**2022 Spring Turkey Quota Hunt**

**at James River National Wildlife Refuge**

Spring Turkey hunting for the limited 2022 hunt season at James River NWR require application and lottery selection. **Persons interested in entering the lottery selection process must apply on the RecAccess website (www.jamesrivernwr.recaccess.com) between February 11, 2022 and March 4, 2022.** Drawings and selection announcements will occur in early March. Winners will receive a permit identifying the day and zone they were selected for, as well as additional information. All hunters must have a valid refuge permit to participate. A $25 permit fee is charged to lottery winners. The $25 fee does not apply to the April 2nd Youth/Apprentice hunt.

**Dates of the Spring Turkey hunts are as follows:**

**Youth/Apprentice Spring Turkey Hunt- April 2, 2021 (Full Day)**

**Spring Turkey Quota Hunt- April 9, 16, 23 (Half Day)**

If you do not already have a RecAccess account then you must create an account to apply for the hunt. There is no cost to create an account. Please note that you may only have one RecAccess account. Do not create more than one account.

Regulations

* Persons interested in participating in the hunt must first apply through RecAccess. If selected by lottery drawing, and permit fee is paid in full, a permit will be provided to the selectee and their guest for a specific day and zone.
* Hunting hours follow state regulations.
* Bag limit is one turkey (bearded bird only).
* **The use of lead shot is strictly prohibited. Only non-toxic shot is allowed.**
* Hunters must hunt only on the day and the within the zone identified on the James River NWR RecAccess permit.
* Parking Requirement: No parking within sight of public roads (Route 639- Flowerdew Hundred Road, Route 640- Powell Creek Road, & Route 10- James River Drive). All vehicles operated by participating hunters must be parked well within the refuge adjacent to interior refuge roads. The selected lottery winner and their guest must share a vehicle when accessing the refuge.
* During participation in the hunt, a copy of the RecAccess parking permit is to be placed on the dashboard of the vehicle.

Additional info can be found on the James River NWR website <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/james_river/>

**Youth and Apprentice Spring Turkey Quota Hunt**

**at James River National Wildlife Refuge**

**April 2, 2022**

Youth and holders of a valid apprentice hunting license interested in participating in the youth/apprentice hunt must first apply through RecAccesswebsite ([www.jamesrivernwr.recaccess.com](http://www.jamesrivernwr.recaccess.com)) between February 11, 2022 and March 4, 2022. If selected by lottery drawing, a permit will be provided for the selectee and their guest for a specific day and zone.

Upon selection, resident and nonresident youth hunters 15 years of age and under or holders of a valid apprentice hunting license, when in compliance with all applicable laws and licenses, may hunt when accompanied and directly supervised by an adult over the age of 18 who has a valid Virginia hunting license or is exempt from purchasing a hunting license. Nonresident youth of any age need to have the appropriate licenses (unless exempt from purchasing a license).

Turkeys harvested by youth or apprentice hunters count against their daily and season bag limits.

Adult hunters accompanying youth or apprentice turkey hunters:

* Do not need a deer/turkey license on April 2nd.
* May assist with calling.
* Shall not carry or discharge a weapon.
* Shall maintain close visual and verbal contact with, provide adequate direction to, and can immediately assume control of the firearm.

Hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

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Hunters must hunt only on the day and the within the zone identified on the James River NWR RecAccess permit. Safety note: A maximum of four total hunters will occupy each of the six zones.

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