

Refuge Hunting Sessions

(Only species listed are allowed to be hunted)

Unit 1 Hunting Sessions	
Deer / Hog	No Sunday Hunting.
Archery	September 1 – 13, September 29 - October 11
Archery & Muzzleloader	October 13 – November 1
Modern Weapons, Archery & Muzzleloader	November 24 – December 13
Hog	March 2 – 28 No Sunday Hunting. Buckshot and rimfire firearms prohibited. No limit. Additional hunts determined as needed after annual hog hunt.
Squirrel	November 3 – February 28 No Sunday Hunting. No squirrel hunting during deer or hog hunts or from a watercraft.
Turkey	Youth-Only: March 28 Adult/Youth: April 1 – 30, Saturdays only.
Waterfowl / Woodcock	Wednesdays and Saturdays only until 12 noon during the State seasons on Refuge tracts in Unit 1 that are along the Great Pee Dee River. Tracts in Unit 1 that are along the Waccamaw River are closed to waterfowl and woodcock hunting. Youth hunters are allowed to hunt on the Refuge during Federal Youth-Only Waterfowl Hunting Days. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed during the Early Teal or Early Canada Geese seasons. Hunters may enter the Refuge no earlier than 5 am on hunt days and must be off of the Refuge by 2 pm. If a scheduled Refuge deer hunt falls within the State migratory bird season, hunting is not permitted until after the deer hunt concludes.
Raccoon / Opossum	Wednesday and Saturday nights only. December 10 – February 25
Unit 2 Refuge Sessions	
Deer / Hog Modern Weapons, Archery, & Muzzleloader	September 22 – October 11, November 10 – 22 No Sunday Hunting
Hog	March 2 – 31 No Sunday Hunting Buckshot and rimfire firearms prohibited. No limit. Additional hunts determined as needed after annual hog hunt.
Unit 3 Refuge Sessions	
Deer / Hog Modern Weapons, Archery, & Muzzleloader	September 22 – October 11, November 10 – 22 No Sunday Hunting
Hog	March 2 – 31 No Sunday Hunting Buckshot and rimfire firearms prohibited. No limit. Additional hunts determined as needed after annual hog hunt.
Snipe	Wednesdays and Saturdays only. February 1 – close of Federal season. Nontoxic shot required.
Raccoon / Opossum	Wednesday and Saturday nights only. February 2 - March 4

Prohibited Activities Continued

- Releasing or attempting to release any animal onto Refuge lands.
- Hunting or shooting any game (except waterfowl) from a watercraft.
- Hunting from within 100 feet of any roadway, whether open or closed to vehicular traffic or from within 300 yards of any residence or designated hunter check station.
- Destroying, injuring, or cutting vegetation. The possession of axes, saws, machetes, mowers, trimmers, or other tools used for cutting vegetation are not permitted on the Refuge. In addition, the use of hammers, screws, nails, bolts, or any other foreign objects that are inserted into or permanently affixed to any vegetation is prohibited.
- Stalk hunting, “man-drives”, or any other form of an organized hunting technique while hunting deer, hog, or turkey in which two or more hunters are attempting to drive game animals from cover to shoot, kill, injure, or move animals towards other hunters.

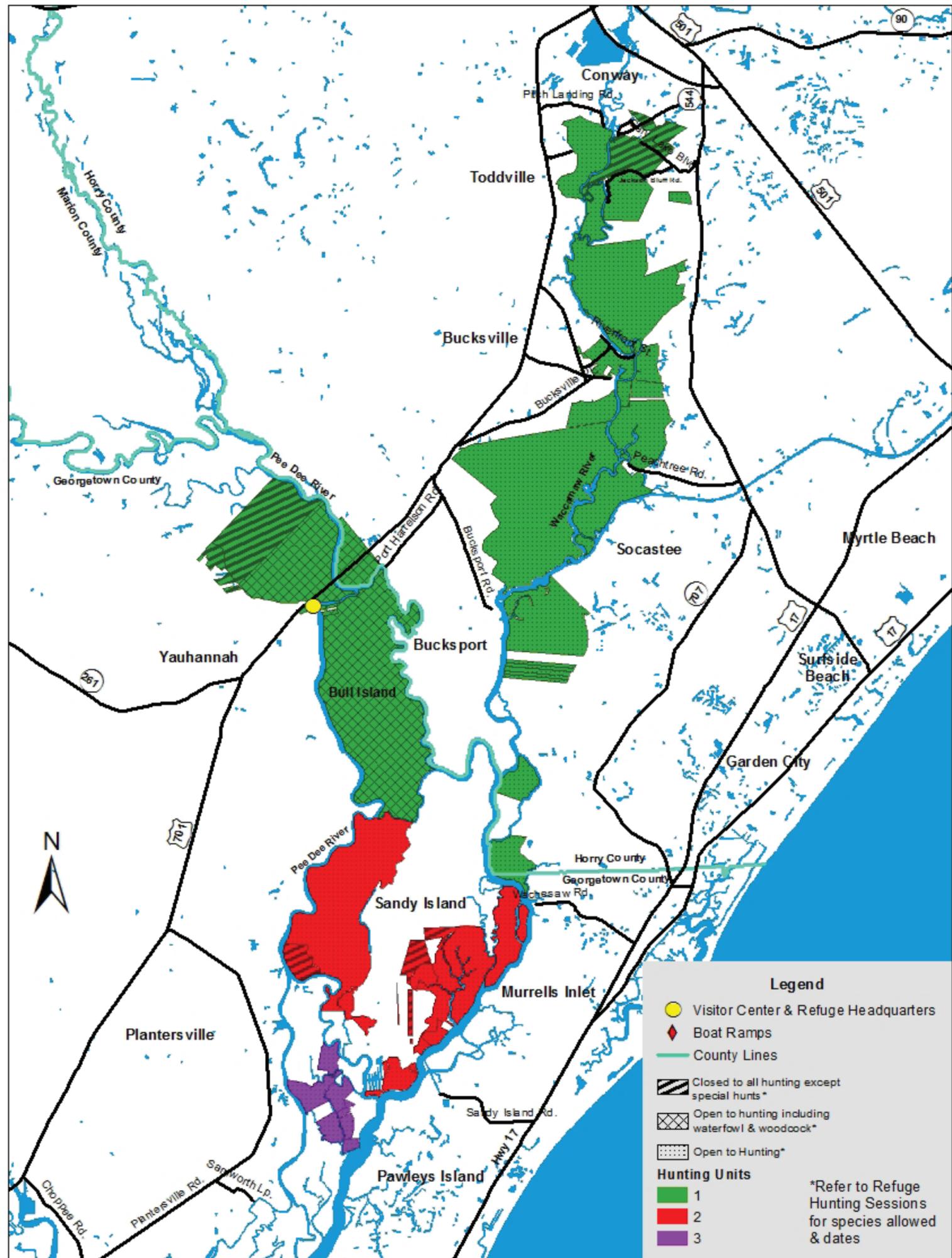
Harvest Limits

Deer
No Sunday Hunting. One antlered buck allowed for each hunt session not to exceed State bag limit. Three antlerless deer may be harvested per season during coinciding SCDNR Game Zone 5 antlerless deer days or with the use of individual antlerless deer tags. Legal hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Hogs

No Sunday Hunting. No limit. Additional hog hunts may be offered during and after deer season to further control this invasive species. All feral hogs must be dispatched before removing them from the Refuge. Use of dogs for hog hunting is prohibited, however, exceptions may be made if the Refuge determines additional hog hunts not listed in this brochure are necessary. A State hunting license and a Refuge Hunting Permit are required.

Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge 2014-2015 Hunting Map



Turkey

Adult/Youth Only. Allowed in Unit 1 only. One gobbler per day per party. Two gobblers per season. Turkey tags are required. All harvested turkeys must be tagged before being moved from the point of kill.

Squirrel

Nontoxic shot required. No Sunday Hunting. Gray squirrel only. Fox squirrels are not allowed. Bag limit is 10 squirrels per hunter per day. One treeing dog allowed per hunter. No hunting from watercraft.

Raccoon / Opossum

Three raccoon per party per night. Opossum no limit.

Waterfowl / Woodcock / Snipe

Nontoxic shot required. Same limits as outlined in the South Carolina Migratory Game Bird Hunting Guidebook 2014-2015. If a scheduled Refuge deer hunt falls within the State migratory bird season, hunting is not permitted until after the deer hunt concludes.



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.



This area is closed to all hunting. Firearms and archery equipment are strictly prohibited (see map).



This area is closed to all hunting except during special hunts. Refer to Special Hunts section in this brochure.