) are permitted on refuge roads and in walk-in areas.

Bicycles and E-bikes are not permitted on hiking trails.

Accessibility
People with mobility impairments that have special access needs should contact the Refuge Manager to request special use access.

Hunters wishing to use an ATV/UTV to hunt must provide a copy of their state disabled hunting license. Hunters that receive a permit to use an ATV/UTV may only use the ATV/UTV in the designated mobility impaired hunt area (see map).

All rules and regulations pertaining to the use of motor vehicles will be in effect for the use of ATV/UTV.

Hunting and Fishing Regulations
Hunting and fishing regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting and fishing are permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable State of South Carolina regulations subject to the conditions stated below.

Species
The following species have designated hunting seasons on the refuge. Please see annual supplemental information sheet that includes seasons, harvest, and weapon information and well as procedures for applying for quota hunts.

- Mourning Dove
- Woodcock
- White-tailed Deer
- Feral Hog (incidental to deer)

- Coyote (incidental to deer)
- Northern Bobwhite Quail
- Rabbit
- Raccoon
- Opossum
- Turkey (Quota)

Permits
Hunters must possess a paper or electronic copy of the Refuge General Hunting Regulations/Permit for all hunts.

A drawn quota hunting permit is required for the general turkey hunts.

Youth
Youth hunters age 15 and under must be directly supervised (within sight and normal voice contact) by an adult at least 21 years of age.

During deer and turkey hunts, an adult may supervise only one youth.

During all other hunts, an adult may supervise a maximum of two youths.

Hunter Education
Hunters must possess proof of successfully completing a hunter education/safety course in accordance with state law.

Hunter Orange
All persons participating in refuge firearms hunts and while in route to and from hunting areas must wear either a hat, coat, or vest of solid blaze orange. This does not apply to dove, turkey and raccoon hunters.

Harvest Tags
All deer and turkey harvested must be tagged at point of harvest in accordance to state law.

Tree Stands
Only portable stands are permitted.

All stands must be removed at the end of each hunt period.

Hunting Dogs
Dogs are required for the raccoon/opossum hunts.

Dogs are permitted for small game and dove hunting.

All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner’s contact information.

Prohibited Activities

- Camping and Fires.

- Searching for or removal of any natural items such as antlers, skulls, plants; historic, and archaeological features, are protected by Federal law.

- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices.

- Drones.

- Falconry.

- Discharging a firearm for a purpose other than the legal take of game animals during established hunting seasons.

- Loaded firearms within 100 feet of maintained roads (gravel and earthen “RT” roads) or within 500 feet of paved roads within the refuge.

- Discharging a firearm from, on, or across any refuge road.

- Deer Hunting with a firearm within 300 yards of a residence when less than 10 feet above the ground without permission of the owner and occupant.

- Entering or crossing a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” to access areas open to hunting.

- Discharging a firearm within, into or across a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area”.

- Placing stands on the refuge more than three days prior to the opening day of each hunt period.

- Permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree.

- Marking or flagging any tree or other Refuge feature with paint or flagging.

- Baiting and/or hunting in the vicinity of bait.

- Deer hunting with dogs or by man-driving.

Signs and Boundaries

Please respect the following signs:



No vehicles: All vehicles prohibited.



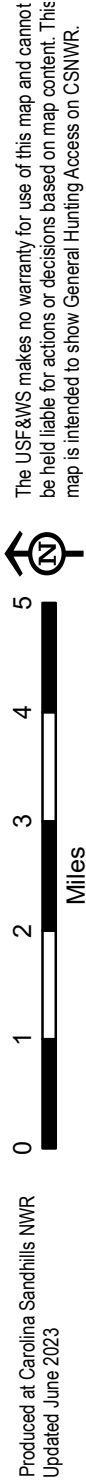
Boundary: Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations.



Closed Area: All entry prohibited including hunting, fishing and sightseeing.



No Hunting Zone: Hunting, weapons, and game retrieval prohibited.



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I have read both the Annual Supplemental and General Hunting Regulations and Permit and agree to follow the rules and regulations for hunting on Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge.

When carried in your possession (or downloaded and displayed on your electronic device), this acknowledges your understanding of the federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to hunting on the refuge, and your understanding that you are subject to inspection. Permits, either paper or electronic, are required for all hunters and must be available while hunting on the refuge. Due to connectivity issues, if you choose to use an electronic permit, downloading and saving to your device is recommended. In addition to these general hunting regulations, the refuge publishes an Annual Supplemental that lists specific seasons and regulations for individual species. In combination, the Annual Supplemental and General Hunting Regulations and Permit brochure shall constitute a complete permit for hunting on the Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge.

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General Hunting Regulations & Permit
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