

Welcome

Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1939 to provide habitat for migratory birds, to demonstrate sound management practices that enhance natural resource conservation, and to provide wildlife-oriented recreational opportunities. The 46,000-acres refuge is dominated by the longleaf pine-wiregrass ecosystem that provides a mosaic of habitats for wildlife and more than 900 species of plants.

The refuge is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a national network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.

General Information Access

The refuge is open every day from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset.

During deer and turkey seasons, hunters may access the refuge between 4:00a.m. and two hours after legal sunset on scheduled hunt days.

Firearms

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuge System lands must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

A loaded firearm is defined as ammunition in the chamber or magazine, or percussion caps on muzzleloaders.

Vehicles & Roads

Licensed motor vehicles are permitted only on public use roads as shown on the map. ATV/UTV are prohibited except for use by mobility impaired persons possessing a refuge special use permit for use in the designated mobility impaired hunt area.

Vehicles may park alongside roads in a manner that will not block gates or fire lanes or interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

The speed limit on all refuge roads is 15 MPH, unless posted otherwise.

Accessibility

People with mobility impairments that have special access needs should contact the Refuge Manager to request special use access.

Hunters wishing to use an ATV/UTV to hunt must provide a copy of their State disabled hunting license. Hunters that receive a permit to use an ATV/UTV may only use the ATV/UTV in the designated mobility impaired hunt area (see map).

All rules and regulations pertaining to the use of motor vehicles will be in effect for the use of ATV/UTV.

Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Hunting and fishing regulations are designed to provide safe recreational opportunities through wise use of renewable wildlife resources. Hunting and fishing are permitted in accordance with Federal regulations governing public use on National Wildlife Refuges as set forth in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable State of South Carolina regulations subject to the conditions stated below.

Species

The following species have designated hunting seasons on the refuge. Please see annual supplemental information sheet that includes seasons, harvest, and weapon information and well as procedures for applying for quota hunts.

Mourning Dove

Woodcock

White-tailed Deer

Feral Hog (incidental to deer)

Coyote (incidental to deer)

Northern Bobwhite Quail

Rabbit

Raccoon

Opossum

Turkey (Quota)

Permits

Hunters must possess a valid refuge Hunting Regulations Permit for all hunts. A valid permit is signed and dated in the current year. Permits are non-transferable.

A drawn quota hunting permit is required for the general turkey hunts.

Youth

Youth hunters age 15 and under must be directly supervised (within sight and normal voice contact) by an adult at least 21 years of age.

During deer and turkey hunts, an adult may supervise only one youth.

During all other hunts, an adult may supervise a maximum of two youths.

Hunter Education

Hunters must possess proof of successfully completing a hunter education/safety course in accordance with State law.

Hunter Orange

All persons participating in refuge firearms hunts and while in route to and from hunting areas must wear either a hat, coat, or vest of solid blaze orange. This does not apply to dove, turkey and raccoon hunters.

Harvest Tags

All deer and turkey harvested must be tagged at point of harvest in accordance to State law.

Youth must possess deer and turkey tags in accordance with State regulations.

Tree Stands

Only portable stands are permitted.

All stands must be removed at the end of each hunt period.

Hunting Dogs

Dogs are required for the raccoon/ opossum hunts.

Dogs are permitted for small game and dove hunting.

All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner’s contact information.

Prohibited Activities

- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages.

- Camping and fires.

- Searching for or removal of any natural items such as antlers, skulls, and plants. Historic and archaeological features are protected by Federal law.

- Use of electronic or photographic trail monitoring devices.

- Drones.

- Falconry.

- Discharging a firearm for a purpose other than the legal take of game animals during established hunting seasons.

- Loaded firearms within 100 feet of maintained roads (gravel and earthen “RT” roads) or within 500 feet of paved roads within the refuge.

- Discharging a firearm from, on, or across any refuge road.

- Deer Hunting with a firearm within 300 yards of a residence when less than 10 feet above the ground without permission of the owner and occupant.

- Entering or crossing a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” to access areas open to hunting.

- Discharging a firearm within, into or across a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area”.

- Placing stands on the refuge more than three days prior to the opening day of each hunt period.

- Permanent tree stands, nails, screw-in steps, or other items that penetrate the outer bark of a tree.

- Marking or flagging any tree or other refuge feature with paint or flagging.

- Baiting and/or hunting in the vicinity of bait.

- Deer hunting with dogs or by man-driving.

Signs and Boundaries

Please respect the following signs:



No vehicles: All vehicles prohibited.



Boundary: Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations.



Closed Area: All entry prohibited including hunting, fishing and sightseeing.



No Hunting Zone: Hunting, weapons, and game retrieval prohibited.

Carolina Sandhills

National Wildlife Refuge
 General Hunting Regulations & Permit
 September 2020-April 2023



Valid one hunt season from September through April (circle hunt year):

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23

When signed and carried in your possession, this acknowledges your understanding of all federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to hunting on the refuge, and your understanding that you are subject to inspection. Permits are required for all hunters. This permit is valid only when signed above and must be carried with you at all times while on the refuge. Permits are not transferable. I have read and understand these refuge regulations:

Hunter Name _____

Hunter Signature _____ Date _____



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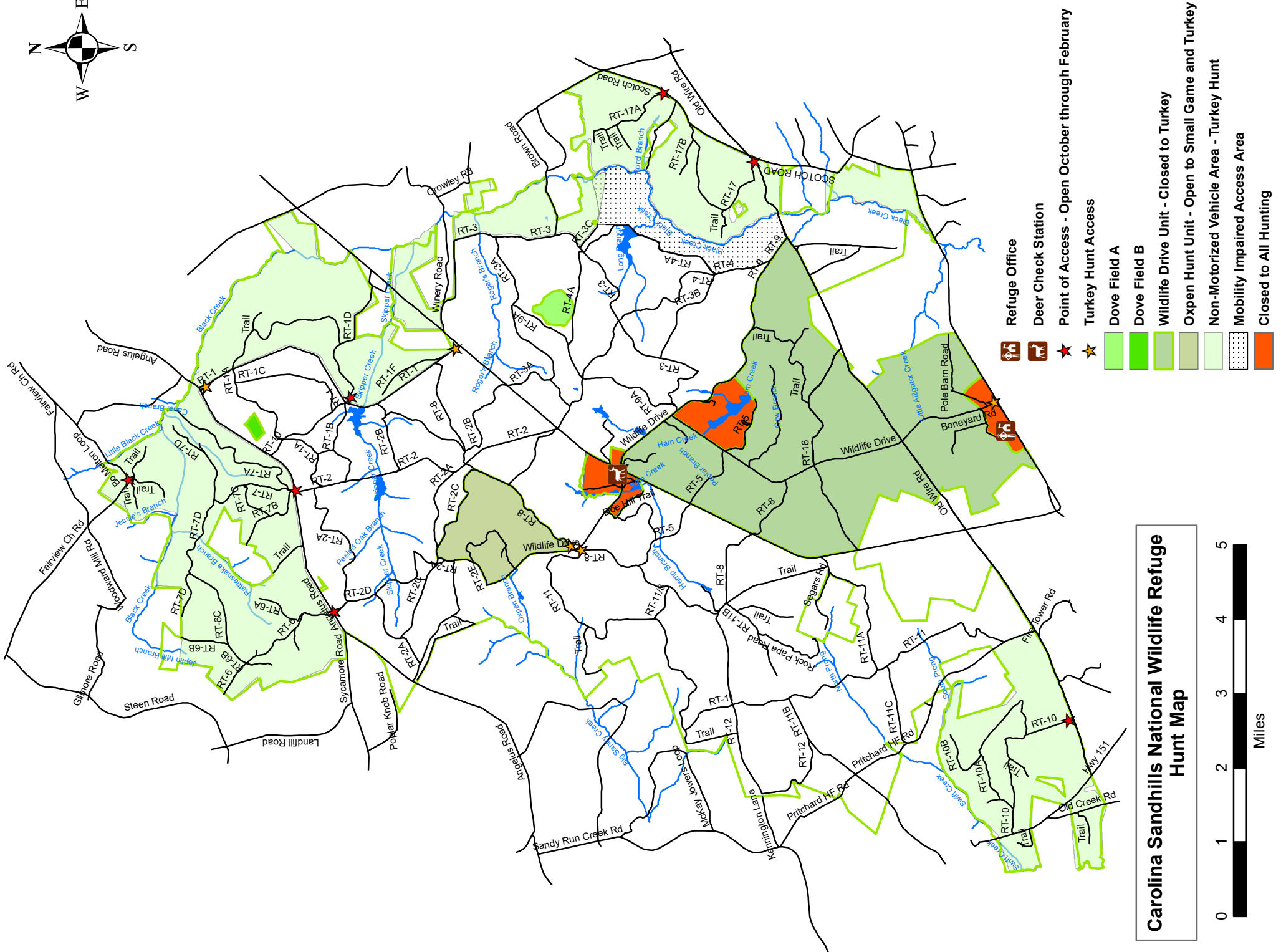
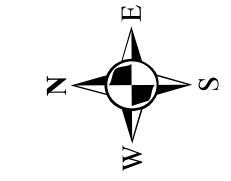
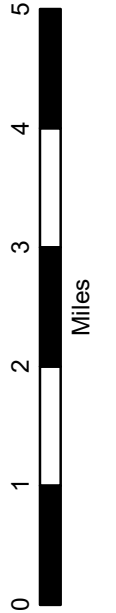
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**Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge
 Hunt Map**



- Refuge Office
- Deer Check Station
- Point of Access - Open October through February
- Turkey Hunt Access
- Dove Field A
- Dove Field B
- Wildlife Drive Unit - Closed to Turkey
- Open Hunt Unit - Open to Small Game and Turkey
- Non-Motorized Vehicle Area - Turkey Hunt
- Mobility Impaired Access Area
- Closed to All Hunting