General Information
Currituck National Wildlife Refuge is located in the northern region of North Carolina’s Outer Banks. The 3,674-acre refuge is managed by the staff of Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge office is located one mile from the VA/NC state-line off highway 615 near Knotts Island, North Carolina.

Currituck National Wildlife Refuge is open to waterfowl and big game hunting by permit only. Waterfowl hunting permits are issued by the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission. Information can be found in the Commission’s “Permit Hunting Opportunities” publication.

Big Game Hunting Information can be found in this brochure or by contacting the refuge office at Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge.

General Regulations
All general refuge regulations apply, unless specifically addressed in this brochure. Restrictions and designations on the map in this brochure also apply. Public hunting is permitted in accordance with all state laws, county codes, Title 50 - Code of Federal Regulations, and the following Refuge regulations:

- Permits are required for all hunting.
- All hunters are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, bag limits, hunting equipment, boats, vehicles, and their contents during compliance checks. Violation of any Refuge regulation may result in the cancellation of your hunt permit and prosecution in Federal court.

Use of Dogs
It is prohibited to use dogs to pursue, track or retrieve deer and feral pigs.

Youth
Each youth hunter, age 15 and younger, must remain within sight and normal voice contact of an adult age 21 or older.

An adult may directly supervise up to two youth hunters, who must have successfully completed a State-approved hunter safety course and possess and carry proof of certification.

Hunters with Disabilities
Hunting opportunities are available for disabled hunters. Please call the Refuge Office for information and to make advanced arrangements.

Waterfowl Hunting Regulations
Access
Access is by boat only. A shallow draft boat is highly recommended. Water depths change with the wind tides. Some areas may be only inches deep at low wind tide. Be prepared to pole into some areas. Some blinds may be inaccessible due to low water - if so that hunt may be canceled.

Hunting Dates
November - January: state waterfowl season. Hunting will be allowed on Fridays and Saturdays only.

North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission
Application and Draw
Hunters may apply for blinds through the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) at any Wildlife Service Agent (License Agents). The blinds on Currituck NWR are listed in the Waterfowl - Coastal section of the NCWRC’s Permit Hunting Opportunities publication.
Check-in and Standby Draw
All hunters holding a NCWRC Waterfowl Hunt Permit for Currituck NWR must check-in at the Knotts Island Market no later than 5:15 am the morning of the hunt. Failure to check-in will result in the assigned blind being assigned to another hunter. A standby drawing will be held at 5:15 am at the Knotts Island Market. Standby applications must be completed before the drawing begins.

Waterfowl Regulations and Enforcement
Harvest Data Cards will be issued to all hunters. These cards must be returned to designated drop boxes or the refuge office. Failure to return the cards may impact future hunting opportunities. No more than three hunters per blind.

Valid hunt permit issued by NCWRC or Currituck NWR is required.

Hunt from assigned blind locations only. Handicapped hunters may hunt from their boat at the blind site.

Hunting will be allowed on Fridays and Saturdays only during the North Carolina Waterfowl Season.

Hunting is permitted from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 4:20 pm.

Use of guides is allowed on the Refuge. Guides must have a Special Use Permit issued by Currituck NWR. Guides are only allowed to hunt or carry a gun if they are one of the three permitted hunters. Contact the refuge office for more information.

Big Game Hunting Regulations
Deer and feral pig hunting by shotgun, muzzleloading rifle/shotgun, and bow and arrow (crossbows are prohibited) is permitted on the Refuge on hunting dates listed below and on hunting areas shown on the map. A valid North Carolina hunting license and Refuge hunting permit shall be carried while hunting. No reservations are required and hunters may select sites and hunt anywhere within the designated hunting areas.

Permit Application
A Permit Application is no longer required to obtain a permit to hunt deer or feral pigs at Currituck National Wildlife Refuge. Permits are located at https://www.fws.gov/southeast/reading-room/?search=Currituck+hunt. The cutout portion on this form, once signed, is your permit.

Access
Hunting areas may be accessed by foot, boat, and vehicle only. Vehicles are restricted to county roads and Refuge designated access routes. Parking is permitted in designated Refuge parking areas. Refuge is closed to all other activities.

Hunting Dates
(Monday through Saturday)
Deer and Feral Pig: October 1 - 31, 2019
Feral Pig Only: March 1 - 31, 2020

All state regulations for big game hunting shall apply. Only portable deer stands are permitted.

All deer taken must be checked-in according to North Carolina State Hunting Regulations.

Horses
Feral horses are present in the area. These horses are short in stature and may resemble deer and pigs in both color and size. Take special care in identifying your target. It is against county ordinance to harass horses or approach them within 50 feet.

Big Game Regulations and Enforcement
The following are prohibited:

- Use of ATVs/UTVs and any other unlicensed and unregistered vehicles.

- No dumping of animal parts within 100 feet of roads, wetlands and waterways. Hunters are responsible for the proper disposal of all animal parts.

- Driving vehicles off of county roads and hunter access routes.

- Shooting from a vehicle or shooting on or across roads or roadways.

- Hunting outside of designated areas shown on the map.

- Use of nails, bolts, or screws to attach portable stands to trees. Use of nail-, bolt-, or screw-type steps.

- Marking trees or vegetation with blazes, flagging, or other marking devices.

- Leaving a portable stand overnight.

All deer and feral pigs must be killed before removing them from the Refuge.

Signs Protect Visitors and Resources
Millions of people visit national wildlife refuges each year. The impact of human activity, if not regulated, can degrade these wildlands. Signs control recreational activities while protecting natural resources on the refuge. Please respect the following signs.

This sign delineates the refuge boundary. Entry is permitted only for authorized uses (hunting, fishing, sightseeing, etc.) in accordance with refuge regulations.

This area is closed to all entry. No hunting, fishing or sightseeing is permitted. No roads or trails are open to the public (see map).

This sign means that you can only hunt with bow and arrow in the marked areas.

This sign designates specific routes to get to hunter parking areas.

For more information, call the Refuge Manager at 252/429 3100.