

2020–2021 White-tailed Deer Hunting

Seatuck National Wildlife Refuge



The Refuge is thrilled to offer white-tailed deer hunts at Seatuck National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). Seatuck NWR was established on the south shore of Long Island in 1968 for use as an inviolate sanctuary for migratory birds. Part of the Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex, this 209 acre refuge provides essential habitat for wintering waterfowl and migrating shorebirds. Seatuck NWR is opening to white-tailed deer hunting for the first time and is otherwise closed to the public

General Information

Seatuck National Wildlife Refuge is located entirely within Suffolk County and the Town of Islip. Approximately 209 acres of the Refuge provide habitat for white-tailed deer. Seatuck NWR is approximately 50 percent wetlands and 50 percent upland. The wetlands are primarily tidal salt marsh, freshwater wetlands, and ponds. The uplands include warm-season grasslands, old fields, shrublands, and woodlands. At high densities, deer can over browse the available vegetation degrading habitat for other species, deer-car collisions, and deer browsing in adjacent residential areas become more serious problems. Our goal is to maintain a deer population of 20 to 30 deer per square mile and the ratio of antlerless to antlered deer at 3:1. The Refuge encourages hunters to target does and mature bucks as identified in the DEC's "let them go and watch them grow" initiative found here <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27663.html>.

Hunting is not permitted within the southern portion of the refuge which is primarily salt marsh (see map). Scouting days will not be offered.

If you need to contact the Refuge office or report a hunting violation, call the hunt phone at 631-291-5860. The number is on your Refuge permit.

Access

A Refuge parking lot is in the center of the hunt unit accessible from St. Marks Lane. The parking lot is labeled on the attached hunt map. Hunters may enter the Refuge no earlier than one hour before the beginning of legal shooting hours and must exit the Refuge no later than one hour after the end of legal shooting hours. If you have a deer down and are not able to get it out of the woods before sunset, you must call the hunt phone at 631-291-5860.

If you qualify for and are requesting handicap access you must contact the Refuge office for details, 631-286-0485 ext. 2111.

Parking

Refuge parking permits must be displayed face up on the dashboard of your vehicle. Hunters may not block access roads or the entrance gate.

Hunters are required to **drive on designated roads and obey posted speed limits**. No overnight parking. Please drive carefully.

Additional Regulations

Distribution of bait and the hunting over bait, salt, or any edible attractant is prohibited on the Refuge. Hunters may NOT push or drive deer.

Hunters may not have loaded weapons, including nocked arrows, in the no hunt buffer zone. Only barbless broadheads are permitted during the archery season. Please refer to the current New York State Hunting and Trapping Regulations handbook for more details. Firearms and crossbows are **not** permitted on the Refuge.

Permitted hunters are not allowed to bring friends or relatives with them during hunt days. However, a non-hunting adult with a valid New York State hunting license must accompany a youth hunter, under age 16, during hunting.

Stands and Blinds

The Refuge encourages hunting from tree stands because it provides a safer shooting angle and better visibility. The refuge encourages hunters hunting from a tree stand to fasten your safety harness. Hunters must remove their tree stand at the end of their assigned hunt session. The Refuge encourages hunters to demonstrate courtesy by not setting up close to another hunter.

The Refuge does not permit the marking of any tree, trail, or other Refuge feature with flagging, paint, reflective material, or any other substance. Driving or screwing a nail, spike, or other metal object into a tree or hunting from any tree in which such an object has been driven. Hunters may trim branches up to the diameter of a quarter to place tree stands.

Each hunter may only use one portable deer tree stand or ground blind and it may be left on the Refuge during your designated hunt session at your own risk. Hunters must attach clearly legible identification on their stands with their name, address, and phone number. The Refuge will not be responsible for any stolen property. Tree stands must be removed from the hunt unit at the end of the hunt session.

The Refuge encourages hunters to wear fluorescent orange or pink hat, vest and/or coat while hunting.

Harvesting a Deer

If you shoot a deer, you must make every effort to locate it and reduce it to possession. The Refuge encourages hunters to be respectful of the non-hunting public and to be good ambassadors of their sport. Field dressing harvested deer in Refuge parking lots or along Refuge trails is prohibited. Transporting harvested deer uncovered may affect the public perception of ethical hunting. Please be respectful of the non-hunting public.

The bag limit is three deer per hunter. Upon kill, hunters must complete a New York State carcass tag for each deer. **Tags** must be attached to deer after hunters reach their vehicle. If you fail to follow these procedures, you will be in violation of both Federal and State hunting laws. All deer harvested on the refuge must be reported according to NYS harvest requirements within 7 days by phone 1-866-GAME-RPT (1-866-426-3778), online <https://decals.licensing.east.kalkomey.com/>, or NY Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife app.

Important Signs

1.



This is a sign with the National Wildlife Refuge System’s blue goose symbol. This sign is used to mark the Refuge boundaries.

2.



The “Area Beyond This Sign Closed,” is a Refuge sign that can only be ignored by permitted hunters during designated hunting sessions.

Additional Prohibited Activities

- Littering
- Possession of a firearm
- Use of a spotlight or other artificial light may not be used to locate wildlife
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages
- Use of ATVs and/or dirt bikes, or other non-licensed vehicles
- Target practice
- Camping and campfires
- Searching or removing objects of antiquity including arrowheads, pottery or other items
- Searching for or removing plants or animals other than deer from the Refuge
- Pets are not permitted on the Refuge at anytime

While hunting on the Refuge, you are responsible for knowing and abiding by all State, Federal, and Refuge regulations. Know where you are at all times and respect private property.

Application and Permits

All hunters are required to complete the attached application with a \$15 application fee for each application. Hunters must mail the application(s) on or before **September 12, 2020**. Applications postmarked or received after September 12, 2020, will **not** be accepted for the 2020 - 2021 deer season.

Refuge permits will be issued for alternating 1-week sessions starting on November 2, 2020. A single hunt session is defined as beginning on Monday and concluding on the following Sunday.

In addition to the New York State hunting license, all participating hunters must obtain a Refuge permit. Refuge permits are not transferable. The Refuge does not provide New York State carcass tags. Be sure to supply your own NYS tags for the deer you harvest.

Quota Deer Hunt Application Instructions

- Hunters must complete the application.
- Number 1: has been completed for you; Name of Refuge: Seatuck National Wildlife Refuge
- Numbers 2 and 3: This information will be used to notify you. Print legibly.
- Number 4: Circle one. If you are applying for both archery and shotgun, you will fill out two forms.
- Number 5: Your date selections are used in the drawing. When your number is selected, if your first preferred week is available, we will issue you a permit for that week. If it is not available, we will issue you a permit for the next available week based on your preferences, Choice 1 through 7. We encourage you to select as many dates as you are available.

For the 2020-2021 season:

Archery Hunt Weeks:

- 11/02/2020 - 11/08/2020
- 11/16/2020 - 11/22/2020
- 11/30/2020 - 12/06/2020
- 12/14/2020 - 12/20/2020
- 12/28/2020 - 1/03/2021
- 1/11/2021 - 1/17/2021
- 1/25/2021 - 1/31/2021

- Number 6: if you are a disabled hunter and requesting an accommodation, please circle “yes”. If you qualify for handicap access you must contact the Refuge office for details, 631-286-0485 ext. 2111.
- Number 7: please sign the appropriate line or lines.

Checklist for Mailing in Your Application

In the envelope:

- ___ Quota Deer Hunt Application for each hunter
- ___ Check or Money Order for \$15 per application – DO NOT STAPLE
- Payable to:** U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

___ Address envelope to:

Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge
Re: Deer Hunt
340 Smith Road
Shirley, NY 11967

SUBMIT YOUR HUNT APPLICATION NO LATER THAN September 12, 2020.



QUOTA DEER HUNT APPLICATION
National Wildlife Refuge System



Follow instructions in the refuge hunt publication; not all fields may be required. Read and comply with all refuge regulations, including application deadlines.

1. **Name of Refuge:** Seatuck National Wildlife Refuge 2. **Date of Application:** _____

3. **Full Legal Name:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Area Code/Phone No: _____

Email Address: _____

4. **Method:** Archery

5. **Hunt Date Preferences:**

1st Dates: _____

5th Dates: _____

2nd Dates: _____

6th Dates: _____

3rd Dates: _____

7th Dates: _____

4th Dates: _____

6. **Handicap Access (Circle One):** Yes or NO

7. *I have read and understand the refuge hunt regulations and agree to abide by the regulations governing hunting on the refuge.*

Hunter Signature

Print guardian name and signature here
(required for hunters less than 18 years old)

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Date Received: _____

Payment Exempt/No Fee

Payment Required

Payment Amount: _____

Payment Type: Personal Check

Cashier's Check

Money Order

Other:

Notes: Check # _____ Money Order # _____

NOTICES

All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) as amended and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k – 460k-4).

Purpose: The collection of contact information is to verify that the individual has an eligible permit to hunt on one of the National Wildlife Refuges that is designated for deer hunting.

Routine Uses: The individual's contact information may be used to verify permit status, provide permittees with permit-related information, and monitor waterfowl hunt activities conducted under a permit. More information about routine uses can be found in the System of Records Notice, Permits System, FWS-21.

Disclosure: Providing the information is required as a condition of maintaining a Federal permit under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act. Failure to disclose the requested information may be sufficient cause for revocation of the permit. If the information indicates a violation of a statute, regulation, rule, order or license, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, the information may be transferred to the appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agency charged with investigating or prosecuting such violations.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

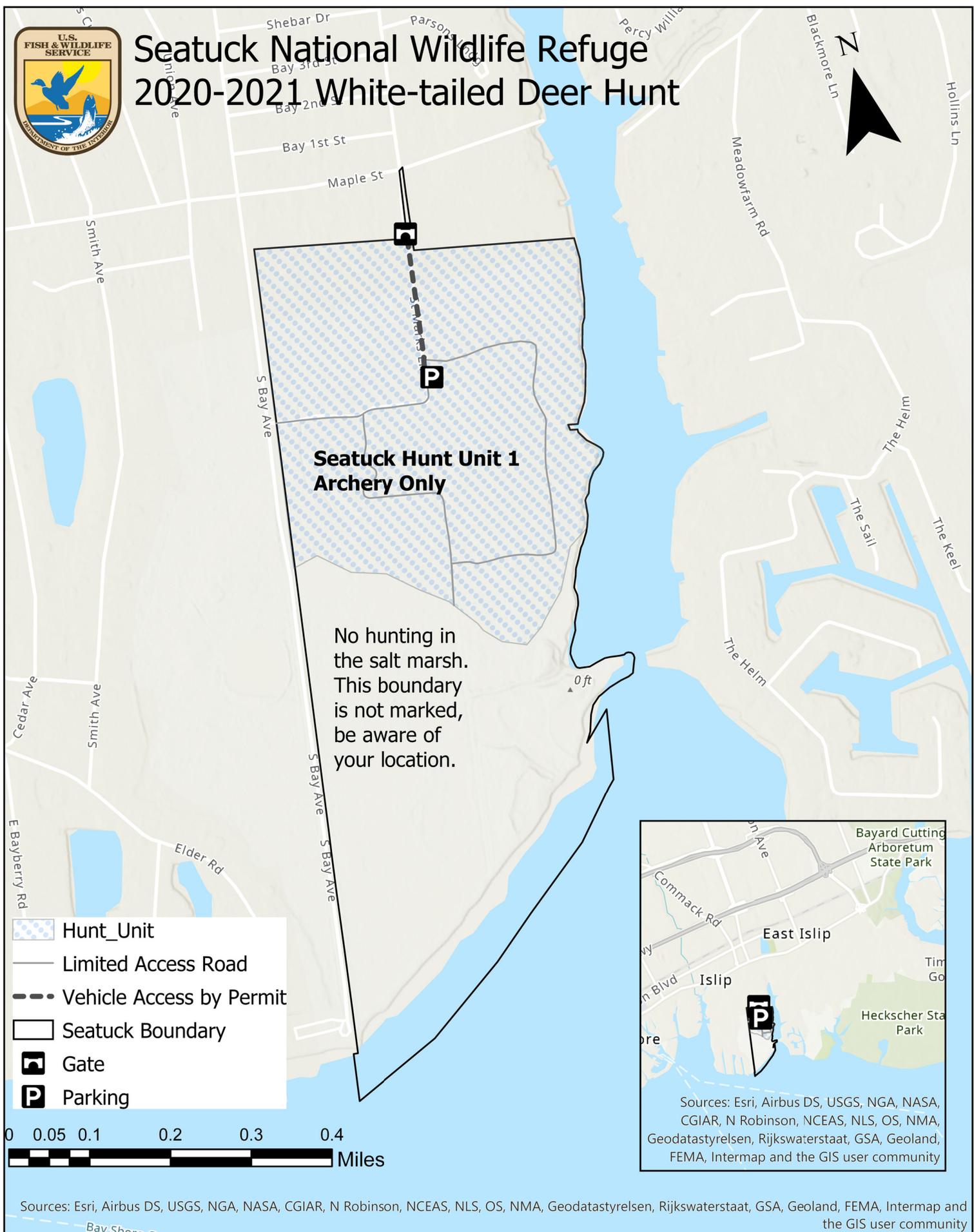
We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to provide the refuge managers the information needed to decide whether or not to allow the requested use, and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is voluntary; however, submission of the requested information is required to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants. Failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned OMB Control No. 1018-0140.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed application to this address.



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**Seatuck Hunt Unit 1
Archery Only**

No hunting in
the salt marsh.
This boundary
is not marked,
be aware of
your location.

- Hunt_Unit
- Limited Access Road
- Vehicle Access by Permit
- Seatuck Boundary
- Gate
- Parking



Bayard Cutting Arboretum State Park
East Islip
Heckscher State Park

Sources: Esri, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodastystyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap and the GIS user community