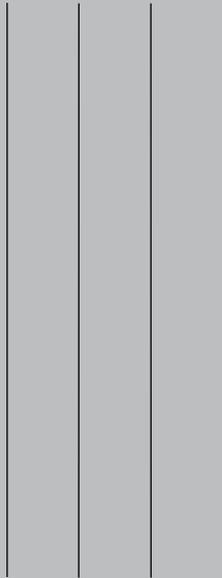
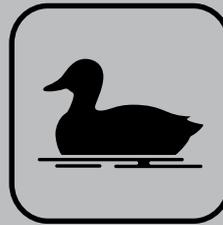


# Chincoteague

*National Wildlife  
Refuge*

## *Migratory Game Bird Hunting 2014-2015*



Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge  
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Chincoteague, VA 23336-0062

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
1 800/344 WILD  
<http://www.fws.gov/>

OFFICIAL BUSINESS  
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300

### What's New for 2014-2015

- Hunters must apply for their Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit online. Applications are available at [www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/visit/hunting.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/visit/hunting.html) and completed forms should be emailed to [FW5\\_ChincoHunt@fws.gov](mailto:FW5_ChincoHunt@fws.gov).
- Report Migratory Game Bird harvest on-line: [www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/visit/hunting.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/visit/hunting.html), submit completed forms to [FW5\\_ChincoHunt@fws.gov](mailto:FW5_ChincoHunt@fws.gov).
- Permits must be validated with a signature.

**Wildcat Marsh, Morris  
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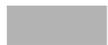
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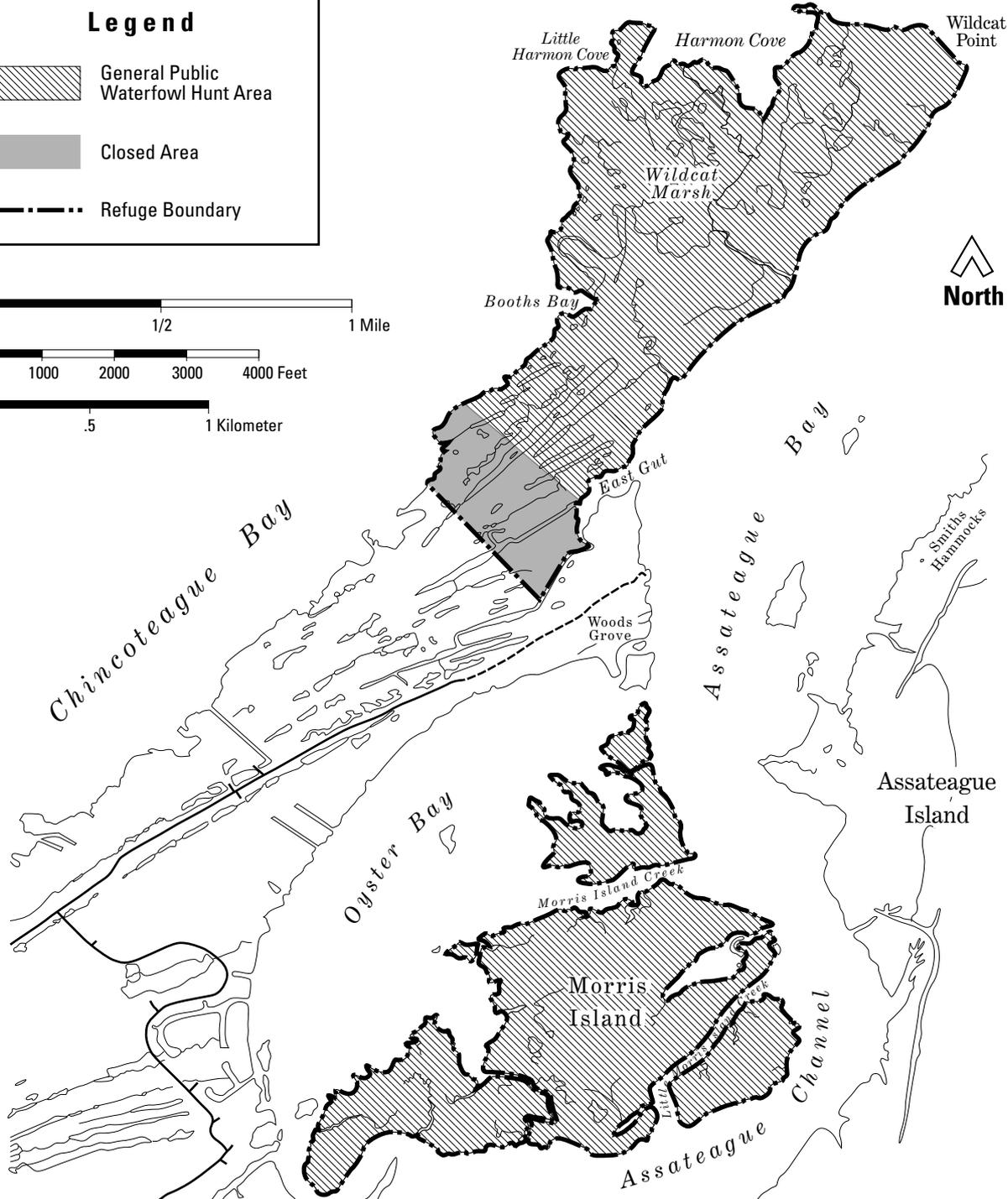
General Public Waterfowl Hunt Area

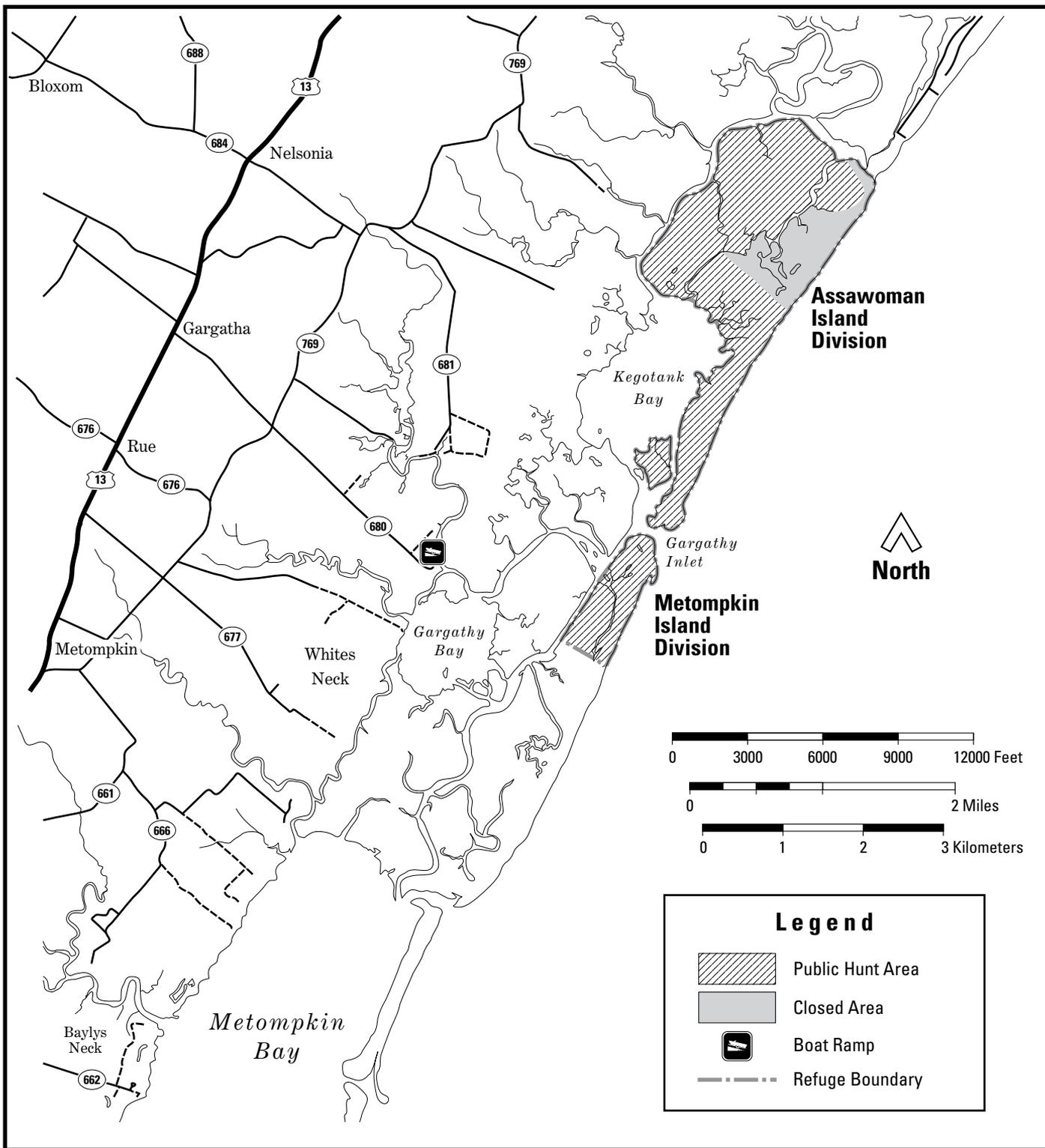


Closed Area



Refuge Boundary





Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge is one of more than 560 national wildlife refuges managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The refuge was established in 1943 to provide habitat and protection for migratory birds. The refuge mission has expanded to include protection of endangered and threatened species; as well as stewardship of native wildlife. Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge provides environmental education and wildlife-dependent recreation to all visitors. Hunting is one tool used to manage wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

### General Hunting Regulations

#### *General Public Virginia Waterfowl and Rail Seasons:*

Permitted hunters may take migratory ducks, geese, swans, coots, and rails on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays during the state season on designated areas of the refuge within Wildcat Marsh, Morris Island, Assawoman Island, and Metompkin Island Divisions in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

- Hunters must obtain an Annual Refuge Hunt Permit and maintain the permit on their person while hunting on the refuge.
- All Federal and State migratory game bird hunting regulations apply. Accordingly, hunters must obtain appropriate licenses, permits, and stamps prior to hunting on the refuge.
- Hunters may access designated hunt areas one hour before legal shooting hours.
- Portable blinds and decoys are permitted. Hunting from a permanent blind or pit blind is prohibited.
- Portable blinds, decoys, and all personal property must be removed from the refuge at the end of each day's hunt, no later than one hour after legal shooting hours.
- Hunters may erect portable blinds and deploy decoys; however, during the regular duck season, blinds and decoys must be removed daily.
- Age: Youth hunters (under age 18) must be directly supervised by an adult age 18 or older. The supervising adult must also possess and carry a state hunting license and refuge permit.
- Non-toxic shot is required for waterfowl and rail hunting. The possession of lead shot or shot other than non-toxic shot is prohibited.
- Open fires are prohibited.
- Hunt areas may be accessed only by boat.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is prohibited.

- Allowable equipment: Dogs, boats, and all sporting arms that are legal for migratory waterfowl hunting or rail hunting in the State of Virginia are permitted.
- Obey all posted closures; inquire at the refuge for information.
- Report waterfowl harvest online at [www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/visit/hunting.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/visit/hunting.html) and submit completed forms to FW5\_ChincoHunt@fws.gov.
- Assawoman and Metompkin Islands' beach and dune habitats are closed to all hunting beginning March 15.

### Permits

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- \* **Note:** A spam filter may prevent hunt related emails from reaching your inbox. Please add FW5\_ChincoHunt@fws.gov to your address book.

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- 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 regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

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