

# RULES & REGULATIONS



# QUOTA HUNTS

## Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge Managed Deer Hunt (#701)

2013 - 2014 SEASON

Public deer hunting by shotgun and bow is permitted on the Refuge on hunting dates listed below and in hunting areas shown on the map. A signed Refuge Deer Hunt permit, compass and a valid state hunting license must be carried when hunting deer on the Refuge. Signing the permit means you agree to abide by all terms and conditions of that permit including all federal and state applicable laws, rules, regulations, maps, and signs. Violations of regulations will result in the cancellation of your hunt permit and may lead to prosecution in federal court.

Hunters utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, equipment, bag limits, vehicles and their contents during compliance checks by Refuge Officers, State Wildlife Officers, and other state/local law enforcement officers.

### SEASON AND BAG LIMITS

Early season: Oct: 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 2013  
Late season: Nov: 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 2013  
No rain dates will be scheduled  
(see Cancellations and Closures below).

Either sex deer may be taken all season, per state and federal regulations.

### SCOUTING

A scouting day will be held on September 28, 2013 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Only hunters with signed permits and a compass will be allowed into hunting areas on the scouting day. Guests will not be allowed to enter with permit holders.

### HUNTING HOURS

Hunters will be admitted into the refuge approximately one hour before legal hunting hours. Hunters should not arrive at the entrance gates before 5:00 am. Hunters must leave the refuge no later than one hour after legal hunting hours, unless the hunter is in the process of dragging deer. However, VA hunters accessing Corapeake Ditch and hunting in the "Blocks" must exit the hunt area by noon.\*

### REFUGE & DEER CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

All hunters must sign in and sign out at one of the three refuge entrances each time they enter and leave the refuge. When an entrance reaches capacity, that area is closed to all other hunters for the day, even if a hunter checks out. Failure to sign in and/or out results in unnecessary search and rescue proceedings.

### FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

- Only 20 gauge shotgun or larger, and/or bow and arrow in accordance with state and federal regulations is permitted.
- Hunters may use buckshot and/or rifled slugs.

### HUNTER ORANGE

All hunters are required to wear a minimum of 400 square inches of solid-colored blaze orange on their chest, shoulders, back, and head during the hunt. Camouflage hunter orange does not meet this requirement. A hat alone does not meet this requirement - a vest or other upper body garment is recommended to meet the requirement.

### TREE STANDS

Tree stands must be removed from the refuge at the end of each hunt day. Hunters will not be permitted to return for any part of their stand. The use of nails, screws, or any other material that damage trees are not allowed.

### CAR TOP BOATS

Car top boats may be used to cross the ditches within the hunt areas only

### CANCELLATIONS AND CLOSURES

On all hunt dates, some portions of the refuge will remain open to hunters, unless unprecedented high fire danger or extreme weather conditions (hurricane, nor'easter) warrant cancellation. Specific hunt areas may be closed due to management activities, emergencies, or inclement weather that render refuge roads unsafe to travel. If any hunt dates are cancelled or areas are closed, no other rain "make up" dates will be provided. Some areas may be closed to vehicles, but not to foot traffic and hunting.

Please call 757/986-3705 if the status of any scheduled hunt date is questionable. Updates will also be posted on the refuge Facebook page at [greatdismalswamp](http://greatdismalswamp).

*\*NORTH CAROLINA STATE LAW now prohibits the transport of any deer harvested from a state where Chronic Wasting Disease has been documented into North Carolina. Virginia has documented cases. As a result, if you are hunting in the Virginia hunt zone in the Corapeake Entrance, you will be required to process the deer before transporting it. You will be required to check it by phone before processing it or moving it. All harvested deer must be processed in accordance with North Carolina State law. The VA section of the Corapeake Ditch entrance will therefore close at noon. Ensure*

*you are on your way out by noon, unless you are dragging or processing a deer.*

### ALSO PROHIBITED

- Refuge access at any location other than through designated entrances at Jericho Lane, Railroad, and Corapeake Ditch Roads.
- Hunting in the Disabled Hunting area without an additional refuge Disabled Hunters permit. Contact refuge office to obtain special permit.
- The use of boats on Lake Drummond, the Feeder Ditch, or the Dismal Swamp Canal for any reason while in the refuge on your hunt permit.
- Hunting on any area that is not designated as part of the refuge hunt area by signs or current hunt map.
- Discharging a firearm from a vehicle.
- Discharging a firearm from across, or within 50 feet of a refuge road, including roads closed to vehicles.
- Hunting, pursuing, capturing, chasing, stalking, injuring, destroying, or attempting to do the same for white-tailed deer on or within 50 feet of a refuge road, including roads closed to vehicles.
- Driving motorized vehicles off the roads and/or on roads closed to vehicles.
- Parking vehicles in any manner which blocks roads (including roads closed to vehicles).
- The use of permanent markers, such as paint, to locate stands or trails.
- Baiting or hunting over bait.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages.
- Camping and all overnight use.
- Possession of dogs on the refuge during any designated hunt date without a valid dog retrieval permit.
- Discharging or hunting with a rifle, handgun or pistol.
- Handling, harassing or collecting anything whatsoever, littering, fires and the use of boat trailers.

### SAFETY AND OTHER REGULATIONS

1. In case of an emergency call 911.
2. As a requirement of your permit, you must carry a compass in your possession at all times. Know how to use it.
3. Refuge wide speed limit is 25 mph on all refuge roads unless otherwise posted (i.e. 15 mph at entrance to Corapeake Ditch Road). Radar and other speed measuring devices are used to enforce speed limits.