



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

**Great Dismal Swamp
National Wildlife Refuge
3100 Desert Rd
Suffolk, Virginia 23434**

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Register: www.gooutdoorsvirginia.com

[http://www.fws.gov/refuge/
great_dismal_swamp/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/great_dismal_swamp/)
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**Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00 am- 4:00 pm
Office closed weekends
and Federal holidays**



2020 Refuge Hunt Program Information

**Registration Begins July 1, 2020
Register at:
www.GoOutdoorsVirginia.com**

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Hunt Program Information for 2020

Hunting conditions on the refuge could be considered “rigorous”. First time hunters are encouraged to attend a scouting day. During the hunt, some areas may close early or be closed completely due to weather, road conditions, emergency operations or state regulations.

Hunters must download, read and obey refuge regulations and hunt maps.

Deer Hunt

Public deer hunting by shotgun and bow, in designated areas for the dates listed below. There is a refuge license fee of \$15.00.

SCOUTING DAY: September 26, 2020
HUNT DATES: October 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 and
November 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21
REGISTER: www.gooutdoorsvirginia.com

Bear Hunt

Shotgun hunting (slugs only) for black bears (no bows), in designated areas of the Virginia portion of the refuge for the dates listed below. A maximum harvest limit of 20 bears is imposed on this hunt, and therefore the number of hunt days could be reduced as this quota is approached.
There is a refuge license fee of \$25.00.

NOTE: There is no designated scouting day this year for the bear hunt

HUNT DATES: November 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21
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Disabled Hunt Permit

Hunters that have a state issued handicap hunters license may request a refuge Disabled Hunt permit. The hunter must also have a refuge hunt permit. There is no additional fee for the Disabled Hunt permit.

The permit will allow the hunter to reserve an area to hunt in the designated disabled hunt zone in the Jericho Ditch entrance.

Applications accepted beginning: July 1st, 2020
REGISTER: Refuge office
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Hunt-dog Retrieval Permit

Qualified persons may purchase a Hunt-dog Retrieval Permit which allows access to retrieval radio-collared hunt dogs that have roamed onto refuge property. The permit fee is \$25.00. Contact the refuge headquarters during business hours for more information or a permit application.

Applications accepted beginning: Sept 1st, 2020
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Note: Hunting with dogs is not allowed on refuge property.

Application Instructions

To participate in the refuge Deer or Bear Hunt in addition to your state hunting license, you must purchase a special license for the Great Dismal Swamp NWR. When applying for the refuge Deer Hunt, all paid applicants receive a refuge deer hunt license. When applying for the refuge Bear Hunt, the first 100 paid applicants will receive a refuge bear hunt license.

Hunters **MUST** Apply **ONLINE** at the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources' web site:
www.gooutdoorsvirginia.com

Dismal Swamp hunts are listed under the purchase of “Quota Hunts/ Permits.”

You must have a paper copy of your permit, your appropriate state hunting licenses, and a photo identification with you when on the refuge. Electronic copies (copies on your cell phone) are not acceptable.

IMPORTANT

1. ONLY Online registration.
2. First 100 paid Bear Hunt applications will receive the Bear Hunt permit.
3. READ AND KNOW REFUGE REGULATIONS AND MAP!
4. No guest with permittees.
5. Best information source on trail closings is at facebook.com/GreatDismalSwamp