

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

2014 Refuge Hunt Program Information

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Deer Management Hunt

Public deer hunting by shotgun and bow, in designated areas for the dates listed below. Either sex deer may be taken all season, per State and Federal regulations. Hunting conditions could be considered "rigorous." First time hunters are encouraged to visit the Refuge and attend scouting day to familiarize themselves with hunting conditions. During the hunt, some areas may close early or be closed completely due to weather, road conditions, emergency operations or state regulations. There is a refuge fee of \$15.00. (Hunt registration #701)

Hunt dates: October 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 31, and November 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 2014

Application due: To scout and hunt all dates available, applications must be submitted by Aug 15, 2014. However, if you miss this early registration, you may continue to apply up to and through November 14, 2014. Know that late applications may miss some of the available hunt dates. See below for details.

Scouting Day: September 27, 2014

Bear Quota Hunt

Shotgun hunting (slugs only) for black bears, in designated areas of the Virginia portion of the refuge for the dates listed below. A total of 50 hunters will be selected to hunt. Each hunter will be allowed to select one guest. A maximum harvest limit of 20 bears is imposed on this hunt, and therefore the number of hunt days could be reduced as this quota is approached. Hunting conditions could be considered "rigorous." First time hunters are encouraged to visit the Refuge and attend scouting day to familiarize themselves with hunting conditions. Successful applicants and their guests must pay an additional hunt fee of: \$25 for each hunter (permit holder \$25 and guest \$25).

You will be notified on how to pay the \$25 hunt fee if selected. (Hunt registration #501)

Hunt dates: November 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 2014 (permittees hunt five days)

Application due: August 15, 2014. See below for details.

Scouting date: November 6, 2014

Note: Successful applicant bear hunters may wish to purchase a deer hunt permit for additional access to bear hunt areas prior to the bear hunt scouting day and for hunting both species on November 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 2014 .

Handicap Hunt Permits

Hunters that have a state issued handicap hunters license may request a refuge Handicap Hunt permit. The hunter must also have a refuge hunt permit. There is no additional fee for the Handicap Hunt permit.

The permit will allow the handicap hunter to reserve an area to hunt in the designated handicap hunt zone in the Jericho Ditch entrance.

Contact the refuge headquarters during business hours for more information or to request the Handicap Hunt Permit.

Applications accepted beginning: September 8, 2014 at the refuge office.

Hunt-dog Retrieval Permit

Qualified persons may purchase a hunt-dog retrieval permit which allows access to retrieval radio-collared hunt dogs that have roamed onto refuge property. The permit fee is \$25.00. Contact the refuge headquarters during business hours for more information or a permit application.

Applications accepted beginning: September 8, 2014 at the refuge office.

Note: Hunting with dogs is not allowed on refuge property.

General Information and Application Instructions for Hunt Permits

To participate in the refuge Deer or Bear Hunt, in addition to the refuge permit fees, hunters must apply and submit a non-refundable application fee. Applicants should be aware there is a risk that when applying, there is no guarantee that you will be selected for the Bear Hunt (Hunt # 501). Your application fee will not be returned. When applying for the refuge Deer Hunt (Hunt #701), all paid applicants receive a permit.

Application fees are \$7.50 for both hunts.

Hunters may apply by mail, telephone or online at the Game Department's web site:www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/quotahunts

When applying by:

Mail: Fill-out the application form found in the Hunting Digest, or download and print the application from the Game Department's web site (www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/quotahunts). Mail application to: Virginia Quota Hunts, c/o CyberData, Inc., P.O. Box 9009, Hicksville, New York 11802. Remit check(s) payable to: CyberData, Inc.

Telephone: Call 1-877-VAHUNTS (1-877-824-8687) between the hours of 9:30 A.M.– 4:30 P.M., Monday – Friday. Have your credit card number and hunt selections available at the time of your call. In addition, have pencil and paper ready to write down and save your confirmation number for future reference.

Online: go to www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/quotahunts Online applicants should keep their confirmation number for future reference. Online applicants if selected will retrieve their hunt materials online. Your hunt materials will not be mailed to you.

Hunters who apply will receive a confirmation number for each hunt applied for. Mail-in and telephone applicants will receive notification on their selection status (selected or not selected) by mail or email. Online applicants will receive their notifications by email only.