



**FRIENDS OF BLACKWATER**  
P.O. BOX 1231 Cambridge, MD 21613

2016-17 Blackwater NWR Deer Hunt Application Packet Letter

June 20, 2016

Dear Hunter Friend:

Enclosed is the 2016-17 deer hunt packet for Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.

**Please read carefully because several changes are being implemented this season.**

- Four gun days have been added to the season: a youth hunt day on Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, two more days during the December non-quota shotgun hunt (Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>), and one more day during the January non-quota shotgun hunt (Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>).
- There will be only one quota muzzleloader hunt day this year. Immediately following the quota muzzleloader hunt there will be a non-quota muzzleloader hunt (Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>).
- The fee has been waved for the designated youth hunt days (Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>). A signed copy of the brochure will serve as the permit during the designated youth hunt. Youth will still have to apply and pay for all other refuge hunts.
- Deer drives will be allowed on six days; Dec. 8-10, 2016 and Jan. 6-7 & 28, 2017.
- Area B3 will be open to hunting on eight days (Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>).
- Hunters will be able to access parts of the refuge by boat. Boat access will apply to all navigable waters that are open on the refuge. Remember, you still cannot enter any refuge property before 4:30 am.
- Bag limits have changed and “antlerless only” hunt days have been eliminated.
- Hunters that harvest a doe during any of the designated quota hunt days may apply early for next year’s hunt. However, to qualify the doe must be physically checked in during check station hours. No call-ins!

This year all applications must be postmarked by October 1, 2016. If you only request an archery permit it can still be purchased at the refuge Visitor Center beginning September 8, 2016, from 9 am to 4 pm daily throughout the archery season. The check station will only be open from 9:00 am to 9:30 pm during the quota muzzleloader hunt and 9:00 am to 8:00 pm during the quota shotgun hunts.

As always your input is welcome. Feel free to contact the hunt coordinator, Allen Johnston, at 410-221-8815 with questions and/or suggestions. If Allen cannot be reached please leave a brief message and phone number. All calls will be returned as soon as possible.

You have been generous in your support of the Friends of Blackwater through your donations and by becoming a member of the Friends of Blackwater. We thank you and hope you will continue to support our organization. Remember to make your Friends membership check out to the **Friends of Blackwater**.

Sincerely,

Rick Abend, President  
Friends of Blackwater

Sincerely,

Allen Johnston, Hunt Coordinator

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**APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TO FRIENDS OF BLACKWATER**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Individual \$15    \_\_\_ Family \$20    \_\_\_ Heron \$30    \_\_\_ Falcon \$60    \_\_\_ Eagle \$100

\_\_\_ Sponsor \$250    \_\_\_ Life \$1,000

Please make all checks payable to “**Friends of Blackwater**”

VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MASTERCARD \_\_\_\_\_ DISCOVER \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_ (include 3 digit # found on signature strip)

EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_