

Wallops Island

National Wildlife Refuge

Big Game Hunting 2015-2016



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Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuge
c/o Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge
P.O. Box 62
Chincoteague, VA 23336-0062

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300

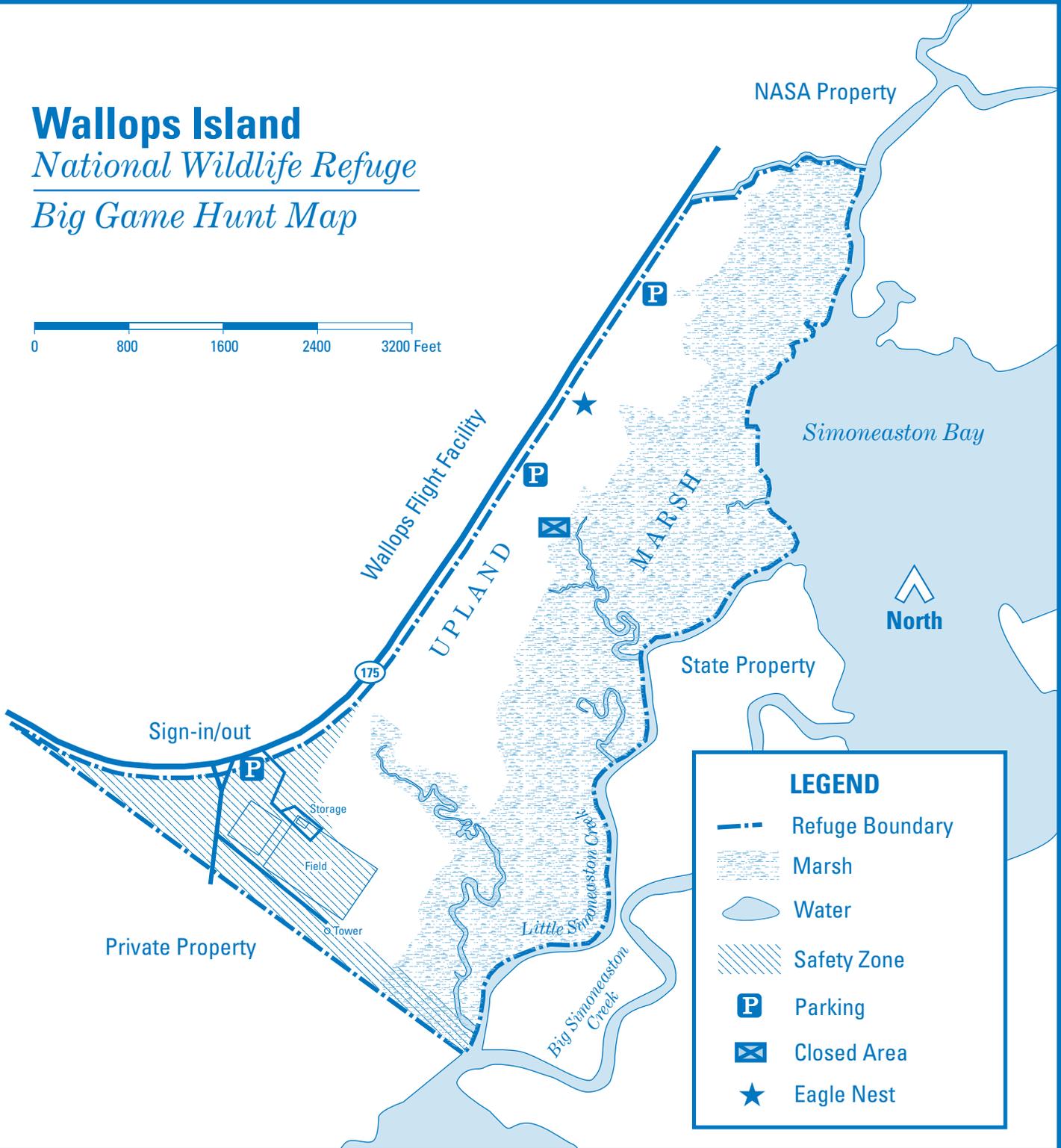
What's new for 2015-2016

- Hunters must apply for their Wallops Island Hunting Permit online. Applications are available at www.fws.gov/refuge/Chincoteague/visit/hunting.html and completed forms should be emailed to FW5_ChincoHunt@fws.gov.
- The fees for applications and permits must be paid by mail or in person using cash, check or money order. Mail payments to:
Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge
PO Box 62
Chincoteague, VA 23336
- Permits must be validated with a signature.

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Big Game Hunt Map



LEGEND

- Refuge Boundary
- Marsh
- Water
- Safety Zone
- P Parking
- Crossed Box Closed Area
- Star Eagle Nest

General Provisions

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge is one of more than 560 national wildlife refuges managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The refuge was established in 1943 to provide habitat and protection for migratory birds. The refuge mission has expanded to include protection of endangered and threatened species; as well as stewardship of native wildlife. Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge provides environmental education and wildlife-dependent recreation to all visitors. Hunting is one tool used to manage wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

General Hunt Regulations: *White-tailed Deer*

Hunt Dates

November 14, 2015 - January 2, 2016

Hunting permitted: Mondays - Saturdays, hunting is not permitted on Sundays

Scouting permitted: Friday November 13th and on Sundays thereafter.

Permit Fees

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A \$25.00 application and permit fee will be charged for each hunter **and must be paid by mail or in person** using cash, check or money order. Make checks payable to the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Mail payments to:

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge
PO Box 62
Chincoteague, VA 23336

After your application and payment have been received, please allow 10 business days to process your permit. Please sign your permit upon receipt; permits must be signed to be valid.

*Note: A spam filter may prevent hunt related emails from reaching your inbox. Please add FW5_ChincoHunt@fws.gov to your address book.

Orientations

No hunter orientation is required. Hunters must adhere to regulations published in this brochure, all VA hunting regulations, and those specific regulations that apply to the hunting of deer in Accomack County, VA.

Bag Limits

Daily bag limits are set by Virginia State Regulations. The taking of wildlife other than white-tailed deer is prohibited.

Other General Regulations

All Federal and State hunting regulations apply.

State requirements for hunting licenses and stamps apply.

State requirements on the use of firearms, muzzleloaders and bows apply.

Hunters must have their permits in possession prior to entering the refuge to scout or hunt, and must carry it at all times while scouting and hunting..

Reporting for all harvested animals must comply with state requirements for check-in and also be indicated on check-in/out sheet (see below for additional information).

A sign-in/out box is located at the kiosk in parking area one (see map). Each hunter must sign in immediately before entering and sign out after exiting the hunt zone.

All harvests must be reported on the sign-in/out sheet.

330' closed area around eagle's nests.

Hunters must park in designated parking areas.

Non-hunters or persons not in possession of a valid refuge permit are not permitted on the refuge.

All hunters must make a reasonable effort to recover wounded animals.

Discharging any weapon within 50' of the centerline of any road or on/from/into a safety zone is prohibited.

The boundaries of the hunt zone are recognized in the field by prominent signs. Each hunter is responsible for knowing the boundaries of the hunt zone.

Federal government worksites may be staffed during the hunt. The zone around these sites is posted closed to hunting (see map). Hunters may enter this zone strictly

for the purpose of accessing the hunting area and must have their weapons unloaded. There shall be no loitering in areas closed to hunting.

Hunters may pursue downed or crippled deer into the safety area (closed to hunting around the worksites). Contact the refuge headquarters for assistance if needed to dispatch wounded animal.

Tree stands permanently attached by nails, wire, screws, or in any other way is **prohibited**. **Portable stands are permitted and may remain installed for the duration of the season**. All stands must be removed at the close of the season. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is not responsible for any personal property left unattended.

The use of a boat, all terrain vehicle (ATV), bicycle or saddled animal is prohibited.

The minimum age allowed to hunt on the refuge is 12. Hunters must reach the age minimum by the date of their assigned hunt and the child must meet Virginia state licensing requirements.

Hunters between the ages of 12 and 17 must be accompanied and directly supervised by a mentor over 18 who has on their person a valid Virginia hunting license and refuge permit.

Scouters and hunters must sign-in and out at the refuge kiosk. Scouters and hunters must wear a minimum of 400 total square inches of blaze orange material consisting of a **vest and hat or jacket and hat**. Blaze orange camouflage is not acceptable.

Any hunters who require assistance with retrieving or dressing harvested animals may apply for up to 2 non-hunting permits. This permit will allow an assistant to be present only during retrieval and dressing of harvested animals. Requests for non-hunting assistant permits must be indicated on the hunter's application.

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of state and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with wildlife regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).

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