



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



Dear Youth Hunter:

Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge (refuge) is part of the Chesapeake Marshlands National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The refuge is one of over 560 national wildlife refuges in the United States whose primary objective is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of wildlife. The refuge is situated along the mouth of the Chester River and the Chesapeake Bay, and provides an important migration and wintering habitat for migratory birds, namely waterfowl.

The refuge will host its annual Spring Youth Turkey Hunt April 15, 2023 and April 22, 2023. Review the instructions and complete the enclosed form. The refuge partners with the National Wild Turkey Federation to provide a quality and educational Youth Turkey Hunt.

For questions or comments, feel free to email: easterneck@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Matt Weegman
Wildlife Biologist – Eastern Neck NWR

2023 YOUTH TURKEY HUNT INSTRUCTIONS
EASTERN NECK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
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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 Big Game Hunt application form. Applicants must complete all boxes in sections 3, 6, 8a, and 9. In Section 6, please indicate your first and second choice for your hunt date – April 15 or April 22, 2023. If you are selected and your first date choice is full, you will be offered your second date choice.
3. Both the applicant and the applicant’s guardian must sign the application.
4. Please fill out the Photo Release Form 3-2260.
5. Completed applications for permits must be received by **March 23, 2023**. Email applications to easternneck@fws.gov no later than **3 pm on March 23, 2023**.

Information/Regulations:

1. The drawing to select youth hunters will be held on Friday **March 24, 2023**, and all successful applicants will be notified by telephone on **March 24, 2023 by 1 pm**.
2. Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge (refuge) Youth Turkey Hunt permits are non-transferable.
3. The refuge Youth Turkey Hunt permit is valid only when signed by refuge staff.
4. Youth hunters **must email (easternneck@fws.gov) their valid state hunting license one week prior to the hunt day**.
5. The morning briefing will be held at 5:00 am the day of the hunt at the refuge office/ headquarters.
6. Youth hunters must possess a valid hunting license and carry the license with them on the day of the hunt.
7. Youths (ages 12 through 16 years of age on their hunt date) must be accompanied by a licensed, non-gun carrying adult from the National Wild Turkey Federation. The National Wild Turkey Federation will provide a guide for all youths selected. Youths may also be accompanied by a non-gun carrying parent or guardian.
8. Legal hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to noon.
Sunrise April 15, 2023: 6:28 am Sunrise April 22, 2023: 6:17 am
9. Loaded weapons are not permitted in parking areas or on paved or graveled roads.
10. Hunting of turkey is permitted only in designated areas of the refuge. See 2023 Turkey hunt map on page 4.
11. Bag limit is one bearded turkey.
12. All other Maryland State rules and regulations related to the state’s spring turkey season are applicable and will be enforced during the special hunt on the refuge.

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Additional Information/Regulations related to COVID-19

Before considering applying in the hunt please consider whether the youth hunter or parent/guardian meet criteria for high risk for serious complications per CDC guidelines (e.g. age (>65), and/or anyone with underlying conditions i.e. lung issue, heart issue, diabetic) (CDC High Risk Complications). If you are considered high-risk, consider the prevalence of COVID-19 and the likelihood that mitigation measures are more than adequate given the increased risks.

All youth hunters and parents/guardians on the refuge must follow appropriate safety protocols as a result of COVID-19.

A Health Self-Assessment should be taken the morning of your turkey hunt for both the youth hunter and the parent/guardian

- Do you have any COVID-19 indicative symptoms (e.g., dry cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, headache, muscle pain, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell)?
- Have you had any known exposures (or likely exposures) to individuals positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, cancel your hunt.

A mask will be required for all people in the turkey blind at all times.

Exposure to COVID-19 represents a significant health hazard through potential exposure to infected individuals as well as contact with contaminated surfaces. The following measures must be applied: Adhere to all current CDC guidance. At a minimum, you should:

- Maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet between you and other individuals.
- Wash your hands frequently and for a period of no less than 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer, that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover any cough or sneeze with the inside of your elbow or a tissue that you then discard.
- Refrain from touching your face, mouth, and eyes until you have thoroughly cleaned your hands.
- Use face covering when other individuals are present and avoid touching the face covering except when needed to don or doff it. Face covering is not a substitute for proper social distancing. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- Wear gloves or use paper towels when opening gates or any other surface. Gloves can carry the virus, so wearing them is not a fail safe. When wearing gloves, do not touch your face.
- If at any time you feel unsafe, or social distancing cannot be maintained, please make your mentor aware!

Thank You! Please be safe!

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

1. Name of Refuge 2. Date of application

3. Legal Name Area Code/Phone No.

Mailing Address

City, State, ZIP e-mail

4. Method 5. Species

6. Hunt Date Choices (if applicable) 1st Choice
2nd Choice

7. Hunt Location Choices (if applicable) 1st Choice
2nd Choice
3rd Choice

8. Special Hunt 8A. Youth Hunt Only: Age at time of hunt

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

Hunter signature Print Guardian name and signature here (required for hunters less than 18 years of age)

For Office Use only:

Payment Exempt/No fee Payment required

Date Received

Payment Type: Amount:

Notes

Personal Check Cashiers Check
 Money Order Other

Permit issued by:

Notice

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information:

- The issuance of a permit and collection of fees on lands of the National Wildlife Refuge System 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).
- The information that you provide is voluntary; however submission of requested information is required to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants under the above Acts. It is our policy not to use your name or email for any other purpose. The information is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act. 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). Failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit.
- We estimate the public reporting burden on the applicant for information collection to be 30 minutes. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop BPHC U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20240.
- Routine use disclosures may be made: (a) to the U.S. Department of Justice when related to litigation or anticipated litigation; (b) of information indicating a violation or potential violation of a statute, rule, order, or license to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies responsible for investigating or prosecuting the violation or for enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulations, order, or license; (c) from the record of the individual in response to an inquiry from a Congressional office made at the request of the individual (42 FR 19083; April 11, 1977); and (d) to provide addresses obtained from the Internal Revenue Service to debt collection agencies for purposes of locating a debtor to collect or compromise a Federal Claim against the debtor, or to consumer reporting agencies to prepare a commercial credit report for use by the Department (48 FR 54716; December 6, 1983).
- An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned control number 1018-0140.



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