



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge

2016 Youth Archery Hunt

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge's 15th annual youth archery deer hunt is scheduled for October 1-31, 2016. This hunt will take place within the Solomon Tract (Oak Grove Bluff), which is located in Chatham County, Georgia about four miles west of Port Wentworth off Georgia Highway 21. Only youth hunters (15 years of age or younger), supervised by an adult (21 years of age or older) may participate in the hunt. Each youth hunter must obtain this hunt information packet and then request a permit from the Savannah NWR Visitor Center; an unlimited number of permits will be issued. Permits may be requested by phone (843-784-2468) or by email (Amy_Ochoa@fws.gov). The visitor center is open Monday through Saturday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

The map provided in the hunt information packet provides an aerial view of the Solomon Tract, and a vicinity map with directions to the entrance gate accessible from Georgia Highway 21. There are no designated boat landings on the tract which is bordered by the Savannah River to the east, the Seaboard Coastline Railroad to the north and west, and a dirt road (leading to the entrance gate) to the south. **Youth supervisors are cautioned that private property bordering the refuge is closed to hunting; be familiar with signs that mark the refuge boundary.**

For further information regarding the refuge or hunt management, please contact the Savannah NWR Visitor Center at (843) 784-2468.

HUNT REGULATIONS

Please read the following rules and regulations before requesting a permit for the youth archery deer hunt on Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.

Eligibility requirements: Only hunters 15 years of age or younger will be allowed to participate in the Savannah NWR Youth Archery Hunt.

Each youth hunter must carry a 2016 Savannah NWR Youth Archery Hunt Permit, which must be signed by the hunter's supervising adult. An unlimited number of permits will be issued for this hunt; permits may be obtained before and throughout the hunt period, October 1-31, 2016.

Hunt permits are non-transferable and are valid only for the individual whose name appears on the permit. Each permit must include the name and signature of the supervising adult. A new permit must be obtained every time there is a change in the name of the supervising adult.

Check-in/out is not required. Transportation is not provided to, from, or on the refuge. Any movement within the refuge must be by foot or bicycle. Access to the Solomon Tract is not permitted by boat; access at the designated entrance gate is permitted by foot and bicycle only.

Scouting within the Solomon Tract (Oak Grove Bluff) is permitted year-round, during daylight hours.

This hunt will be managed entirely within the Solomon Tract (Oak Grove Bluff) property which is located in Chatham County, Georgia (a refuge vicinity map and directions to the entrance gate are attached to these regulations).

All Georgia hunting regulations will apply, in addition to more restrictive, specific refuge regulations which are listed.

Each youth hunter must be accompanied by one adult who will participate in a non-hunting capacity. The supervising adult must be 21 years of age or older, and must remain in sight and within normal voice contact with the youth hunter. Adult may supervise only one youth.

Hunting hours will be from one-half hour before legal sunrise to one-half hour after legal sunset. Youth hunters and their supervisors will not be permitted to enter the hunting area earlier than one hour before sunrise.

Dogs will not be allowed.

The distribution of bait, or hunting over bait, is prohibited.

Hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been screwed or driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

Pruning/limbing of live trees is prohibited.

Camping is not permitted on the refuge.

Only white-tailed deer and feral hogs may be taken; other wildlife may not be harassed in any manner.

Only bows will be authorized for deer/hog hunting.

Five deer (no more than two antlered) and feral hogs (no bag limit) may be taken. "Bonus" deer tags will not be issued for deer taken

Please read these regulations carefully before requesting a hunt permit

