The refuge muzzleloader deer season, which runs from December 9–24, is by special permit only. See State Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

Archery deer hunting is permitted from October 15–December 8 and from December 25–January 7. No special permit is needed, but State regulations apply.

One bonus antlerless deer permit may be used during the archery season and one may be used during the muzzleloader season. Two deer per day may be taken from the refuge, but only one may be an antlered buck.

No trail cameras may be used on the refuge.

Hunters may retrieve deer from non-hunting areas of the refuge if: (1) the hunter reports the location to refuge staff; (2) the hunter enters the area without weapons.

Portable tree stands may be used during refuge deer and turkey seasons. Stands may be left overnight and must be tagged with the hunter’s name, address, and phone number. Leaving stands does not reserve the area for future hunts. The use or possession of tree spikes are prohibited.

Using lights to locate animals on the refuge is prohibited.

Dog training is not allowed.

A special permit youth firearms deer hunt will be held during the State Season. See State Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

The use or possession of alcohol while hunting is prohibited.

The use or possession of plastic flagging or reflective tacks is prohibited.

Cutting trails or trimming trees is prohibited.

Commercial guiding or participating in a paid guided hunt is prohibited.

Taking or harassing any animal species except those authorized by refuge hunting regulations is prohibited.

Hunting wild pigs on the refuge is illegal. Please report wild pig sightings to Refuge staff as soon as possible. Wild pig sightings statewide can be reported by calling 1-800/266-4770.

Information on State hunting regulations and draw hunts can be found at www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/
All hunters must obtain and fill out a harvest report card (available at registration boxes in the refuge), post it on their vehicle dashboard (visible through the window) while on the refuge, then deposit the card in the registration box at the end of their refuge hunt. Harvest must be indicated on card. Possession of more than one harvest report card per hunter is prohibited.

All hunters are required to sign the front of this leaflet in the space provided indicating they have read and understand these regulations, and carry it with them at all times while hunting.

State hunting regulations apply to Muscatatuck subject to the following special conditions:

Hunting is allowed in designated areas only.

Refuge hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

Shotguns must be unloaded during transport in a vehicle.

Hunting weapons may not be carried in "No Hunting Zones." Hunter parking is prohibited in "No Hunting Zones."

The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 yards of any building or public road.

The only firearm allowed for rabbit, quail and squirrel hunting is a shotgun.

ONLY NON-TOXIC SHOT MAY BE USED IN SHOTGUNS.

Hunting dogs may only be used for hunting rabbit, quail and squirrel and must be under hunter control at all times.

Spring turkey hunting is only allowed by special permit the first six days of the season and ends at 1 p.m. Turkey hunting is open to all in the turkey hunting area the remainder of the spring season and ends at 1 p.m.

A special youth turkey hunt will be held during the State Season. All drawn turkey hunters must check in at the Visitor Center between 5:00–5:30 a.m. All harvested turkeys during the youth hunt should be checked in at the Visitor Center before leaving the refuge. See State Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.