

# Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge



## Big Game Hunt Orientation 2016

# INTRO TO WHAT'S NEW



**Chincoteague NWR has made significant changes to the big game hunt program for 2016. In general, Chincoteague's big game hunt has become more closely aligned with the Commonwealth of Virginia's regulations and seasons.**

**The multiple zone system and all but 1 lottery has been revised. All hunts except the first 4 days of firearms are first come / first served.**

**There are still 2 big game seasons for the refuge; archery and firearms. The dates for these seasons now more closely align with Virginia. *This orientation will cover both.***

**One significant difference is the bag limit for whitetail.**

# REFUGE HUNT PERMIT



As detailed in the hunt brochures, your hunt application now serves as your hunt permit.

Your completed application must be emailed to the hunt coordinator to be valid:

[FW5\\_ChincoHunt@fws.gov](mailto:FW5_ChincoHunt@fws.gov)

In addition, each hunter must print / sign their permit and check the self certification box that they have viewed this hunt orientation.

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge System

## Quota Deer Hunt Application

OMB Control Number  
1018-0140  
Expires 05/31/2018

Follow instructions in the refuge hunt publication; all fields may not be required. Read and comply with all refuge regulations, including application deadlines.

**DO NOT USE THE SUBMIT BUTTON! Applications must be saved and emailed.**

1. Name of Refuge: Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

2. Date of application

3. Legal Name  Area Code/Phone No.

Mailing Address

City, State, ZIP  e-mail

4. Method: Firearms

5. Species: Sika elk and white-tailed deer

6. Application Type (check all that apply)

- Northern Hunt Zone Firearms Lottery: Nov. 19-23  
 Tom's Cove Hook Firearms Lottery: Nov. 19-23  
 Firearms First-come/First-served Hunt: Nov. 28 - Dec. 17  
 Archery First-come/First-served Hunt: Oct. 1 - Dec. 17

7. Are you requesting a non-hunting assistant permit?

By checking this box I acknowledge that I will be assisting a disabled hunter and I understand my permit is not valid for hunting purposes

8. Orientation Certification

By checking this box I certify that I have completed and understand the refuge hunt orientation materials.

I have read and understand the refuge hunt regulations and agree to abide by the regulations governing hunting on the refuge.

Hunter signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Guardian name and signature here (required for hunters less than 18 years of age)

**To complete application process:**

**PRINT FORM**

1. Save the completed form to your computer (all fields are required).

2. Submit the saved form via email to [FW5\\_ChincoHunt@fws.gov](mailto:FW5_ChincoHunt@fws.gov)

3. Print and **physically sign** a copy of the completed form.

4. Place this form on the dash board of your vehicle while hunting. **Your signed application will act as your permit and will not be valid unless signed.**

\*Note if you fill out this form in your web browser it will not save the data. You must download the form and open it on your computer before filling it out. See our website for complete instructions on submitting your hunt application.

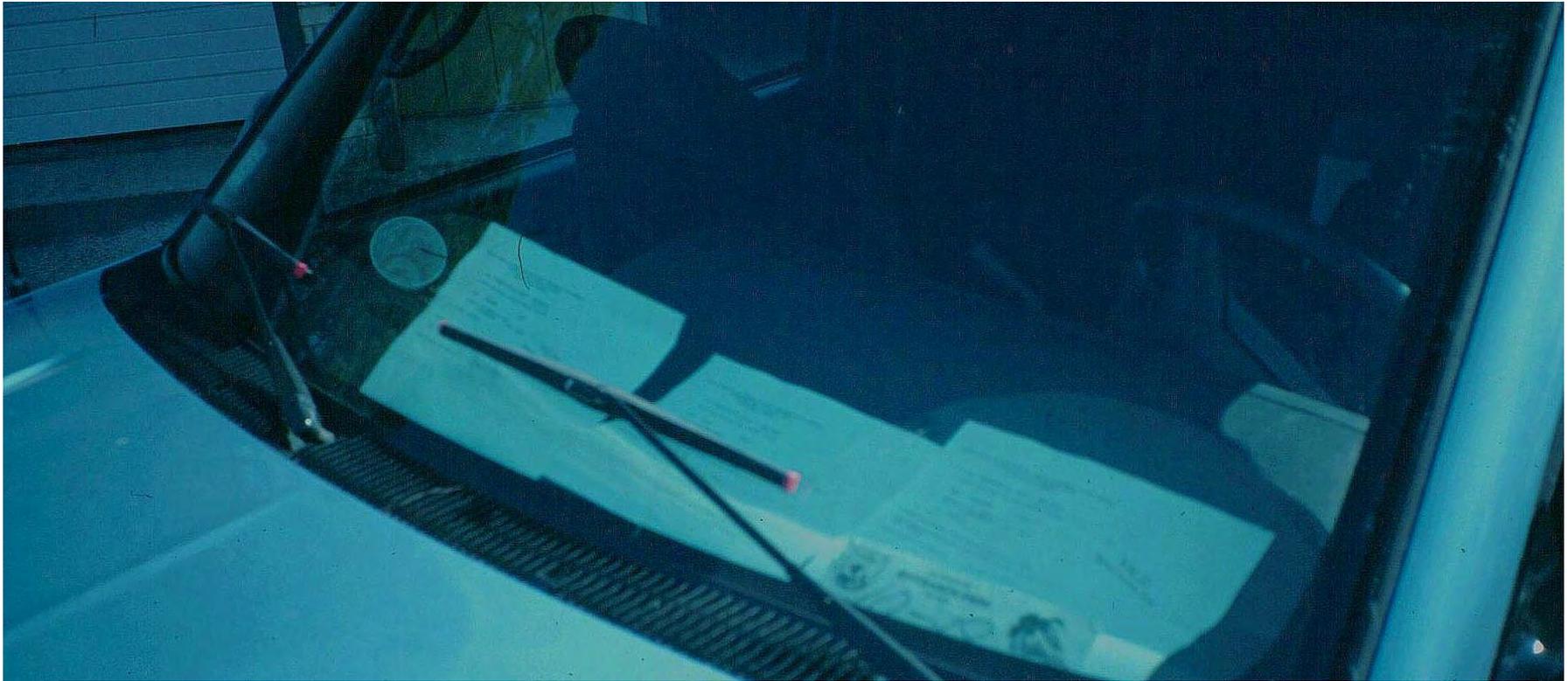
### Notice

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information:

- The issuance of a permit and collection of fees on lands of the National Wildlife Refuge System is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 6665-6665-ee) as amended, and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 450K-450K-4).
- The information that you provide is voluntary; however, submission of requested information is required to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants under the above Acts. It is our policy not to use your name or email for any other purpose. The information is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act. All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001). Failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit.
- We estimate the public reporting burden on the applicant for information collection to be 30 minutes. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 8970, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1549 G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20242.
- Routine use disclosures may be made: (a) to the U.S. Department of Justice when related to litigation or anticipated litigation; (b) of information indicating a violation or potential violation of a statute, rule, order, or license to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies responsible for investigating or prosecuting the violation or for enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulations, order, or license; (c) from the record of the individual in response to an inquiry from a Congressional office made at the request of the individual (42 FR 15053, April 11, 1977); and (d) to provide addresses obtained from the Internal Revenue Service to debt collection agencies for purposes of locating a debtor to collect or compromise a Federal claim against the debtor, or to consumer reporting agencies to prepare a commercial credit report for use by the Department (48 FR 54716; December 6, 1983).
- An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned control number 1018-0140.

FWS Form 3-2354  
REV 05/15

# REFUGE HUNT PERMIT



**Permits must be displayed while hunting on the dashboard of your vehicle in such a way that all of the occupants of that vehicle's permits are visible**

# REFUGE HUNT PERMIT



**Except for the 4 day Firearm Lottery Hunt, where there are selected hunters, your hunt permit is valid throughout the entire Chincoteague Refuge hunt season (both archery and firearms).**

**Your hunt permit is for hunting access only. All occupants of your vehicle must possess a valid hunt permit and be engaged in hunting in order to access portions of the refuge typically closed to the public.**

**Refuge Hunt Permits may be revoked at anytime for failure to abide by it's conditions or for any violation of state or refuge regulations.**

# LICENSES AND PERMITS



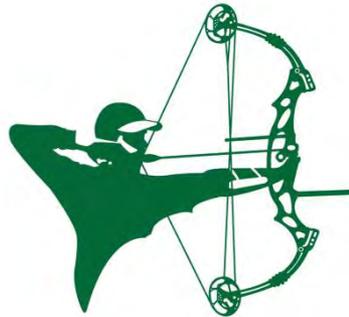
**In addition, you need a State Resident or Nonresident Hunting License AND State Resident or Nonresident Big Game License.**

**Virginia hunting and fishing license information can be found at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/licenses/>**

# LICENSES AND PERMITS



**Hunters using archery tackle during the archery season must also acquire a State Resident Archery License or Nonresident Archery License (If Hunting with a Longbow, Recurve, Compound Bow or Crossbow)**



**Hunters using a muzzleloader or archery tackle during the Commonwealth's firearms deer season dates DO NOT need the additional archery or muzzleloading license**

# EARLY ARCHERY SEASON



**Early archery begins Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and runs till Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. No hunting or access to hunt areas permitted on Sundays.**

**The refuge gate will open at 5:00am.**

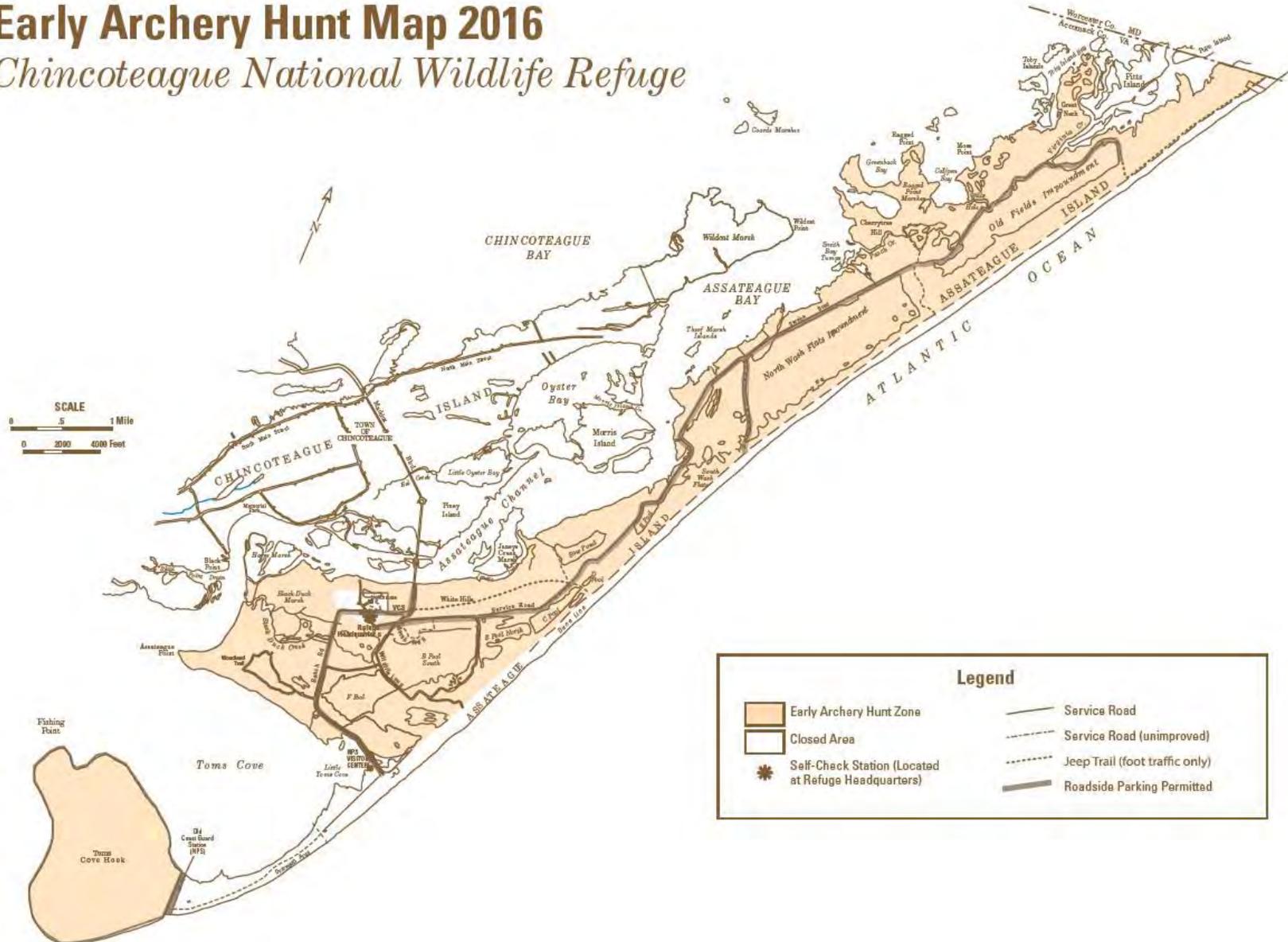
**Hunt hours are ½ hour before sunrise till ½ hour after sunset. All hunters must be signed out no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours.**

**This is a first come / first served hunt with a maximum of 125 archers allowed in the field.**

# ARCHERY HUNT ZONE



## Early Archery Hunt Map 2016 *Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge*



**Legend**

- Early Archery Hunt Zone
- Closed Area
- Self-Check Station (Located at Refuge Headquarters)
- Service Road
- Service Road (unimproved)
- Jeep Trail (foot traffic only)
- Roadside Parking Permitted

# FIREARMS LOTTERY SEASON



**Firearms season begins with the lottery hunt on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and runs till Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> . No hunting or access to hunt areas permitted on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**The refuge gate will open at 5:00am.**

**Hunt hours are ½ hour before sunrise till ½ hour after sunset. All hunters must be signed out no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours.**

# FIREARMS LOTTERY SEASON



**25 hunters will be randomly selected for the North Firearms Zone and 5 for Toms Cove Hook. Each of these hunters may bring 1 guest hunter for a total of 50 hunters up north and 10 on the Hook (see map which follows).**

**Guest hunters must complete, submit by email, print, and sign a hunt application / permit.**

**There are no guest hunter substitutions allowed. The person you select as your guest hunter must remain the same for the entire lottery hunt period.**

# **FIREARMS FIRST COME / FIRST SERVED**



**Following the Thanksgiving holiday (Waterfowl Week at Chincoteague NWR) Firearms season resumes on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and runs until Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> . No hunting or access to hunt areas permitted on Sundays.**

**A maximum of 50 hunters for the North Firearms Zone and 10 for the Toms Cove Hook Zone are allowed. There will be no substitutions allowed throughout the day. You may come and go without fear of losing your spot.**

**The refuge gate will open at 5:00am.**

**Hunt hours are ½ hour before sunrise till ½ hour after sunset. All hunters must be signed out no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours.**

# LATE ARCHERY SEASON



**In addition to the 2 firearms zones, there is now an archery only zone composed mainly of the old ½ day hunt zones.**

**Late archery begins Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and runs till Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. (includes Thanksgiving holiday) No hunting or access to hunt areas permitted on Sundays.**

**The refuge gate will open at 5:00am.**

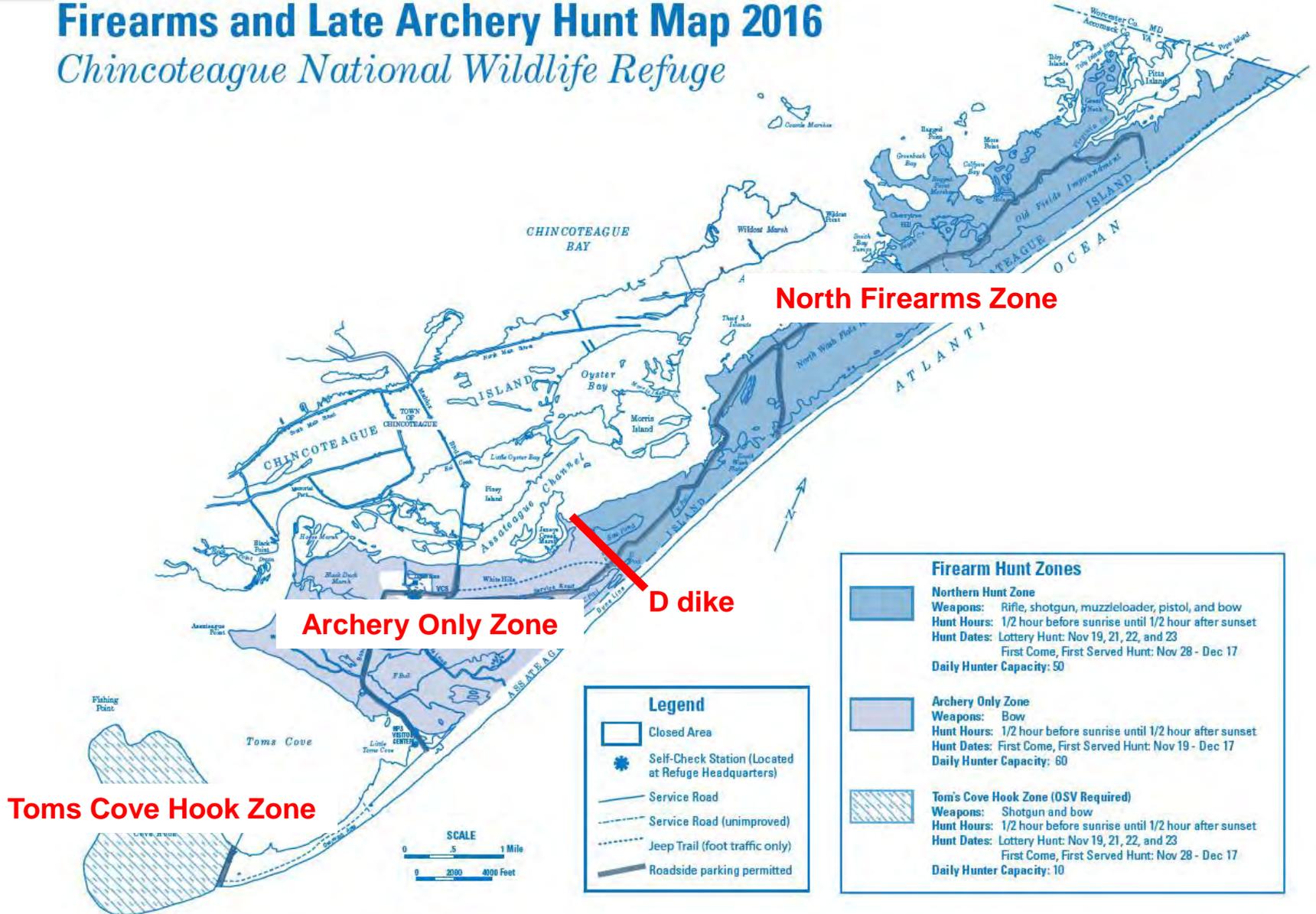
**Hunt hours are ½ hour before sunrise till ½ hour after sunset. All hunters must be signed out no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours.**

**This is a first come / first served hunt with a maximum of 60 archers allowed in the field.**

# FIREARMS AND LATE ARCHERY MAP



## Firearms and Late Archery Hunt Map 2016 Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

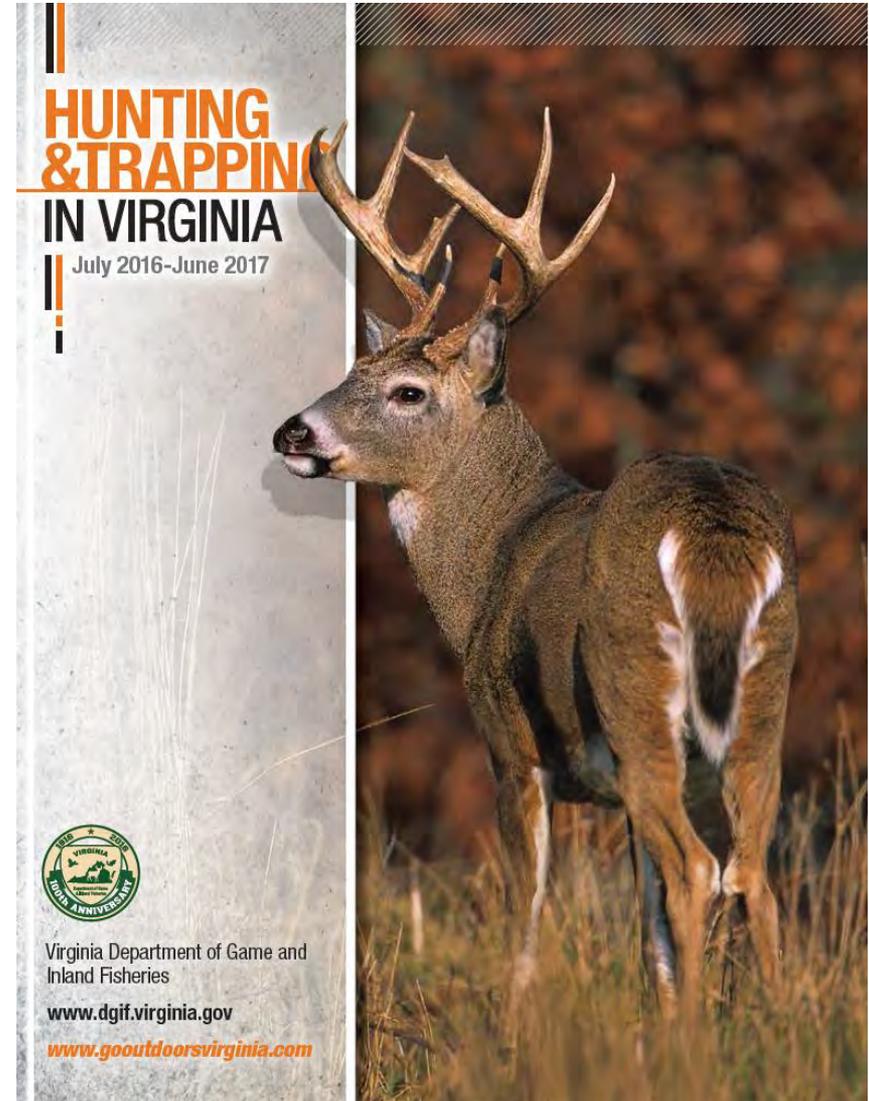


# STATE REGULATIONS APPLY



**Hunters are required to abide by the Commonwealth of Virginia's hunting regulations unless otherwise noted in the refuge hunt brochure or in this orientation.**

**Please visit  
<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/>  
for a complete listing.**



# GENERAL REFUGE REGULATIONS



**Hunting from a stand attached with nails, wire, screws, or bolts is prohibited**

**Portable stands must be removed after each hunt day**

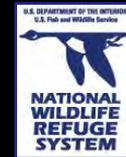
**Cutting shooting lanes is prohibited**

**Use of a boat, ATV, bicycle, or saddled animal is prohibited**

**You must be 12 or older to hunt on the refuge. Persons 12-17 years of age must accompany and be directly supervised by someone 18 years or older**



# GENERAL REFUGE REGULATIONS



**Blaze orange is recommended, but not required, for archery hunters during the early archery season.**



# GENERAL REFUGE REGULATIONS



**Blaze orange clothing is required of all hunters during the firearms season.**

**Blaze orange camouflage is not acceptable**

**All persons hunting during the firearms season must wear blaze orange material consisting of a vest or jacket and a hat.**

**Hunters using ground or tree stand blinds that conceal them from view must display a minimum of 100 square inches of blaze orange, visible from 360 degrees, on the **OUTSIDE** of such blinds.**



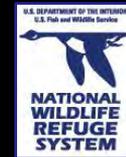
# GENERAL REFUGE REGULATIONS



**The taking of wildlife including their parts, other than the permitted species, is prohibited**



# GENERAL REFUGE REGULATIONS



**THE USE OR POSSESSION  
OF ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES IS  
PROHIBITED**



# ACCESS AND PARKING



**All hunters must sign in and out anytime they enter or leave their hunt area.**

**The sign in sheets will be moved to the outside wall of the check station, located at the back of the visitor center parking lot.**

**There may be up to 3 different clipboard cabinets, one for each hunt type. (Archery, North Firearms Zone, Toms Cove Hook)**



# ACCESS AND PARKING



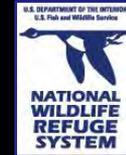
DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Chincoteague NWR Early Archery 2016 SHEET 1 of \_\_\_\_\_

#	NAME	VEHICLE MAKE / MODEL	LICENSE PLATE #	PHONE NUMBER	IN	OUT	IN	OUT
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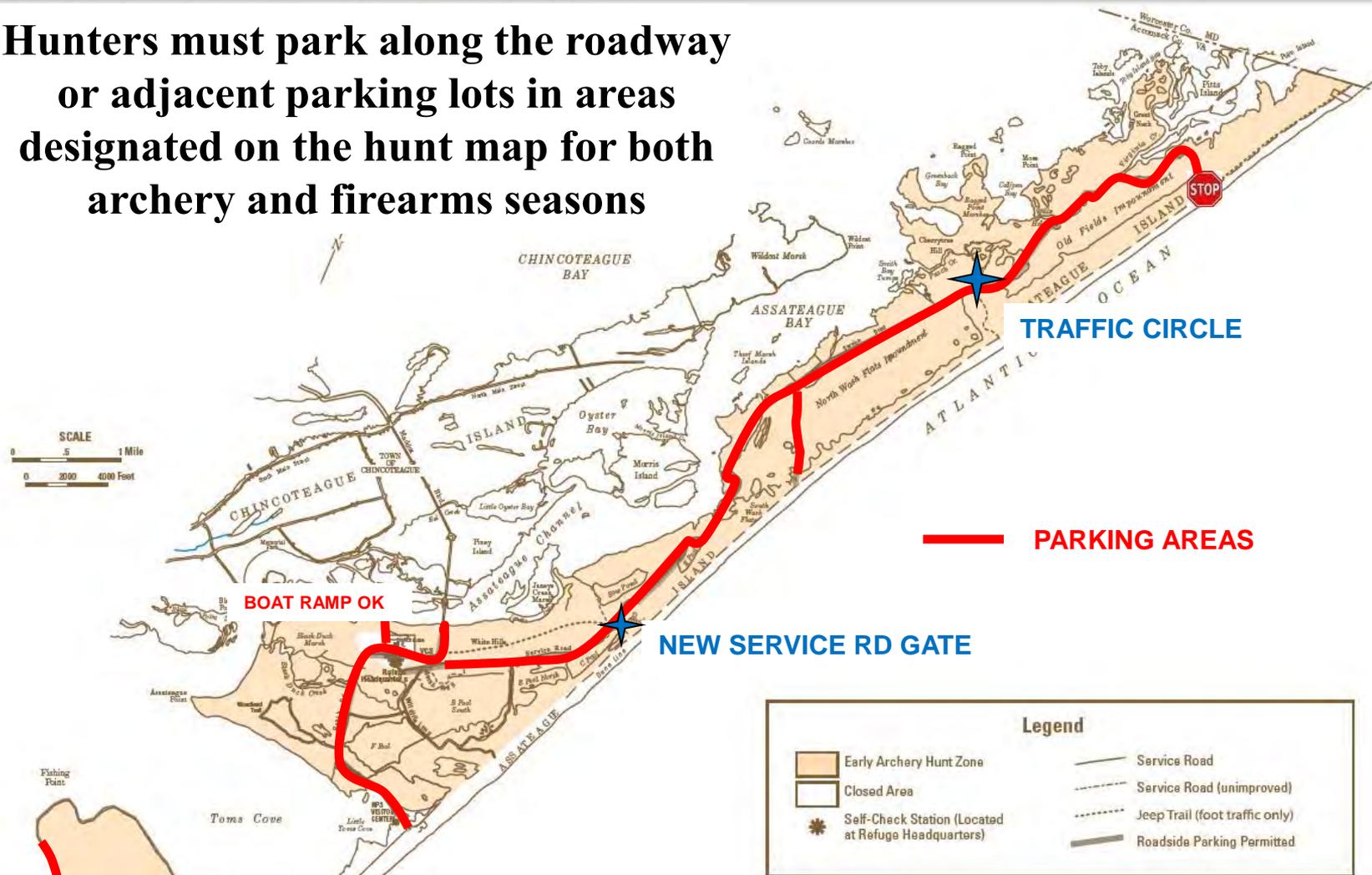
**Please fill out the sign in/out sheets completely. Once the sheets are full for a given day, the Refuge has met the maximum number of hunters for that day.**

**The hunter must be present when filling out the sheet. You cannot sign in someone who isn't present so they can hunt later in the day.**

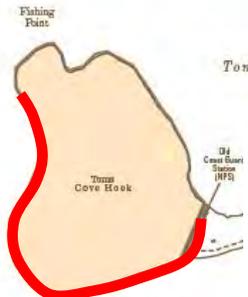
# ACCESS AND PARKING



Hunters must park along the roadway or adjacent parking lots in areas designated on the hunt map for both archery and firearms seasons



Hunters on the Hook may park at the Coast Guard Station or on the beach east of the black and white posts



# ACCESS AND PARKING



**A new Service Rd. gate has been constructed at D-dike. It marks the boundary to the North Firearms zone. Keep it closed.**



**In all cases,  
park off the  
roadway.**

# ACCESS AND PARKING



**Obey Posted  
Speed Limits**



# ACCESS AND PARKING



**Do not  
operate  
motor  
vehicles past  
yellow posts.**



# ACCESS AND PARKING



**Do Not Enter  
Closed Areas as  
designated on the  
hunt map.**

**A 100' safety zone  
extends around all  
refuge buildings.**

# ACCESS AND PARKING



**No Parking or  
Driving Past  
Markers at the  
north end of the  
Service Rd.**



# ACCESSING THE HOOK

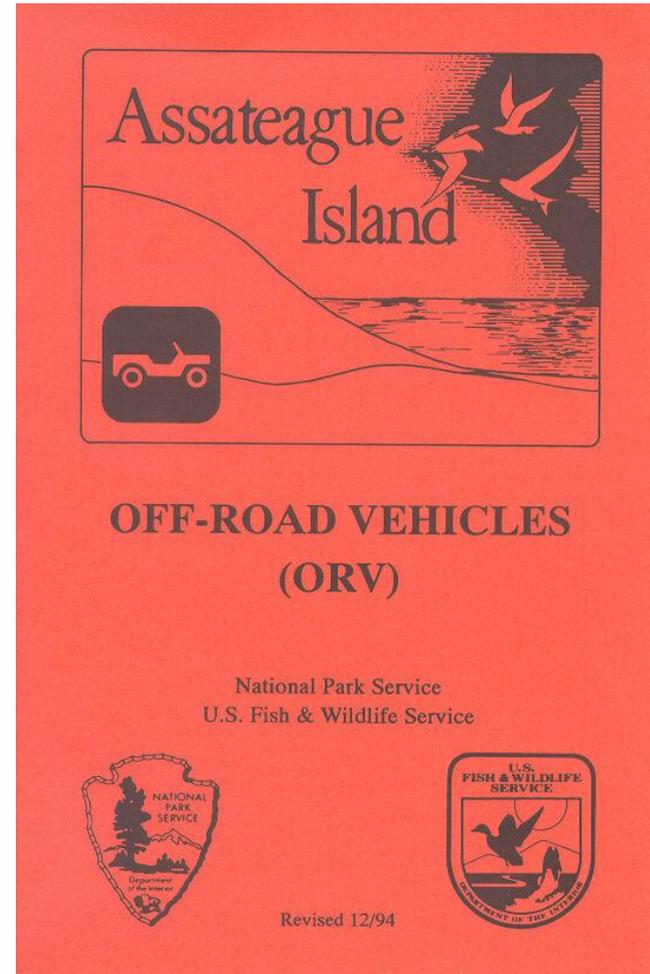


## A Four Wheel Drive Vehicle is Required.

An OSV Permit is not required, however, all regulations and equipment requirements apply.

- Shovel
- Tow Strap
- Tire Pressure Gauge
- 4 Boards
- Jack Stand

The Hook is subject to closure during periods of high tides when overwash occurs.



# BAG LIMITS FOR BOTH SEASONS



## Sika

**5 Sika per person per day,  
2 of which may be antlered**



# BAG LIMITS FOR BOTH SEASONS



## Whitetail is Different than the State!

The whitetail bag limit  
is combined for  
archery and firearms

Only 1 antlered buck  
which must have 3 points  
(at least 1 inch long) on  
one side per license year

&

1 antlerless whitetail  
per license year  
may be harvested from  
the refuge



# TAGGING REQUIREMENTS



## Sika DPOP Tag

**2013/14 VDGIF Deer Population Reduction Program (DPOP)** Tag Number: **1**

**DPOP TAG - EITHER-SEX SIKA DEER**  
DO NOT REMOVE TAG

Check card or confirmation number

This permit is issued for deer population reduction on the designated property of:  
**Chincoteague NWR**

DPOP Permit No. 2013-08 **Special Permit**

This DPOP special permit may be used to take sika deer of either-sex. DPOP permits are valid only on the designated property listed on the permit. DPOP permits are only valid outside of regular hunting seasons (i.e., archery, muzzleloading, and firearms) unless excepted by permit conditions. An unlimited number of DPOP permit deer tags may be used per hunter per day. Successful hunters must validate (notch) the DPOP tag at the place of kill. The deer must then be checked at a big game check station or reported through the Department's telephone deer kill reporting system at 1866GOTGAME or 1 (866) 468-4263, or reported on the Department's website at [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov). Cooperators must obey all game laws and permit conditions of DPOP. Failure to comply with game laws and DPOP conditions by DPOP applicants, their associates, or guests may result in suspension of DPOP participation and denial of future DPOP participation for an indefinite period of time at the discretion of the Department.

REMOVE NOTCH TO VALIDATE TAG

**Sheets of DPOP tags for sika will be available at the sign in / out kiosk located outside the check station. Hunters may take up to 1 sheet per day.**

**Hunters that harvest a sika must cut out the appropriate section (notch) of the DPOP tag at the place of kill prior to moving the animal**

# TAGGING REQUIREMENTS



## Whitetail Tags

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	DO NO REMOVE 2010-11	DEER ANTLERLESS ONLY _____ Check Card or Confirmation Number	
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**Similarly, hunters that harvest a whitetail must cut out the appropriate section (notch) of the license at the place of kill prior to moving the animal**

# TAGGING REQUIREMENTS



## Whitetail Tags

DEER EITHER SEX  
DO NO REMOVE 2010-11  
X5200185200  
Check Card or Confirmation Number

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**DO NOT use whitetail tags for sika**

# CHECKING REQUIREMENT



**Check your animal by calling  
1-866-GOT-GAME.  
(468-4263)**

Virginia State checking requirements DO apply to sika harvested on the refuge.

All Whitetail and Sika must be checked by all hunters, including license-exempt hunters, upon vehicle transport of the carcass or at the conclusion of legal hunting hours, whichever occurs first and without unnecessary delay.

**Use of Virginia's Telephone Checking System is REQUIRED.**

# CHECKING REQUIREMENT



**Check your animal by calling  
1-866-GOT-GAME.  
(468-4263)**

Sika are “deer” not elk for telephone checking purposes

2 or more deer checked at the same time may have the same number, that’s OK

Write the check card number or confirmation number in ink on the license tag next to the notch

# CHECKING REQUIREMENT



**Check your animal by calling  
1-866-GOT-GAME.  
(468-4263)**

It is unlawful to validate (notch) a tag from any license or special permit prior to the killing of an animal. A tag that is mistakenly validated (notched) prior to the killing of an animal must be voided by the licensee by writing, in ink, the word "VOID" on the line provided on the tag.

Do not leave, or attempt to leave, the Refuge without a properly notched and validated tag for each kill.

# REFUGE CHECK STATION



All harvested animals must be reported at the Refuge's check station

The check station will be staffed for several days at the beginning of each hunt season.

**Thereafter, a new self-check procedure is now in place. Follow the directions inside in order to self check your animal.**



# REFUGE CHECK STATION



## Check Station Protocols

Field dress animal away  
from roads, trails, and  
impoundments

Note sex and body fat  
condition

Note presence of fetus  
and/or lactation



# WOUNDED / NOT RECOVERED



Wounded & not recovered deer must be reported in the check station after a reasonable attempt has been made to locate the deer.

Hunter will need to complete a field data sheet located in the check station.

Properly reported wounded and not recovered deer do not count against a hunter's bag limit.



# NOTES



- **Refuge personnel will stay out of the field as much as possible; however, refuge business continues**
- **License, permits, vehicles, guns, and game are subject to inspection**
- **Report persons who are not hunting and are in hunt areas closed to the general public**
- **Remove flagging and markers from the field**
- *The refuge may close to all access in the case of extreme weather or during hazardous conditions. Any such closures will be announced on our website and social media. It is the responsibility of the hunter to check our website, Twitter feed or Facebook page for potential closures prior to their arrival.*



## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

*911*

REPORT VIOLATIONS AND REQUEST  
NON- EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

**Chincoteague Police Department**

**(757) 336-3155**