

Pinckney Island

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2013-2014

Pinckney Island NWR,

Beaufort County, South Carolina

Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge 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. 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.

Public hunting on Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on approximately 1,050 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 (<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/regulations>). 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.**

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Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex
694 Beech Hill Lane
Hardeeville, SC 29927
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<http://www.fws.gov/harrisneck>

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General Hunting Regulations

To participate in the refuge gun hunt, hunters must submit the Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2354). If drawn, hunters must submit a permit fee in order to receive a hunt permit. Only hunters with proper state licenses and refuge permits will be allowed on the refuge during the hunt.

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.

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 the hunt.**

Hunters must be checked in at the designated check station by refuge personnel between 4 and 5 am on both hunt days. Entry by boat is prohibited.

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

The refuge will be closed to the general public any day on which a hunt is scheduled.

Vehicles will be permitted only on the gravel road from the refuge entrance to Clubhouse Pond. Movement within all other areas of the refuge must be by foot or bicycle. We prohibit entry by boat, and we prohibit hunters to leave by boat to reach other parts of the island.

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

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.

Hunting will not be permitted closer than 100 yards of U.S. Highway 278 or the check station area, nor closer than 200 yards of the residence area.

Does must be tagged with state doe tags. These tags will be issued (free) at the deer check station.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The use of trail or game cameras is prohibited.

Camping is not permitted on the refuge.

Pruning/limbing of live trees is prohibited.

The possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

All forms of litter must be removed from the refuge.

Gun Hunt

Gun hunting for deer on Pinckney Island NWR will be permitted only on November 8 - 9, 2013, within the area indicated on the attached refuge map.

Five deer (no more than two antlered) may be taken.

Shotguns (20 gauge or larger; slugs only) are the only hunt weapons permitted.

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Permit Application Procedures

Hunters must obtain and submit a Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2354) using one of the following methods:

1. Download from the internet at <http://www.fws.gov/savannah/hunting.html>
2. Email request for application to savannahcoastal@fws.gov
3. Pick up application at the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
4. Call 843/784 2468 and request an application by fax.
5. To receive applications/brochures in the mail, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the address below, and include the number of publications requested.

Only one application may be submitted per hunter. Applications must be received by August 31 to be entered in the drawing; 80 permits will be issued. Please mail applications to:

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694 Beech Hill Lane
Hardeeville, SC 29927

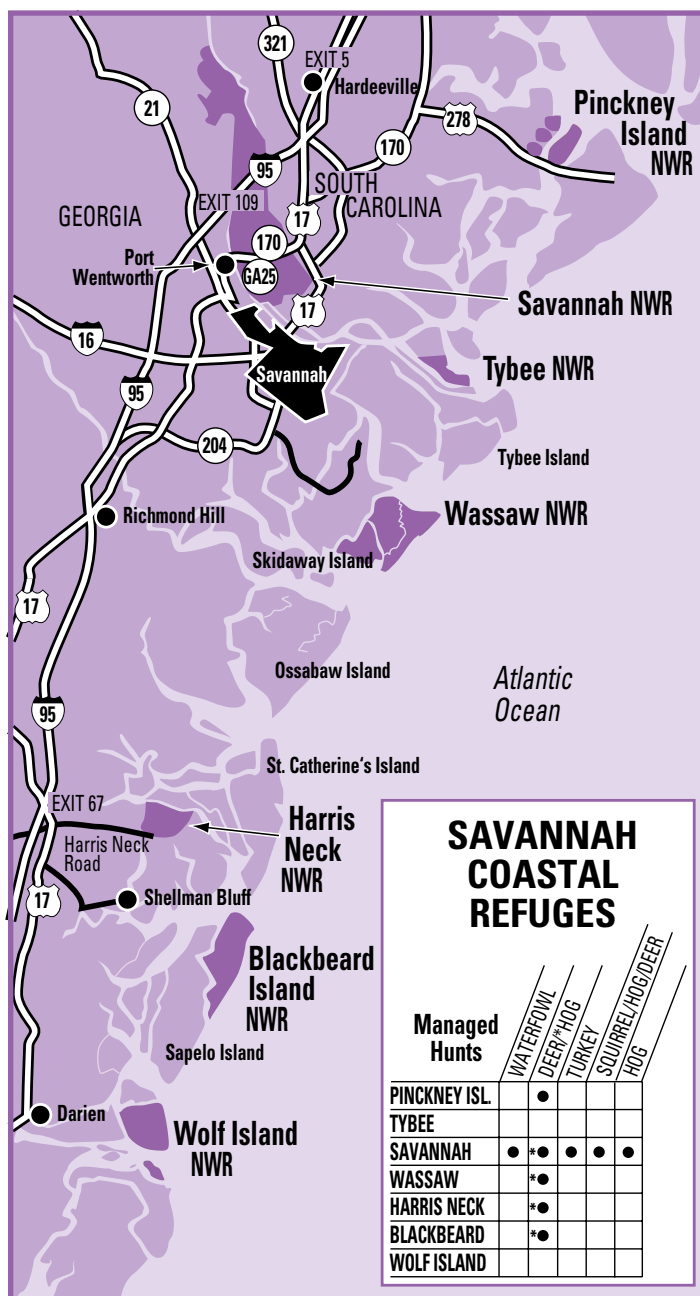
Hunters selected by drawing on September 5, 2013, will be notified by mail (applicants not drawn will **not** be notified). A \$15.00 permit fee must be paid by each hunter selected by drawing. Accepted payment methods are credit/debit cards (call 843/784 2468 to make payment by phone), cashier's check or money order (made payable to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service). **No personal checks will be accepted**, and all payments must be received by October 15 to guarantee issuance of a permit to the selected hunter.

Assistance can be provided to hunters with disabilities. Contact the refuge manager for advance planning.

Fishing Regulations

Sport fishing on Pinckney Island 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.



Take pride in your refuge! Report violations. Pick up litter.

Freshwater fishing is prohibited.

*A South Carolina 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 through the entrance on U.S. Highway 278. 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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Chechessee River



White Point

Port Royal Sound

LITTLE HARRY ISLAND

BIG HARRY ISLAND

Dick Point Pond

BUZZARD ISLAND

PINCKNEY ISLAND

Clubhouse Pond

INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

Nini Chapin Pond

Osprey Pond

Starr Pond

Barker Pond

Ibis Pond

Bull Point

Skull Creek

Mackay Creek

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








Last End Point

WATERWAY

HILTON HEAD ISLAND

278

Legend

-  High Ground
-  Salt Marsh
-  Closed Areas
-  Gravel Roads
-  Grass Trails
-  Refuge Boundary
-  Check Station
-  Public Boat Ramp
-  Visitor Parking
-  Refuge Residence