

General Provisions



The ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 540 National Wildlife Refuges. The primary objective of a National Wildlife Refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations. Carefully managed hunts maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations and the following special refuge regulations.

- Public hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hogs, and waterfowl is permitted on portions of the ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge only in those areas marked on the maps within this brochure and only during the time periods indicated.
- A refuge general hunt permit is required for all hunters and is located on the front of this regulations brochure. This permit together with the regulations brochure must be carried at all times while hunting and is not valid until signed by the hunter. In addition, those selected for the mobility impaired hunt will be issued special permits from the refuge office.
- The refuge is open for walk-in scouting all year during daylight hours only. No vehicles, weapons or dogs are allowed for scouting.

Hunter access roads will be opened only during each deer hunt (see maps). Vehicles must travel only on designated roads. ATV's are prohibited.

- Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Access into the Combahee Unit and Barrelville tract of the Edisto Unit of the refuge for hunting and scouting will be walk-in only.
- Possession of weapons and firearms are prohibited unless specifically authorized for refuge hunts.
- Firearms being transported in vehicles and boats during refuge hunts must be unloaded. Muzzleloaders will be considered unloaded if the ignition source, percussion, cap, primer, or flint has been removed.
- Parking so as to block travel through refuge access gates or roadways is prohibited.
- Deer hunting with the use of dogs is strictly prohibited.
- Hunting on or within 100 feet of any road or trail as indicated by the hunt maps on this brochure is prohibited, except as specified during mobility impaired hunts. All permanently fixed blinds are for the mobility impaired hunt only.
- Man-driving and stalk hunting of deer is prohibited during refuge deer hunts.
- It is unlawful to drive a nail, screw, spike, or other metal object into a tree or to hunt from a tree into which such an object has been driven.
- Distributing bait and/or hunting near baited areas is prohibited.
- All hunters under the age of 16 must:
 - 1) Have successfully completed a state-approved hunter education course in order to participate in any refuge hunt.
 - 2) Must be supervised by an adult at least 21 years of age. The adult must be in

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sight and normal voice contact of the youth. An adult may supervise only one youth under 16 years of age.

- Hunters utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, vehicles, and their contents by refuge or State officers.

White-tailed Deer Hunts

- Deer hunters may enter the refuge at 5:00 am and must leave the refuge no later than one hour after sunset.

- During muzzle loader hunts and the mobility impaired hunt, hunters are required to wear at all times an outer garment visible above the waist which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of solid fluorescent orange material. Camouflage orange material does not meet this requirement.

- Portable tree stands are allowed only on the days of the hunts. Only one tree stand per hunter is allowed. The use of boot attached tree climbing spikes, nails, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree is prohibited.

- Littering is prohibited. Flagging may be used only along the edges of roads and trails and at the tree in which a stand is placed. Clothes pins with reflective tape can be used to mark the path to the tree. All marking and flagging must be marked with hunter's full name and must be removed at the end of the hunt. Any flagging or pins found without names will be removed immediately.

- Destroying or cutting vegetation is prohibited. The possession of axes, saws, machetes, or other tools used for cutting vegetation are not permitted on the refuge while scouting or hunting.

- Antlerless deer tags will be provided by refuge staff when deer is brought to the check station.

- All deer taken during any hunt **must** be checked at the designated check stations before removal from the refuge.

- Antlerless deer, in addition, must be tagged before removal from the refuge.

- Feral hogs may be taken during refuge deer hunts, no size or bag limit on hogs.

Archery:

Bow and arrow only. Crossbows are prohibited.

Muzzleloader:

No bow and arrows. Only muzzle loading rifles permitted using a single projectile, no buckshot.

2004 Seasons

Combahee Unit

October 14 - 16 Archery
October 21 - 22 Muzzleloader
October 28 - 30 Archery

Edisto Unit

Grove Tract

October 4 - 6 Archery
October 18 - 19 Muzzleloader
October 25 - 26 Archery

Barrelville Tract

October 4 - 5 Archery only
October 18 - 19 Archery only
October 25 - 26 Archery only

Mobility Impaired:

November 12 - 13, 2004

Restricted to persons who permanently depend on a wheel chair or require the use of assistant aids to walk. Limited to 15 persons. Contact refuge office for applications.

Daily Bag Limit

2 antlerless (by state definition) deer and 1 antlered buck which must have at least 3 points on one side. A point is defined as an antler projection of at least one inch or more in length.

Waterfowl Hunts

- Hunting will be for ducks, geese, and coots only and will be allowed only until noon each day during State season.

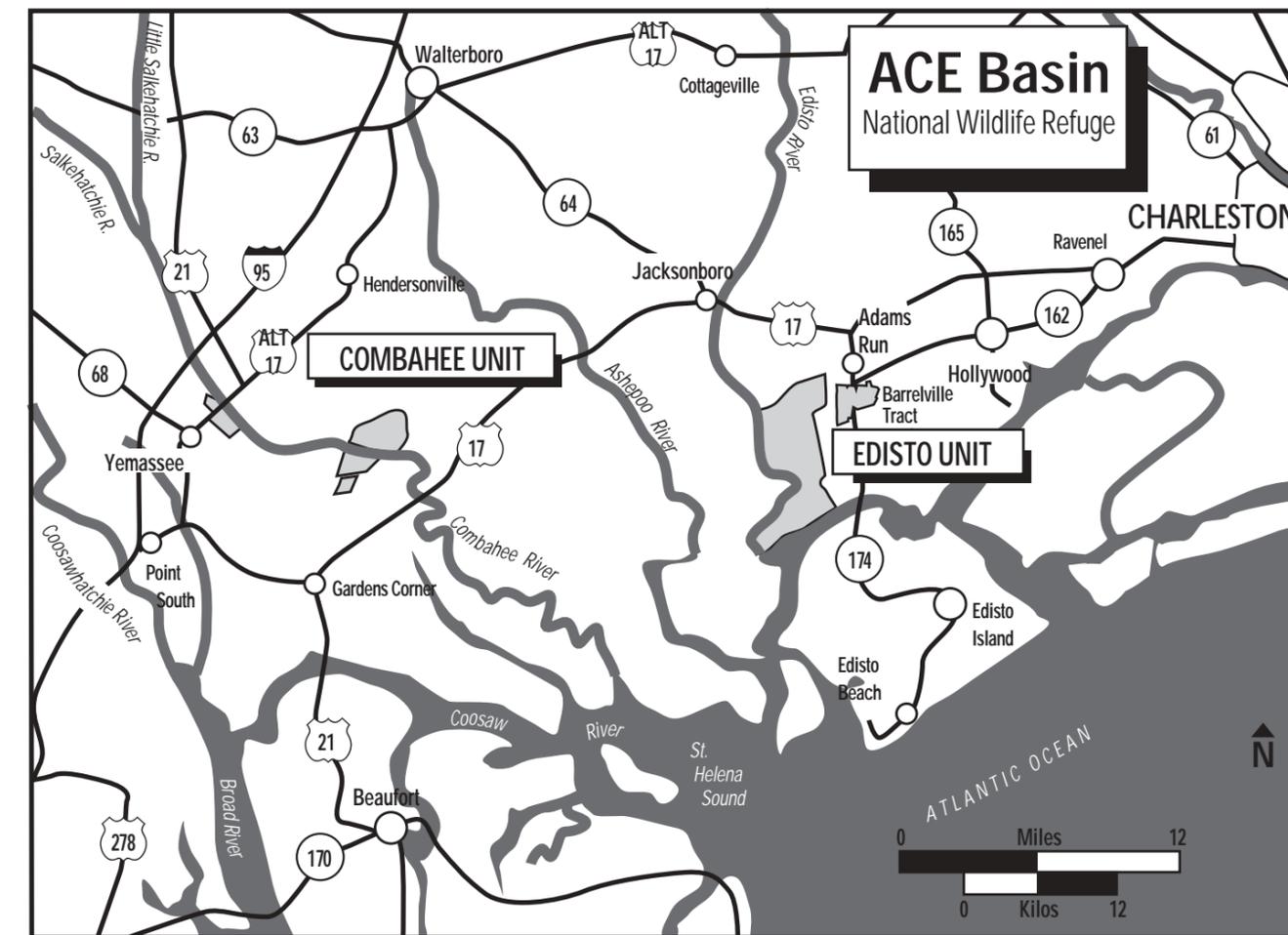
- Decoys and portable blinds must be removed at the end of each day's hunt. Permanent blinds are not permitted.

For additional information

Only federally approved nontoxic shot may be used. Possession of lead shot is prohibited.

- Corps of Engineer dredge spoil sites located on refuge property on Jehossee Island are closed to hunting.

Contact refuge personnel at 843/889 3084 or write to: ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge P. O. Box 848 Hollywood, SC 29449



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National Wildlife Refuge
Hunting Regulations
2004



**ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge
General Hunt Permit 2004**

I have read and understand these refuge regulations. This permit and attached regulations must be carried at all times.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Signed _____

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