

Supplemental Information to Refuge Hunting Regulations and Permit Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge 2020-2021 Hunt Seasons

(Valid September, 2020 – April, 2021)

Permits

Hunters must possess all applicable licenses, permits and government issued picture ID while in the field. The refuge is not a Wildlife Management Area (WMA); therefore, hunters do not need a WMA permit.

Mourning Dove

Dove hunting will be allowed from noon until 6:00 pm on selected fields according to the following schedule:

September 10 – Field A

September 17 – Field B

September 24 – Fields A & B

Fridays during the second and third State seasons

All State and Federal regulations apply.

The daily bag limit is 15 mourning doves.

The possession or use of more than 50 shotgun shells is prohibited.

All hunters are required to sign in/out during the September dove hunts. Sign in will begin at 12 noon.

During the September dove hunts, wooded areas are closed to dove hunting. Hunters must remain in the cultivated fields at all times.

All trash, including shotgun shell hulls, must be removed from the field. Report any banded doves to www.reportband.gov.

You will need the band number(s), and where, when, and how you recovered the bird.

Woodcock & Quail

Fridays during the State season. The daily bag limit is two quail.

Deer

All harvested deer and hogs must be checked-in at the check station on the date of the harvest prior to removing the animal from the refuge.

All harvested coyote must be reported at the check station.

The daily bag limit is two deer (only one can be antlerless) and the season limit (total for all hunts) is five deer, at least two of which must be antlerless.

An antlerless deer is defined as a deer with no antlers or an antlered deer with less than two inches of antler visible above the hairline.

Unlimited hogs and coyote may be harvested while deer hunting.

Youth Deer

Open to all youth age 17 and under.

October 17, 2020

Archery

Crossbows permitted in accordance to State regulations.

October 19-24, 2020

December 1-31, 2020 (excluding Sundays)

Primitive Weapons

Bows and arrows, muzzleloading shotguns 20 gauge or larger, muzzleloading rifles .36 caliber or larger, and crossbows permitted in accordance to State regulations.

October 26-31, 2020

Modern Gun

Shotguns, centerfire rifles, and all primitive weapons (including crossbows). Handguns .357 caliber or larger and a barrel of no less than six inches. No military or hard jacketed ammunition.

November 5-7, 2020

November 19-21, 2020

Rabbit

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during January 2021

Raccoon/Opossum

December 7, 2020 (sunset) until 4am
December 12, 2020

January 4, 2021 (sunset) until 4am
January 9, 2021

February 1, 2021 (sunset) until 4am
February 6, 2021



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Turkey

State regulations for turkey hunting apply along with these special regulations:

The refuge bag limit is one (1) bearded gobbler for the entire season (Youth and General Turkey hunts). A turkey killed on the refuge counts toward your State bag limit.

Walk-in areas are designated on the Turkey Hunting map. No motorized vehicles are allowed in walk-in areas. Areas closed to turkey hunting are easily identified by roads and refuge boundary. Therefore, no closed area signs are posted.

All harvested turkeys must be tagged and taken to the refuge office for check-in. No hunter may leave the refuge with a turkey without first checking in at the refuge office.

Youth Turkey

Open to all youth age 17 and under. Youth must possess turkey transport tags in accordance with State regulations. A Quota Permit is not required.

April 3, 2021

General Turkey Quota Hunts

The general turkey hunt is a quota hunt of no more than 125 hunters per hunt.

All hunters (including youth) must have a permit to participate in these hunts.

Each permit will specify for which hunt you have been drawn.

Permits are **not** transferable.

All hunters age 16 and older participating in the hunt must have their quota turkey hunt permit, a valid State hunting license, turkey transport tags, and government-issued picture identification (such as a driver's license) in their possession.

All hunters age 15 and under must have their quota turkey hunt permit and turkey transport tags.

During Quota Hunts, no person may assist another hunter unless both hunters have quota permits (this includes one hunter calling for another or video recording).

General Turkey Hunt Dates

Hunt 1 – April 8-10, 2021 (Quota)

Hunt 2 – April 15-17, 2021 (Quota)

Application process

Applicants should complete the Turkey Hunt Application Form (FWS Form 3-2439), which will be available beginning January 4, 2021, from our office or by download from our website (https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Carolina_Sandhills/visit/visitor_activities.html).

Youth hunters may indicate on their application that they are a youth hunter (age 17 and under) and their hunt period preference (Hunt 1 or Hunt 2). Only youth hunters (and those in their hunt party) may indicate a hunt period preference.

Applicants must include a \$12.50 per hunter non-refundable application/hunt fee in the form of a certified check, money order, or cashier's check made payable to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Cash and personal checks are not accepted.

Up to five hunters may apply as a group by stapling application materials together.

Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the refuge office no later than March 1, 2021.

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23734 US Highway 1
McBee, SC 29101**

A random, computerized drawing will equally distribute hunters between the two hunt periods. Hunters may contact the refuge office after March 8, 2021 to inquire about drawing results.

Permits will be mailed to successful hunters.

For general information:

Refuge Office
843/335-8350

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Carolina_Sandhills/visit/visitor_activities.html

A Georeferenced PDF Refuge General Hunt Map is available to download at www.fws.gov/refuge/Carolina_Sandhills/