

Harris Neck

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2013-2014

Harris Neck NWR, McIntosh County, GA

Harris Neck is one of over 560 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 protect the use of a valuable renewable resource.

Public hunting on Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on approximately 2,400 acres. Certain areas (marked on the map printed on the reverse side) are closed to hunting.

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. In addition to Federal regulations, State game and fish laws and regulations are adopted and in effect unless they have been further restricted by Federal law or regulations (www.gohuntgeorgia.org). All Coast Guard and State boating regulations will be enforced. **Licenses, permits, all hunting and fishing equipment and effects, and vehicles or other conveyances are subject to inspection by Federal and State officers.**

General Hunting Regulations

To participate in the refuge bow and/or gun hunts, hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge hunting regulations brochure on their persons at all times.

Only hunters with proper state licenses and refuge permits will be allowed on the refuge during the hunts.

Hunters 15 years of age or under (youth hunters) must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. The adult may supervise only one youth.

Personal identification (driver's license or official state identification card) will be required at check-in.

Each hunter may place one stand on the refuge during the week preceding the hunt. However, hunters assume all responsibility for the loss or damage of personal property left on the refuge. **Stands must be removed by the end of each hunt.**

No flagging, blazing, painting, or trail marking devices may be used to locate stands, or for any other purpose.

Hunting will not be permitted closer than 100 yards of Harris Neck Road, the refuge entrance drive, refuge headquarters, Barbour River Landing,

Barbour River Landing Road and Gould's Cemetery.

Harris Neck NWR will be closed to the general public on all hunt days.

Deer harvested during scheduled hunts must be checked by refuge personnel before leaving the refuge.

Only designated game species and feral hogs may be taken, and other wildlife may not be molested in any manner.

Hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been screwed or driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

The distribution of bait, and hunting over bait, is prohibited.

Participating in "man-drives" for deer is prohibited.

Pruning/limbing of live trees is prohibited.

The possession or use of poison or poison pods is illegal.

The use of trail or game cameras is prohibited.

Target practice is prohibited.

Vehicles are restricted to the designated auto tour route. Two-way traffic will be permitted.

This is an annual permit. To save tax dollars, please use this permit for the entire season.

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2013 Harris Neck NWR Hunt Permit

When signed and in your possession, this brochure serves as your permit for Harris Neck NWR's 2013 season hunts (bow and gun), and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Signature _____

Entry by boat is prohibited.

Hunters must be on their stands from one-half hour before legal sunrise until 9 am and from two hours before sunset until one-half hour after legal sunset.

The possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

All forms of litter must be removed from the refuge.

Bow Hunt

Bow hunting for deer and feral hogs will be permitted from September 19 - 21, 2013 in all areas indicated on the attached refuge map.

Bow hunters must enter the refuge, through the refuge gate only, between 5 am and 6 am to hunt during the morning stand hours. Hunters will be allowed to exit and re-enter through the entrance gate only from 9 am until 4 pm. After 4 pm no one will be permitted to enter the refuge.

Five deer (no more than two antlered) may be taken (state bonus tags will be issued for two of these). Feral hogs (no bag limit) may also be taken.

Only bows, in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized for hunting.

Archery hunters are encouraged to wear a fluorescent orange outer garment while hunting on the ground or walking to and from stands.

Gun Hunt

Gun hunting for deer and feral hogs on Harris Neck NWR will be permitted on November 15, 2013 within the area indicated on the attached refuge map.

Gun hunters must check-in at the refuge headquarters between 4 am and 5 am, prior to hunting.

Five deer (no more than two antlered) may be taken (state bonus tags will be issued for two of these). Feral hogs (no bag limit) may also be taken.

Shotguns (20 gauge or larger; slugs only) and bows, in accordance with state regulations, are the only hunt weapons permitted.

Gun hunters are required to wear an outer garment which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter- orange material above the waist.

How to Obtain Hunt Permits

The attached permit (on cover) to participate in both the bow and gun hunts is validated when signed. An unlimited number of permits will be available for each hunt. Additional hunting regulations brochures may be obtained in advance from either the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex or Harris Neck NWR offices or downloaded from the refuge website:

<http://www.fws.gov/savannah/hunting.html>

Brochures will also be available upon check-in during refuge hunts.

Fishing Regulations

Sport fishing on Harris Neck NWR is permitted on designated areas of the refuge, in accordance with all applicable State regulations*, and subject to the following special conditions:

Saltwater fishing is permitted year-round in the estuarine waters adjacent to the refuge.

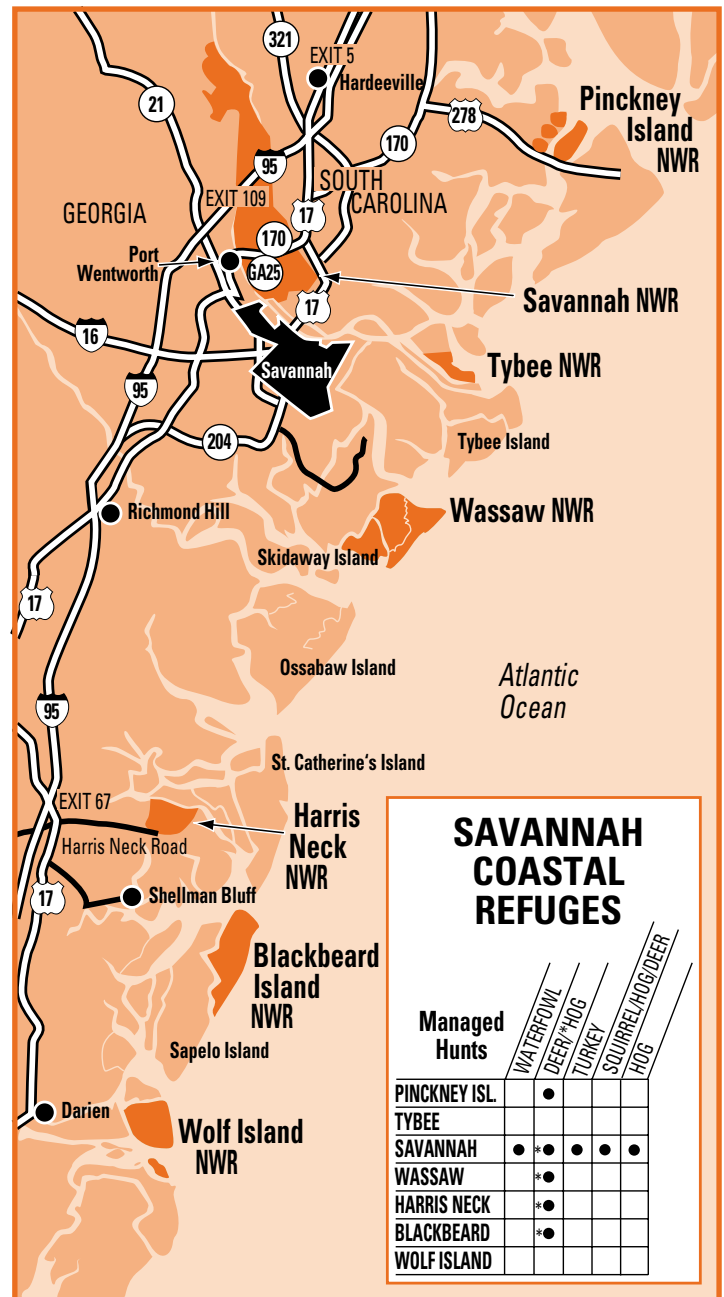
Bank fishing into estuarine waters is permitted year-round, from sunrise to sunset, except during managed hunts.

Barbour River Landing (boat ramp and parking areas) is closed to the public from 12 am (midnight) to 4 am.

*A Georgia fishing license is required.

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. You may enter only on designated access routes. Consult manager for restrictions.



This area is closed to all entry. No hunting or sight-seeing is permitted. Roads and trails within this area are closed to the public.

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