

General Provisions

The Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 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 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.

General Hunting Regulations

Public hunting of white-tailed deer, hog, turkey, quail, woodcock, mourning dove, raccoon, opossum and rabbit is permitted on all portions of the refuge as designated by the map on reverse.

Disabled Access: All refuge hunts are open to disabled hunters. **Mobility impaired hunters are permitted to use an ATV for hunting big game (deer and turkey) in the designated mobility impaired hunt area (see hunting area map).** The area designated as the Mobility Impaired Hunt Area is open to all refuge hunters; however, only mobility impaired hunters are allowed to use ATVs in this area.

Hunters wishing to use an ATV must provide a copy of their State Disabled Hunting license or be confined to a wheelchair, need mechanical aids to walk, or have had complete single or double leg amputation. They must also present their state driver's license (or other form of photo identification). These documents must be presented at

the refuge office no later than 10 calendar days prior to the first day of the hunt period. A special permit will be issued to allow the use of an ATV in the designated area. No other use or operation of ATVs on the refuge is allowed.

All rules and regulations pertaining to standard vehicles will also be in effect for ATVs while they are in motion or while the engine is running. Also, weapons must be unloaded and encased or dismantled while ATVs are in motion or while the engine is running.

Special Permits:

A refuge permit in addition to a valid state hunting license and a government issued picture identification is required for all hunts. The refuge general hunt permit is found on the front page of this brochure. The turkey hunts require a refuge quota hunt permit in addition to the refuge permit. Permits must be carried at all times while hunting and are not valid until signed.

Special Regulations:

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Use of flagging tape, reflective tape, paint, tacks, or other trail markers is prohibited. Painted clothes pins or clothes pins with reflective tacks attached may be used but must be removed at the end of the hunt.

It is unlawful to insert a nail, screw, spike, or other metal object into a tree or to hunt from a tree into which such an object has been inserted.

Target shooting, camping, overnight parking, open fires, and littering are prohibited.

Scouting:

The refuge is open for prehunt scouting year-round one hour before legal sunrise to one hour after legal sunset. Hunter access roads will be opened the weekend before each hunt. Weapons and dogs are not allowed during scouting.

Vehicles:

Dogs are permitted for bird and rabbit hunting and required for hunting raccoon and opossum. Dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address and phone number.

The use of ATVs on the refuge is prohibited except by mobility impaired hunters in the designated mobility impaired hunt area.

All vehicles must travel only on maintained refuge roads. Do not block roads or gates.

Firearms:

Loaded firearms are prohibited within 100 feet of maintained roads or within 500 feet of the paved visitors drive. A loaded firearm is defined as ammunition in the magazine or chamber, or percussion caps on muzzle loaders. Discharging any weapon on or across any part of the refuge road system is prohibited.

Firearms must be unloaded and cased or dismantled when being transported in a vehicle or ATV.

Hours of Entry:

Hunters may enter the refuge at 4:00 am and must leave the refuge no later than two hours after legal sunset. Gates will be locked on the last day on each hunt.

Baiting:

Distributing bait and hunting near baited areas are prohibited.

Hunter Orange:

During the deer, quail and rabbit hunts, hunters are required to wear at all times, an outer garment above the waist which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of unbroken fluorescent orange material.

Other Regulations:

Man-driving is prohibited

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

Youth Hunters:

Deer stands on the refuge must be identified with the owner's name, address, and phone number.

Hunter Education

Hunters under 16 years old must possess evidence of successful completion of a State-approved hunter education course. They must also be supervised by an adult at least 21 years of age who has a valid license and holds applicable permits. Youth hunters must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult at all times.

During deer and turkey hunts, an adult may supervise only one youth at a time. Adults are prohibited from discharging firearms during the youth deer and turkey hunts. During small game hunts, an adult may supervise a maximum of two youth at a time.

Bag Limits:

The bag limit for **each deer hunt** is the State limit plus two antlerless deer and unlimited hogs.

Hunt Dates:

Youth Deer Hunt:

December 11, 2004. For 10-15 year olds only.

Archery:

October 4-8, 2004 and November 29-December 3, 2004. Bows and arrows only. Pods are not allowed.

Primitive Weapons:

October 18-22, 2004. Bows and arrows and muzzleloading shotguns (20 gauge or larger) and muzzleloading rifles (.36 caliber or larger).

Modern Guns:

November 4-5 and November 17-19, 2004. Hunters may use shotguns, rifles (centerfire), handguns (.357 caliber or larger and barrel length no less than 6 inches) or any weapon allowed during the primitive weapons or archery hunts. Military or hard-jacketed ammunition is prohibited.

Small Game Hunts:

All antlerless deer must be tagged prior to removal from the refuge. During hours when the check station is not manned, hunters may have antlerless deer tagged at the refuge headquarters. All deer and hogs killed during all hunts must be checked at a check station before they are removed from the refuge.

Deer must be field dressed prior to transportation in a vehicle or removed whole from the refuge. Littering is prohibited.

Check Station #1 will be open only during modern gun hunts and during the youth deer hunt. During archery and primitive weapons hunts, antlered bucks and hogs must be self-checked at check station #1. Antlerless deer must be checked and tagged at the refuge office prior to removal from the refuge.

Quail

Season corresponds to the State season but hunting is allowed **only** on Wednesday and Friday of each week. **Mourning doves and woodcock** may be taken when the State seasons coincide with the quail season. State bag limits apply. If sufficient doves are present, dove hunts will be conducted at designated fields on Thursdays in September. Contact the refuge office in August for details.

Raccoon and Opossum

February 1-10, 2005. Night hunting only. Special State regulations on night hunting apply.

Rabbit

Rabbits may be hunted on the refuge on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of January 2005. State bag limits apply.

All small game hunters are required to complete the attached check sheet. Check sheets must be turned in daily at one of the check stations indicated on the map.

Turkey Quota Hunts:

Applications for the Youth and General turkey hunt may be obtained by contacting the refuge office. Completed applications must be received by 3:30 pm on January 14, 2005. The drawing for 125 general season and 125 youth quota hunter permits will be January 28, 2005.

Duplicate applications or application improperly filled out will be rejected.

All hunters successfully drawn for refuge quota hunts will be issued a notification card. They must return that card with a \$12.50 hunt permit fee by February 28, 2005 to receive their permit. Permits are **not** transferable.

Spring Gobbler Season:

General Turkey Hunt: April 4-8, 2005

Youth Turkey Hunt: April 15-16, 2005

Species: Bearded turkeys only

Area: Special map of hunt area will be mailed with permit.

State regulations apply except for the following Special Regulations:

Bag Limit: 2 turkeys for the entire hunt.

Time: Hunts will end at 1:00 pm and all weapons must be unloaded and dismantled or cased after 1:00 pm

Check Station: All turkeys harvested must be promptly tagged and taken to the refuge headquarters and checked.

For additional information

Contact refuge personnel at 843/335 8401 or write to:

Carolina Sandhills NWR
23734 Highway 1
McBee, SC 29101

Carolina Sandhills

National Wildlife Refuge
Hunting Regulations
and Permit 2004-2005



Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge
General Hunt Permit 2004-2005

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Signed _____
(Cut out if desired)

Signs Protect Visitors and Resources
Millions of people visit national wildlife refuges each year. The impact of human activity, if not regulated, can degrade these wildlands. Signs control recreational activities while protecting natural resources on the refuge. Please respect the following signs.



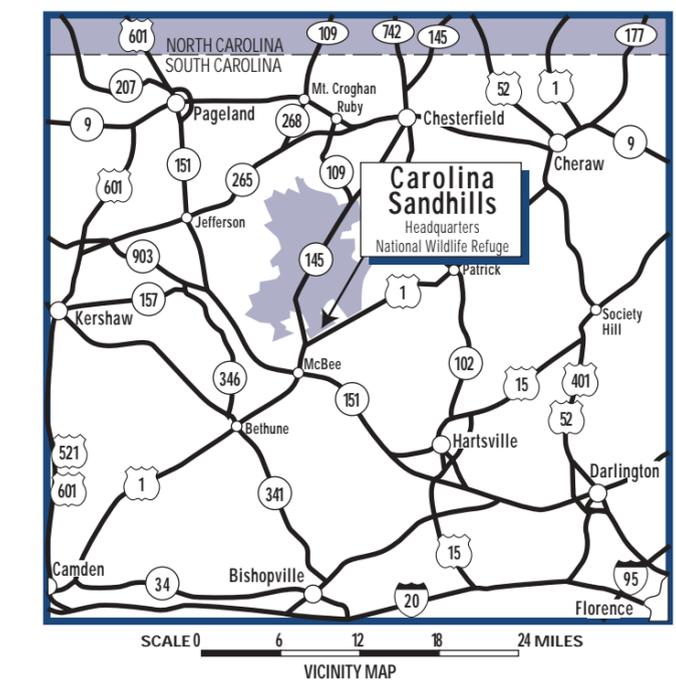
This sign delineates the refuge boundary. Entry is permitted only for authorized uses (hunting, fishing, sightseeing, etc.) in accordance with refuge regulations.



This area is closed to all entry. No hunting fishing or sightseeing is permitted. No roads or trails are open to the public.



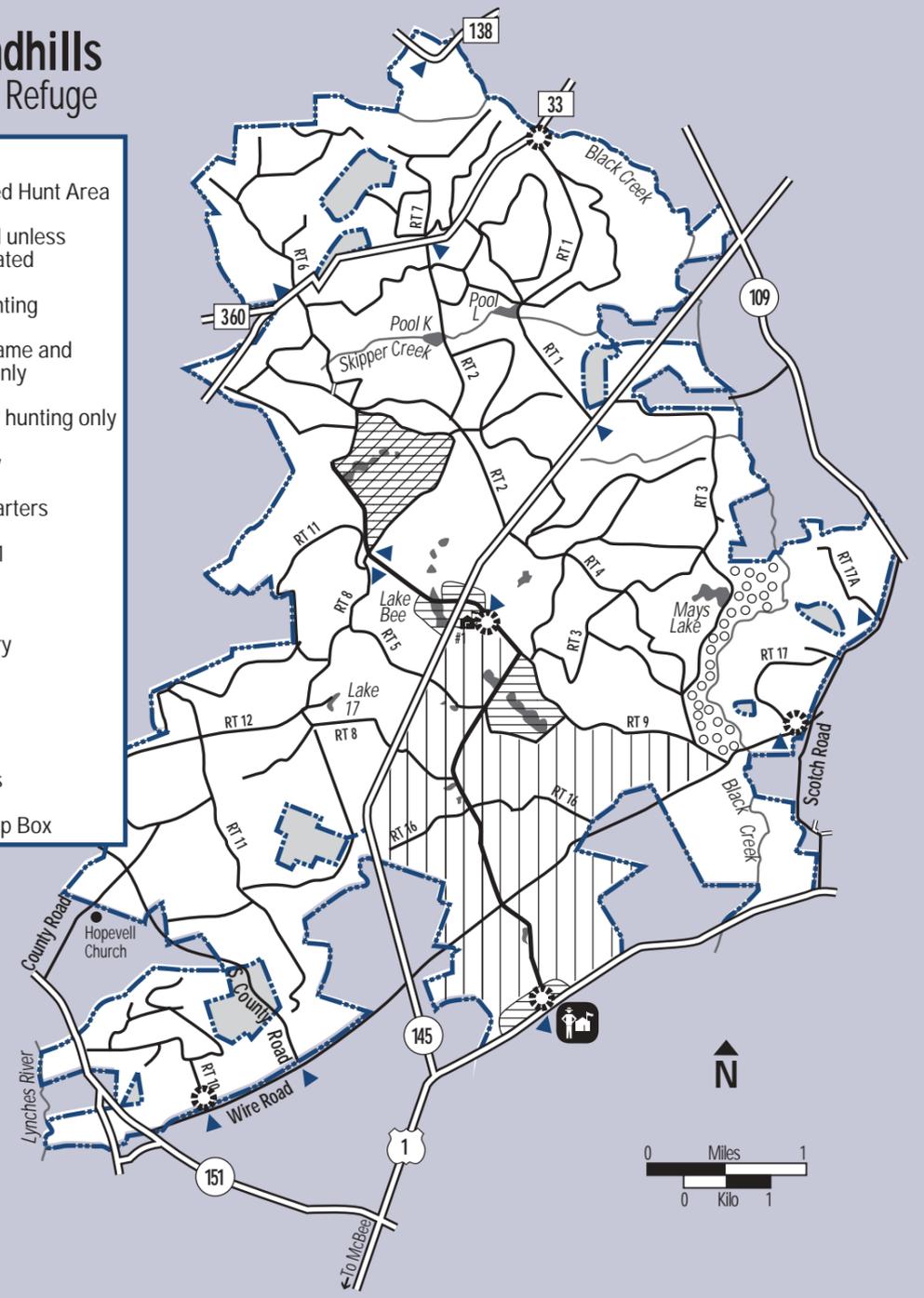
This area is closed to all hunting. Firearms and archery equipment are strictly prohibited (see map).



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Legend

- Mobility Impaired Hunt Area
- Hunting allowed unless otherwise indicated
- Closed to all hunting
- Open to small game and turkey hunting only
- Closed to turkey hunting only
- Private Property
- Refuge Headquarters
- Check Station #1
- Entrance Points
- Refuge Boundary
- Paved Roads
- Unpaved Roads
- Major Highways
- Small Game Drop Box



Carolina Sandhills NWR Small Game Check:
All hunters must provide the requested information for each day hunted and return this report to the refuge office or a small game drop box.

Hunter information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date hunted: _____

No. in party: _____

	# Seen	# Taken
Quail:	_____	_____
Mourning Dove:	_____	_____
Woodcock:	_____	_____
Rabbit:	_____	_____
Raccoon:	_____	_____
Opossum:	_____	_____

Other wildlife observations: _____

Comments: _____

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