

James River National Wildlife Refuge

2014 Refuge-Specific Hunting Permit Conditions

In addition to current Code of Virginia Big Game Hunting Regulations and Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, hunting of white-tailed deer in designated areas of the Refuge is subject to the following permit conditions. **APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN A DEER HUNT APPLICATION (FWS FORM 3-2354) ALONG WITH PERMIT FEE.**

NO PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED UNLESS A SIGNED COPY IS RECEIVED BY THE HUNT ADMINISTRATOR.

- We require hunters to possess and carry a refuge hunting permit (contains date selected to hunt and permit number), along with their State hunting license, while on refuge property. We require hunters to display a vehicle permit (contains date selected to hunt and permit number) provided by the refuge on the dashboard of their vehicle while on the refuge so that the permit is visible through the windshield.
- We require firearm hunters to complete and sign a Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2354) and provide the application and hunt fee to the hunt administrator at the Refuge Hunter Check Station on the morning of each hunt on a first-come-first-served basis. The hunt administrator will then provide the applicant a one day refuge hunting permit.
- We allow archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun hunting on designated days as indicated on refuge hunting permits.
- We allow the take of two deer per day. These deer must be checked-in at the Refuge Hunter Check Station.
- We prohibit dogs.
- We allow only portable tree stands that hunters must remove at the end of each hunt day (see §27.93 of this chapter). We prohibit damage to trees (see §32.2(i)).
- We require hunters during firearms and muzzleloader seasons to wear in a conspicuous manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches (2,600 cm²) of solid-colored, hunter-orange clothing or material.
- We require that hunters using shotguns remain within 100 feet (30 m) of their assigned stand while hunting.
- We require that hunters using a muzzleloader must hunt from a stand elevated 10 feet (3 m) or more above the ground.
- Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on national wildlife refuges must comply with all provisions of State and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulation (see §27.42 of this chapter and specific refuge regulations in part 32).
- We prohibit the discharge of firearms or archery equipment across or within State-maintained or refuge roads, including roads closed to vehicles, as shown on refuge hunt maps.
- We prohibit the use of flagging to mark trails or for any other purpose.
- An adult age 21 or older, possessing and carrying a valid hunting license and refuge hunting permit, must accompany and directly control youth hunters ages 12 to 17. We prohibit persons under age 12 to hunt on the refuge.
- We prohibit the use or possession of alcohol while hunting on the refuge (see §32.2(j)).
- We require hunters to report accidents or injuries to the refuge office or sheriff's office within 24 hours after the incident. Hunters must report accidents resulting in serious injury to the sheriff's office immediately.
- We require hunters to unload hunting bows, crossbows, muzzleloaders and shotguns while in or around vehicles or on refuge roads. Unloaded is defined as: arrows or bolts removed from bow or crossbow, primer removed from muzzleloader, shotgun shell removed from chamber of shotgun.