

All Federal and State of Rhode Island hunting regulations apply.

Refuge-Specific Hunting Regulations have been identified to facilitate a safe and quality hunt that incorporates the safety and concerns of the general public and refuge neighbors.

****Hunters selected to hunt the Sandy Point and Beane Point units are permitted to hunt the Wash Pond Archery only unit and must wear florescent orange in accordance with state and town of New Shoreham regulations.**

General Hunting Regulations:

- A valid Rhode Island resident/non-resident state hunting license and refuge permit are required to hunt on the refuge along with a deer permit for the authorized season.
- All hunters must wear fluorescent orange in accordance with state and town of New Shoreham regulations.**
- Hunters may access the refuge one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset.
- Hunting is prohibited in areas designated as closed. All hunters are required to notify the refuge headquarters if they need to enter a closed area to retrieve game.
- Hunting is prohibited within 100 feet of a State, county, or city roadway, and refuge trail.
- Archery deer hunting prohibited within 200 feet of an occupied dwelling.
- Hunting with the use of firearms is prohibited within 500 feet of an occupied dwelling.
- For tracking of wounded deer, hunters are allow until 2 ½ hours after legal sunset. This may include next-day tracking on weekends with notification of refuge staff at 401-364-9124.
- Damaging trees/vegetation is prohibited to include the use of any treesteps, nails, wires, screws, or bolts. Hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven or limbs have been removed is prohibited.
- Permanent treestands are prohibited. All tree stands must be occupied and removed daily and hunters refuge permit number must be written on the treestand.
- Marking (this includes but is not limited to, the use of flagging, bright eyes, tacks, and paint), cutting and/or removal of trees or vegetation is prohibited.

- Only slugs may be used during ths shotgun hunt.
****Buckshot use or possession is prohibited.**
- The taking of wildlife other than the permitted species is prohibited.
- The use of spotlights, automotive headlights, or other artificial light for the purpose of spotting, locating, or taking any animal is prohibited.
- Deer drives or anyone taking part in any deer drive on the refuge is prohibited.
- The distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait is prohibited.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances is prohibited.
- The use of motorized or non-motorized vehicles on the refuge is prohibited.
- Overnight camping and fires are prohibited.
- Do not field dress animals in parking areas or within 100 feet of public use walking trails.
- Proficiency testing is required for all archery hunters that are hunting deer on Block Island.** The card is valid for two years from date of issue. The proficiency card must be carried while hunting.
- Failure to follow regulations may result in a loss of refuge hunting privileges, seizure of property, and/or a fine.

****Hunters with Disabilities:**

Please contact the Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex at: 401-364-9124 ext.18 for information regarding access and hunting the Grove Point Unit.

Closed Areas

During scheduled hunt days, the refuge will be closed to non-hunting visitors to ensure visitor safety. Areas below the mean high tide line (state lands) will continue to remain open. Not all areas of the refuge are open for hunting. Please refer to the map in this brochure to ensure that you are hunting on land where hunting is allowed.

Roads and Trails

Public roads and trails are located around the refuge in areas where hunting is allowed. Other outdoor enthusiasts may be using these. Please exercise caution when hunting near them. It is your responsibility to know where roads and trails are located. Also realize that some people may wander off roads and trails. Please be aware that non-hunters may not know that hunting is allowed on some parts of the refuge.

Refuge Management Activities

Refuge staff, volunteers, and contractors may be working at any time on any of the refuges during hunting season. Our

management activities for wildlife and habitat management are important and will continue to be conducted during the hunt season. We apologize if our activities disturb your hunt, but some disturbance will be unavoidable.

Parking

Parking areas on non-refuge lands are commonly used by the general public to access other scenic areas of Block Island. Please be courteous of others if parking in these areas. Also ensure you are on refuge property before you begin hunting. Vehicles may be towed if your vehicle blocks gates, roads or buildings. Driving and parking is allowed on the beachface with appropriate CRMC permits.

Refuge Boundaries

Refuge boundaries have official Refuge Boundary Signs. Please refer to the refuge maps and call the refuge headquarters if you need clarification on a refuge boundary.

Law Enforcement

Individuals utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, vehicles, and their contents by federal or state law enforcement officers.

Our wildlife is a valuable resource. Laws and regulations are intended to promote wildlife conservation. The future of hunting on the refuges requires ethical hunter behavior and compliance with regulations. You can help us by complying with these regulations, reporting unethical hunter behavior, and providing us with feedback.

For additional information on State Of Rhode Island and Block Island hunting regulations, please contact the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management at 401-222-6800 or www.DEM.RI.gov.

Questions about refuge regulations, permits or for additional information, please contact us at: <http://www.fws.gov/blockisland/index.html>
Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex
50 Bend Road
Charlestown, RI 02813
401-364-9124

Thank you. Have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience.

RIDEM 24 Hour Enforcement Hotline 401-222-3070

Block Island National Wildlife Refuge (Hunt Map)

Open Deer Hunting Units:

DATES:

January 6-9, 12-16, 19-23, 26-30
February 2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 23-27

Shotgun, Muzzleloader and Archery Hunting Units:

- Sandy point Unit
- Beane Point Unit
- Grove Point Unit- (Disabled Hunters Only)

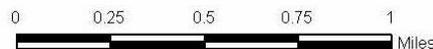
Archery Only Unit:

- Wash Pond Unit (see**next page)



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Landlines approximate



Block Island National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunting Brochure

January – February 2015

By special permit only

Welcome to the Block Island National Wildlife Refuge. This refuge, along with the John H. Chafee, Ninigret, Sachuest Point, and Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuges, are part of the Rhode Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex.



Specific Units of the Block Island National Wildlife Refuge are open by special permit for the regulated hunting of white-tailed deer (archery, muzzleloader, shotgun). Be familiar with the hunt map and regulations to ensure you are hunting in an open area of the refuge.

Please respect and observe refuge regulations, boundaries and safety zones. A lack of responsibility on your part could result in a reduction or closure of refuge hunting opportunities in the future.

How to Apply

Applications are typically available at <http://www.rhodeislandpermits.com>. Applications for the hunt are processed by Kinsail Corporation. **A non-refundable \$5.00 fee will be charged per application to process each application.** Hunters can apply for the lottery on-line and pay by credit card (7 days a week, 24 hours a day) at: <http://www.rhodeislandpermits.com>. Hunters also have the option of filling out a paper copy of the application and mailing it to: Kinsail Corporation, P.O. Box 7087, Arlington, VA 22207. (703) 994-4194