



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

2015 Hunt Regulations: The Pocket Archery Deer Hunt

Hunt Dates:

- **Archery Only** - September 12 – October 9, 2015
- **Mandatory:** Sign-in and out of the hunt area each day at the designated kiosk.
- ***The refuge gates will open at 5:00 a.m. and close at 8:30 p.m. daily. All hunters must leave the refuge by 8:30 p.m., no exceptions.***

Hunt Regulations:

You are responsible for knowing and following all State and Federal hunting regulations. Additionally, these refuge-specific regulations apply:

- All hunters must possess all applicable Georgia state hunting licenses.
- Licenses, all hunting equipment, effects, and vehicles are subject to inspection by Federal or State Officers.
- You must have a valid refuge entrance pass. Purchase passes at the Stephen C. Foster State Park or the Suwannee Canal Recreation Area near Folkston. A current Duck Stamp is also valid for entry, which may be purchased at a U.S. Post Office.
- Hunters under 16 years old must have successfully passed a state-approved hunter education course and be accompanied by an adult.
- Remove all deer stands daily. Use of nails or other metal devices to secure deer stands to trees is prohibited. Do not use metal spikes to climb trees.
- Unload and case all weapons when transporting them in vehicles.
- ***The Suwannee River Sill is not included in the hunt area.*** The hunt boundary to the north and south is the swamp/upland boundary.
- Overnight camping, fires, possession and/or use of alcohol, and hunting with dogs are prohibited.

Parking and Transportation:

- Enter, park, and exit the refuge only at designated points.
- Motor vehicles are allowed only on the paved roads shown on the attached map.
- Park vehicles on the shoulder of the road, but not in ditches. Do not block access roads.
- ***Use of ATVs on the refuge is prohibited.*** Walk into your hunt area from the paved road.

Scouting:

- Non-motorized scouting is allowed during daylight hours beginning seven days prior to the hunt (scouting can begin September 5).
- An entrance pass must be purchased in order to scout within the refuge.
- Use of flagging, reflective tape, reflective beads or paint to mark scouted areas is strictly prohibited.

**Camping at
Stephen C. Foster
State Park:**

If you are camping at Stephen C. Foster State Park, inform them that you are hunting and they will make arrangements for access through their gate. You may not clean or hang deer at state park. Your weapon must be unloaded and stored in its case and remain in your vehicle while on park grounds.

For more information, contact the refuge Visitor Center at (912) 496-7836, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily or visit the refuge website at http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Okefenokee/visit/visitor_activities.html.

