

Supplemental Information to Refuge Hunting Regulations and Permit Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge 2021-2022 Hunt Seasons

(Valid September, 2021 – April, 2022)

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.

Small Game Reporting

Hunters are asked to voluntarily complete the Upland/Small Game/Furbearer Report (FWS Form 3-2362) when hunting quail, dove, woodcock, rabbits, raccoons, and opossum. The forms and drop boxes are located at RT9/RT9A, the Oxpen, the Refuge HQ, and the Deer Check Station.

Mourning Dove

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

September 9 – Field A

September 16 – Field B

September 23 – Fields A & B

September 30 – 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.

All trash, including shotgun shell hulls, must be removed from the field.

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

During the September dove hunts:

- Hunters must sign in/out of fields and complete harvest report. Sign in begins at 12 noon.
- Hunters must remain in the cultivated fields at all times; wooded areas are closed to dove hunting.

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

Friday, November 26, 2021 - **Quail only**

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 - **Quail only**

Friday, December 17, 2021 - **Quail only**

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

Friday, January 7, 2022

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Friday, January 28, 2022

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 - **Quail only**

Friday, February 18, 2022 - **Quail only**

The daily bag limit is two quail.

Rabbit

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during December 2021 and January 2022

Raccoon/Opossum

December 6, 2021 (sunset) until 4 am

December 11, 2021

January 3, 2022 (sunset) until 4 am

January 8, 2022

February 7, 2022 (sunset) until 4 am

February 12, 2022

Coyote/Feral Hog

Unlimited hogs and coyote may be harvested while deer hunting.

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 coyotes harvested must be reported at the check station on the date of the harvest.

The daily bag limit is two deer (only one can be antlerless) and 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.

Youth Deer

Open to all youth age 17 and under.

October 16, 2021

November 13, 2021

Archery

Bow and arrow, long bow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow.

October 18-23, 2021

December 1-31, 2021 (excluding Sundays)

Primitive Weapons

Archery equipment, muzzleloading shotguns 20 gauge or larger, and muzzleloading rifles .36 caliber or larger.

October 25-30, 2021

Modern Gun

Shotguns, centerfire rifles, and all primitive and archery equipment. Handguns .357 caliber or larger and a barrel of no less than six inches. No military or hard jacketed ammunition.

November 4-6, 2021

November 18-20, 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. E-bikes with an electric motor of less than 750 watts (1h.p.) with fully operational pedals and an operating speed of less than 20mph (Class 1 electric bicycles) are permitted.

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. A turkey killed during the youth hunt counts toward your refuge bag limit.

April 2, 2022

April 30, 2022

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 a 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 Quota Hunt Dates

Hunt 1 – April 7-9, 2022 (Quota)

Hunt 2 – April 14-16, 2022 (Quota)

Application process

Applicants should complete the Turkey Hunt Application Form (FWS Form 3-2439), which will be available beginning January 2, 2022 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. This is not a guaranteed draw. However, youth parties that are drawn will be placed according to their 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, 2022.

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A random, computerized drawing will distribute hunters between the two hunt periods. Hunters may contact the refuge office after March 10, 2022 to inquire about drawing results.

Permits will be mailed to successful hunters.

For general information:

Refuge Office
843/335-8350
e-mail: carolinasandhills@fws.gov

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

A Georeferenced PDF Refuge General Hunt Map is available to download at https://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/CSNWR_GeneralHuntMap_Opt.pdf