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Eastern Virginia Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Rappahannock River Valley NWR

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Dear Hunter:

We are pleased that you are participating in the 2021 hunt at the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Enclosed is your hunt permit (if required) and a unit map. Directions to the units can be found on our website. Please review all permits to be sure they are correct. If you believe there is an error, please call the refuge office at (804) 333-1470 Ext. 113.

We are developing a new Hunt Plan and are now in the process of reviewing all submitted comments, developing responses, and incorporating any necessary changes as we finalize the plan. We anticipate that the final plan, with our responses, to be available on our website (https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Rappahannock_River_Valley/visit/visitor_activities/hunt.html) prior to September 1.

Some modifications include the following

- Archery hunting on Wright, Franklin and Mothershead units no longer require permits. Hunters are required to check in with RecAccess.
- A limited Spring gobbler hunt will be available at Franklin, Mothershead, Toby's Point, Wright, and Thomas (Thomas will be archery only)
- Coyote, turkey and small game hunting are now available on the refuge, see table below for details.
- Turkey and small game hunts require non-lead shot
- All hunting activities on the refuge will require non-lead shot within 5 years

You can visit the RecAccess site to register/check in for hunts at:

<https://rappahannock.recaccess.com/>

PARKING: Hunters must park in designated parking locations as indicated on refuge hunt map. These designated parking areas include gravel roads, but hunters must be parked in a manner to allow passage by other vehicles along roads and through gates. ATVs/UTVs and trailers are prohibited. While hunting on units that require a permit, hunters must carry a hunting permit and display a parking permit.

COLOR MAPS: If you would like to have color maps of your hunting areas, you can download them from our website:

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Rappahannock_River_Valley/visit/visitor_activities/hunt.html

STATE LAWS: If you need information concerning the state laws regarding deer hunts, please visit the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries web site at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov> or call (804) 367-1000.

SCOUTING: Scouting is permitted from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM on the dates listed below.

Deer, Archery	September 26, October 2
Deer, Muzzleloader	October 31
Deer, Shotgun	November 14
Rabbit/Squirrel	Dec 12, 19, January 2
Spring Gobbler (2022)	April 10, 17

Please notify the refuge at least one business day in advance of requested scout day(s). You may make your reservation to scout by calling the office at (804) 333-1470 ext. 113 or via email at william_crouch@fws.gov. Please include your name, the unit(s) and date(s) you would like to scout, how many people will be in your party, a description of the vehicle that will be driven to the unit(s), and your best contact number.

Hunting Opportunities by Season and Method

Units	Hunting opportunities
Wilna, Hutchinson, Laurel Grove, Fones Cliffs, Tayloe, Toby's Point	Deer, Fall Turkey, Coyote: Archery – Archery I: Oct 4-16, Archery II: Oct 18-30 (no Sunday hunts) Muzzleloader – November 5, 6, 12, 13 Shotgun – 2-day hunts, Nov 19/20, 26/27, Dec 3/4, 10/11, 13/14. Spring Gobbler (Laurel Grove only): Spring gobbler (shotgun): designated (3) half-days early season, April 13, 23, 30
Mothershead, Franklin	Deer, Fall Turkey, Coyote (no Sunday hunts) Archery – Oct 4-Dec 14. Turkey: Spring gobbler (shotgun): ½ days early season April 13, 23, 30
Wright	Deer, Fall Turkey, Coyote (no Sunday hunts) Archery – Oct 4-30 Muzzleloader – Oct 31-Nov 13 Shotgun – Nov 15-Dec 14 Turkey: Spring gobbler (shotgun): ½ days early season April 13, 23, 30
Wright, Mothershead, Franklin	Squirrel and rabbit: Dec 15-Jan 31
Port Royal	Deer: Archery – Archery I: Oct 4-16, Archery II: Oct 18-30 (no Sunday hunts)
Thomas	Deer: Archery – Archery I: Oct 4-16, Archery II: Oct 18-30 (no Sunday hunts)
Cat Point Creek	Deer: Archery – Archery I: Oct 4-16, Archery II: Oct 18-30 (no Sunday hunts)

*Complete details will be available on Final Hunt Plan which will be posted on the refuge website (link above)

HUNTER ETHICS: Please respect the land and other hunters by following these simple rule

We require stand hunting only. Stand hunting includes the use of portable hunting blinds, portable tree stands or stationary ground hunting. No deer drives, stalking or roaming are allowed.

- No damage to trees will be allowed. No nails, screws, bolts or screw-in steps may be used. Stands and blinds must be removed daily.
- We prohibit the use of flagging to mark trails or for any other purpose.
- Be considerate of other hunters; do not intrude in their space and minimize vehicle use.
- Take all your trash with you, including food wrappers and spent shells.
- If you witness violations or experience problems, please report them immediately to the refuge office, (804) 333-1470.

Refuge units will be open not earlier than one hour before legal shooting hours – 8:00pm to permitted hunters or those who have used the online check-in system (depending on the unit) on designated hunt dates

Sincerely,

Refuge Staff
Rappahannock River Valley NW

