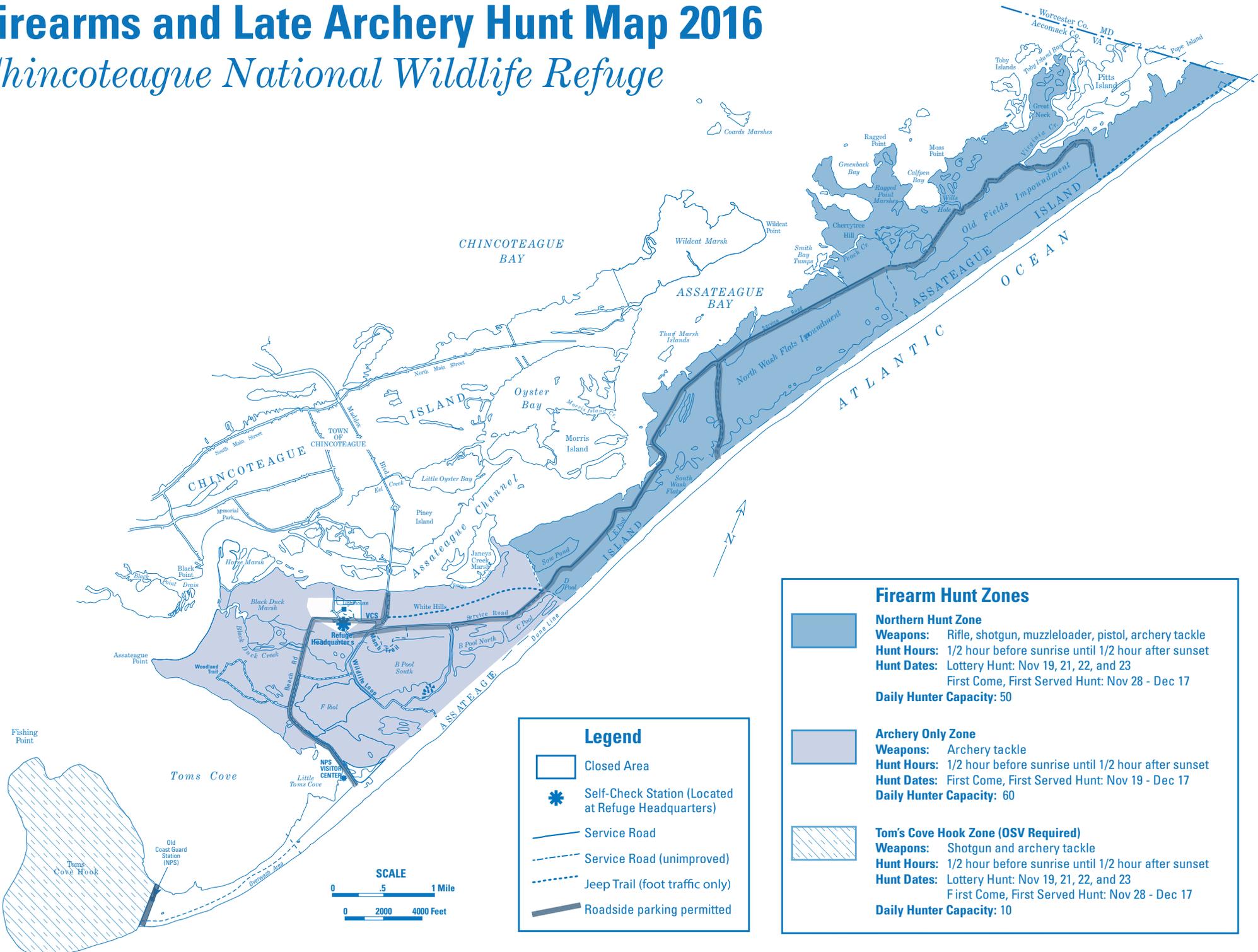


Firearms and Late Archery Hunt Map 2016

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge



Firearm Hunt Zones

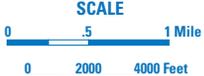
Northern Hunt Zone
Weapons: Rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader, pistol, archery tackle
Hunt Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset
Hunt Dates: Lottery Hunt: Nov 19, 21, 22, and 23
 First Come, First Served Hunt: Nov 28 - Dec 17
Daily Hunter Capacity: 50

Archery Only Zone
Weapons: Archery tackle
Hunt Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset
Hunt Dates: First Come, First Served Hunt: Nov 19 - Dec 17
Daily Hunter Capacity: 60

Tom's Cove Hook Zone (OSV Required)
Weapons: Shotgun and archery tackle
Hunt Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset
Hunt Dates: Lottery Hunt: Nov 19, 21, 22, and 23
 First Come, First Served Hunt: Nov 28 - Dec 17
Daily Hunter Capacity: 10

Legend

- Closed Area
- ✱ Self-Check Station (Located at Refuge Headquarters)
- Service Road
- Service Road (unimproved)
- Jeep Trail (foot traffic only)
- Roadside parking permitted



White-tailed Deer and Sika

Hunt Dates

- November 19 – December 17, 2016
- No hunting on Sundays
- No hunting November 24, 25, 26

Hunt Hours

1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

Bag Limits

Sika: Hunters may take up to five sika daily, two of which may be antlered.

White-tailed Deer: Limits apply for all seasons regardless of weapon used.

- Only one antlerless deer may be taken per license year.
- Only one antlered buck, having at least (3) antlered points one inch or larger on one side may be taken per license year.

The taking of wildlife other than sika and white-tailed deer is prohibited.

Types of Available Hunts:

1. *Firearm Lottery Hunt:*
November 19, 21, 22 and 23
 - North Firearm Zone (50 Hunters Maximum)
 - Toms Cove Hook Zone (10 Hunters Maximum)
2. *Firearm First Come/First Served:*
November 28-December 17
 - North Firearm Zone (50 Hunters Maximum)
 - Toms Cove Hook Zone (10 Hunters Maximum)
3. *Archery First Come/First Served:*
November 19 – December 17
 - Archery Only Zone (60 Hunters Maximum)
 - No firearms permitted.

How to Apply for Firearm Lottery Hunt:

November 19, 21, 22, and 23

Applications are available at

www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/visit/hunting.html.

Application forms should be submitted via email to FW5_ChincoHunt@fws.gov. Hunters applying for the Lottery Hunt must submit their completed application online by September 25, 2016.

- If a person's name appears on more than one application, all applications with the duplicate name will be disqualified.
- Applications will not be accepted in person, over the telephone, by fax or by mail.
- Applications must contain the hunter's full legal name as it appears on their driver's license.

Lottery Selection Results

A computerized lottery will be held to select 30 hunters. Selected hunters will be notified of results via email by October 9, 2016. A spam filter may prevent hunt related emails from reaching your inbox. Please add FW5_ChincoHunt@fws.gov to your address book to ensure you receive notifications.

Each selected hunter may bring one guest hunter, for a total of 60 hunters in the field. The guest hunter must also complete a hunt application and online orientation.

How to apply for Firearm and Archery First Come/First Served Hunt:

Hunters must complete a hunt application online at www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/visit/hunting.html. Application forms must be submitted via email to FW5_ChincoHunt@fws.gov.

General Regulations

We allow hunting of white-tailed deer and sika in designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State law subject to the following federal regulations:

1. There is no cost for a hunt permit; however refuge entrance fees still apply.
2. All hunters must certify on their application they have viewed the hunting orientation session available online at www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/visit/hunting.html.
3. PRINT, SIGN AND RETAIN A COPY OF THE APPLICATION, WHICH SERVES AS YOUR PERMIT IN THE FIELD. This permit must be displayed on your vehicle dashboard.
4. No hunting within 100 feet of any building.
5. You must park your vehicle in designated areas (See map).

6. You must be age 12 or older to hunt on the refuge. An adult age 18 or older must accompany and directly supervise hunters under age 18. The supervising adult must also possess and carry a State hunting license and refuge permit.
7. You must sign-in/out at the kiosk located near the maintenance area. You must sign out and report all harvest no later than two hours after the end of legal shooting hours.
8. During the firearms season, both firearm and archery hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of blaze-orange material consisting of a vest and hat or a jacket and hat.
9. Portable tree stands are allowed but must be removed daily. Tree stands attached by nails, wire, screws, or in any other damaging way are prohibited. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is not responsible for any personal property left unattended.
10. Virginia Deer Population Reduction Program (DPOP) tags will be provided by refuge staff and must be used on sika elk taken on the refuge.
11. All harvested animals must be completely dressed in the field and brought to the refuge's self-check station.
12. Deer drives are prohibited.

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Hunters with Disabilities

Please contact the hunt coordinator for additional information at 757/336 6122 x2315.

Federal Relay Service for the deaf and hard-of-hearing

1 800/ 877 8339 TDD/ 1 800/828 1140 voice.

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