



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## ***Savannah National Wildlife Refuge*** **2019-20 Youth Hunting Program**

Savannah National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) offers youth hunting opportunities annually that are open only to hunters 15 years of age and under. These hunts do not require the purchase of the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit; however, youth hunters must obtain a free hunt permit from the refuge headquarters prior to hunting. Permits may be requested Monday thru Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by phone (843-784-2468) or by email ([Amy\\_Ochoa@fws.gov](mailto:Amy_Ochoa@fws.gov)). These 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, and a new permit must be obtained any time there is a change in the name of the supervising adult.

There are two quota youth hunts that require a lottery drawing; the youth waterfowl hunt and the youth turkey hunt & learn weekend. To be entered into the drawing for either of these hunts, the appropriate hunt application must be submitted by the specified deadline, and a \$5 application fee will be charged. Separate information packets and applications may be requested by phone (843-784-2468), email ([Amy\\_Ochoa@fws.gov](mailto:Amy_Ochoa@fws.gov)), or downloaded from the refuge website (<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah/hunting.html>).

Youth hunters must be supervised by an adult, 21 years of age or older, who will participate in a non-hunting capacity. Youth hunters must remain within sight and normal voice contact with the adult at all times. During the quota youth waterfowl hunt, the adult may supervise two youths; during all other refuge hunts, the adult may supervise only one youth.

All youth hunts (with the exception of the youth waterfowl and youth turkey Hunt & Learn lottery hunts) take place on the Savannah NWR's Solomon Tract (Oak Grove Bluff), which is located in Chatham County, Georgia. The map included in this information packet provides an aerial view of the Solomon Tract, and a vicinity map with directions to the entrance gate accessible from GA Hwy 21. Youth supervisors are cautioned that private property bordering the refuge is closed to hunting; be familiar with signs that mark the refuge boundary.

Check-in/check-out is not required for non-quota youth hunting at the Solomon Tract. 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 is permitted by foot and bicycle only.

Dogs are only allowed for waterfowl hunting. Dogs and other pets are not permitted on the refuge at any other time.

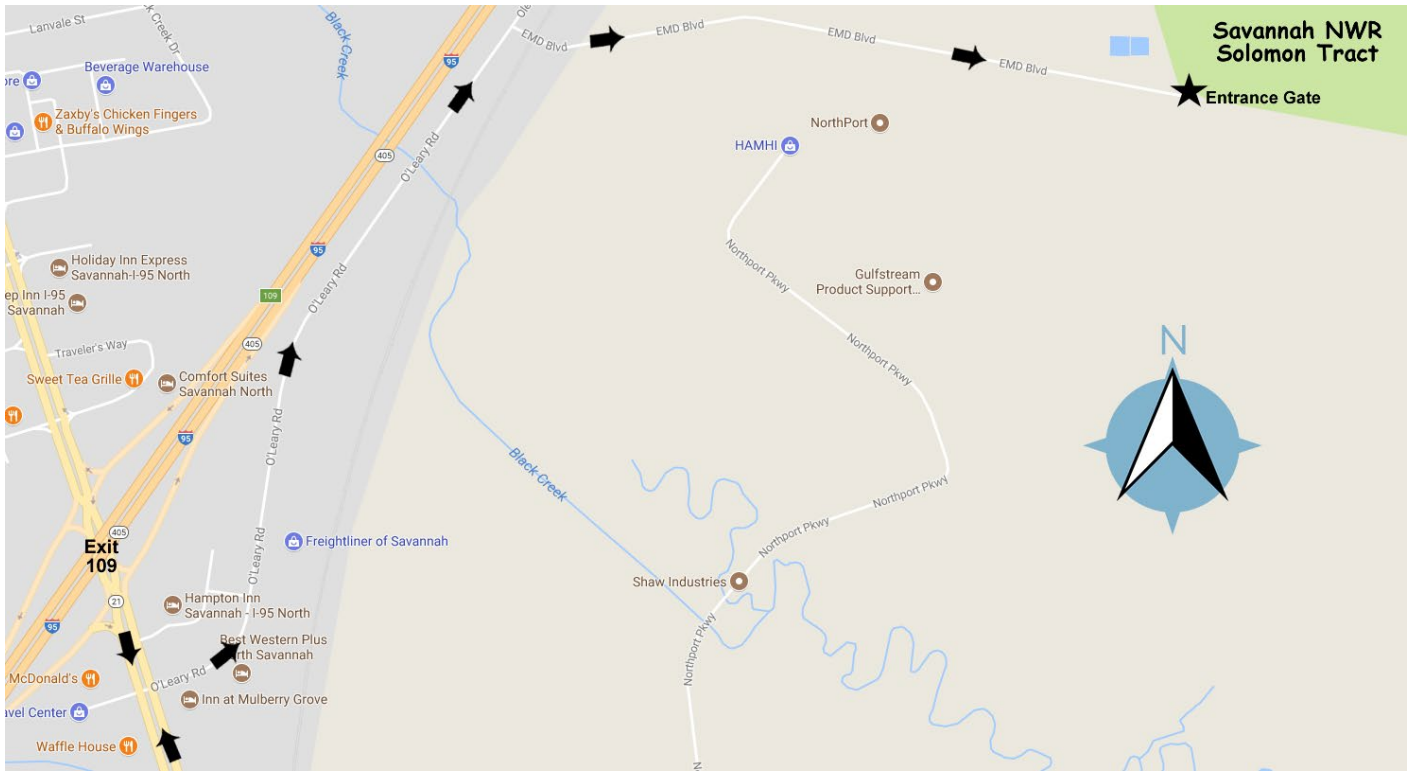
Youth hunters and their adult supervisors are required to read and follow all regulations contained with the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Hunting Regulations brochure. These regulations are available at the Savannah NWR Visitor Center or can be downloaded from the refuge website at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah/hunting.html>.

For any additional information pertaining to refuge hunts or general refuge information, please contact the Savannah NWR Visitor Center at (843) 784-2468.

## Savannah NWR - 2019-2020 Youth Hunt Schedule

<b>NON-QUOTA HUNTS – UNLIMITED PERMITS ISSUED</b> (feral hog and coyote may be taken incidentally during youth hunts with weapons authorized for those hunts.)	
<b>GA Dove Season</b>	Youth dove hunt at Solomon Tract only. Non-quota; no check-in. Free youth permit required.
<b>October 1 - 31, 2019</b>	Youth archery hunt for white-tailed deer at Solomon Tract only. Non-quota, no check-in. Free youth hunt permit required.
<b>November 1 - 30, 2019</b>	Youth gun hunt for white-tailed deer at Solomon Tract only. Non-quota, no check-in. Free youth hunt permit required.
<b>November 1 – December 31, 2019</b>	Youth gun hunt for squirrel at Solomon Tract only. Non-quota, no check-in. Free youth hunt permit required.
<b>November 22 – December 31, 2019</b>	Youth gun hunt for rabbit at Solomon Tract only. Non-quota, no check-in. Free youth hunt permit required.
<b>GA Waterfowl Season (Saturdays ONLY)</b>	Youth waterfowl hunt at Solomon Tract only. Non-quota, no check-in. Free youth hunt permit required.
<b>March 7 - 21, 2020</b>	Youth hunt for hog and coyote at Solomon Tract only. Non-quota, no check-in. Free youth hunt permit required.
<b>March 30 - April 3, 2020</b>	Youth turkey hunt in all refuge hunting areas. Non-quota; no check-in. Free youth hunt permit required.
<b>April 4 - May 15, 2020</b>	Youth turkey hunt at Solomon Tract only. Non-quota; no check-in. Free youth hunt permit required.
<b>QUOTA HUNTS – LIMITED PERMITS ISSUED/APPLICATION REQUIRED</b>	
<b>November 16 &amp; December 14, 2019 &amp; January 11, 2020</b>	Youth waterfowl hunt in refuge impoundments north of SC Hwy 170. <b>Quota (6 blinds X 2 max per blind); apply by September 30, 2019; check-in required.</b>
<b>March 27 - 29, 2020</b>	Youth Hunt & Learn Weekend for turkey. <b>Quota (10 permits); apply by February 15, 2020; check-in required.</b>

## Solomon Tract Directional Map



## Solomon Tract Youth Hunt Area Map

