



US Fish and Wildlife Service

JAMES RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(Located in Prince George County, Virginia)

2026/27 Deer Hunt Season Dates

The James River National Wildlife Refuge offers the following opportunities associated with the upcoming hunt season. Participation is authorized on the dates outlined below only by persons that have received a valid James River National Wildlife Refuge reservation. See full regulations at: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/james-river/visit-us/activities/hunting>

- **Scout Dates: Saturday, Sept. 19, & Sunday, Sept. 20**

No pre-registration or reservation required to scout. During daylight hours, select gates will be unlocked to allow vehicle access into portions of the wildlife refuge's designated hunt zones solely for the purpose of scouting.

- **General Public Deer Hunts: SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS ONLY- Oct. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, Nov. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 2026, and Jan. 2, 3, 2027. (note that the northern-most hunt areas will be closed to hunting after Dec. 6th).**

Pre-reservation is required through RecAccess (<https://jamesrivernwr.recaccess.com>). The website will accept pre-reservation requests within 48 hrs of the designated hunt date. Capacity thresholds are in place and accommodated on a first come/first serve basis. The hunter is required to establish the reservation through RecAccess, be a valid hunting license holder, and have read/understood the regulations of the specific day's hunt. Participants must virtually sign-in and sign-out using RecAccess. Participants are to place a copy of their RecAccess ID number on the dashboard of their vehicle while on the refuge. Hunters are NOT to park vehicles along public roads.