

RULES & REGULATIONS (& 10 Commandments of Shooting Safety)



QUOTA HUNTS

Back Bay NWR/False Cape SP Deer (#205)

2014 - 2015 SEASON

PLEASE READ ALL RULES: Any violation of these regulations may result in revocation of hunting permit for this hunt for up to a year as well as forfeiture of any fees paid for this hunt.

- **Bag Limits:** **Deer** - Two per day either sex.
Using DMAP tags, you will be allowed to take antlerless deer (does and fawns [buttons on males must be below the fur]) without using your Big Game tags. If you take Bucks with buttons or antlers above the fur, Big Game tags will be required.
Feral Hogs - No daily limit, no season limit
- **Hunting Dates:** October 27-30, 2014.
- **Hunting Hours:** 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.
- **Age Requirements:** Hunters must be at least age 16 to hunt alone. Youths between the ages of 12 to 16 may hunt ONLY when accompanied by an adult, 18 years or older, who meets the hunt qualifications. No one under the age of 12 is permitted within a hunting unit.

Unless otherwise stated, all other Virginia State and Refuge/Park regulations apply.

- Shotgun only (20 gauge or larger loaded with only buckshot or slugs). Discharging or hunting with other weapons (rifles, handguns, bows, crossbows, muzzle loaders etc.) or ammunition other than shotgun slugs and buckshot, is prohibited.
- All hunters must present a valid Hunter Safety Certificate upon registration.
- All hunters must check in and out at the Refuge deer-check station.
- Dogs are prohibited.
- Treestands are not permitted.
- Discharging or hunting with loaded firearms or nocked arrows in or on a vehicle/boat or shooting from a vehicle/boat is prohibited. All weapons must be unloaded with actions open: while in transport, while on roads, when waiting for pick-up, and within the boundaries of the safety zones.
- Unauthorized entry outside of the assigned hunt area (zone) and/or driving motorized vehicles off designated roads is prohibited.
- There will be no hunting from, across, or down the roads. Weapons must be unloaded with actions open while on roads.
- Hunters must be accompanied by park/refuge staff when entering a safety zone with the exception of the contact station in zone 9 or the game checking station at the Back Bay NWR shop. If your game goes into a "No hunt" zone, do not track it there. Contact us at: (757) 426-7828 or (757) 301-7329, or in person, to inform us of such a situation. If we determine that it will be safe for you to go into a "no hunt" zone, we will give you approval to track your animal.
- Camping and fires on the Refuge and Park are prohibited. Extinguish all cigarettes carefully and take the butts out with you. Pack out all trash including spent shells.
- Hunters must take all necessary personal items into the field with them. Items cannot be left at the check station and on the transport vehicles.
- Shooting at animals (i.e. snakes, turtles, birds, rabbits, squirrels, etc.) other than deer or feral hogs is prohibited. Remember there may be other wildlife such as bear and horses with similar coloration as deer and hogs.
- Every hunter or person accompanying a hunter shall wear a **minimum of 400 square inches of solid colored** blaze orange hat and blaze orange upper body clothing that is visible from 360 degrees. That is equivalent of a hat and vest for each hunter. Hats may have a bill or brim color or design other than solid blaze orange. Hats shall not be in "camo" style, since the latter is designed to prevent visibility. A logo, which does not detract from visibility, may be worn on a blaze orange hat.
- Transportation from the check station to and from Zones will be provided by Back Bay Refuge and False Cape State Park, except for zones 1, 2.
- Transportation to Zone 1 (Long Island) must be provided by the hunter in the form of a portable, hand-launched boat (punt, canoe, row-boat, etc., without a boat trailer). The Refuge reserves the right to reassign selected Zone 1 hunters to alternate vacant zones, should weather or other conditions prohibit boating out to Long Island.
- Transportation from the check station to and from Zone 2 will be provided by the hunter; those hunters must park in designated parking areas.
- Transportation to the non-ambulatory hunt area (Zone 5) must be provided by the hunter.
- All game must be dressed in the field at least 100 feet from any road or trail.
- The Hacking Tower in Zone 4 is closed. No one is permitted to climb it.

- Hunters will be allowed to leave and re-enter the Refuge. Before leaving, hunters must inform staff at check-in station whether they are leaving for the day or planning to return. Hunters leaving the Refuge with no plans to return, their hunt zone will be put in the standby drawing to be held at 1:00 pm.
- Zone 1 hunters must be off Long Island by 4:45 pm. Discharging or hunting with other weapons (rifles, handguns, bows, crossbows, muzzle loaders etc.) or ammunition other than shotgun slugs and buckshot is prohibited.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- All weapons must comply with Virginia State Laws and Regulations as listed in the VDGIF regulations.
- Unless otherwise stated all other Virginia State and Federal regulations apply.
- Any violation of the above regulations or State Regulations can result in immediate loss of your hunting permit and hunting privileges for the year.
- Hunt Fee is \$10.00 payable at the time of registration.
- Please use caution when near the roads in the hunt area. Motor Vehicles commonly use the roads for hunter transportation and other support services.

Ten Commandments of Shooting Safety

1. Treat every firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm.
2. Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle. Carry your firearm safely, keeping the safety on until ready to shoot. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Identify your target and what is beyond it. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt.
4. Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that you have only the proper ammunition of the proper size for the firearm you are carrying.
5. Unload firearms when not in use. Leave the actions open. Firearms should be carried empty in cases to and from shooting areas.
6. Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot. Avoid all horseplay with a firearm.
7. Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch or log, with a loaded firearm. Never pull firearm toward you by the muzzle.
8. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water. During target practice, be sure your backstop is adequate.
9. Store firearms and ammunition separately beyond the reach of children and careless adults.
10. Avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before or while shooting.

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Make a copy of the regulations for your buddy and have them bring the signed copy to registration.

I have read and understand the attached copy of the Back Bay NWR and False Cape State Park Controlled Deer and Pig Hunt, VDGIF Regulations and Information. I understand that any violation of these regulations may result in revocation of my hunting permit for this hunt for up to a year as well as forfeiture of any fees paid for this hunt. I have also read the Ten Commandments of Shooting Safety.

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DATE

Cell Phone #

Emergency Contact Information:

NAME

Telephone #

ADDRESS:

Cell Phone #