



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

2015 Hunt Regulations: Suwannee Canal Recreation Area



Hunt Dates: Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24, 2015; 5:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day.
Quota and Wheelchair and/or Youth Hunt

Hunt Regulations:

Limits

Deer - either sex, limit 2 per day
Hogs - either sex, no limit

Hunters are responsible for following all State and Federal hunting regulations. All hunters must possess all applicable Georgia state hunting licenses. Additionally, these refuge-specific regulations:

- Each hunter must purchase a refuge permit the morning of the hunt. Permits are \$15/hunter (cash or check) and are good for both days. Your permit is your entrance pass on the days of the hunt. Up to 40 permits will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. 10 permits are reserved for wheelchair and/or youth hunters. Chesser Island is reserved for wheelchair and/or youth hunters.
- Youth hunters (age 10 to 16) must show proof of successful completion of a state-approved hunter education course and be accompanied by an adult 21 or older.
- Only shotguns with slugs or muzzle loaders may be used during this hunt.
- Check-in at the Okefenokee Shop Area commences at 5:00 a.m. each day of the hunt. Follow signs from entrance road to sign-in area. Hunters may line up for check-in no earlier than 4:00 a.m. and vehicles may not be left unattended.
- Check-in and out of the hunt area each day. Refuge staff will tag all deer harvested with a special refuge tag. Harvested deer do not count towards your state bag limit.
- Hunting areas are open on hunt dates from two hours before sunrise until noon. Remain on your stand from 30 minutes before sunrise until 9:00 a.m.
- Licenses, permits, all hunting equipment, vehicles or other conveyances are subject to inspection by Federal and/or State Officers
- Remove your stand daily. Use of nails or metal devices to climb or attach stands to trees is prohibited.
- Unload and case your weapon when transporting it in your vehicle.
- Overnight camping, fires, possession and use of alcohol, hunting with dogs, and hunting from a vehicle are prohibited.

Parking and Transportation:

- Enter, park, and exit the refuge only at designated points.
- Motor vehicles are allowed only on roads identified. Do not block roads. Walk in to hunt areas only.
- Only disabled hunters on Chesser Island may use ATVs and vehicles on firebreaks and non-paved roads.

Scouting:

- Non-motorized scouting is allowed during daylight hours beginning seven days prior to the hunt (scouting can begin October 16).
- Entrance fees apply during normal hours of operation (for scouting activities).
- Use of flagging, reflective tape or beads, cat's eyes, florescent twists, or paint to mark scouted hunt areas is prohibited.

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

Additional maps are available online; use the following coordinates N30°43'44" W082°08'14" or USGS Chesser Island Quadrangle 7 1/2 minute series map for the location

