

# Supplemental Information to Refuge Hunting Regulations and Permit Brochure **Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge** *2019-2020 Hunt Seasons* *(Valid September, 2019 – April, 2020)*

## **Permits (changes in **bold**)**

Hunters must possess a valid refuge Hunting Regulations Permit for all hunts. A valid permit is signed and dated in the current year. Permits are non-transferable.

Hunters must possess all applicable licenses, permits and government issued picture ID while in the field. The refuge is not a Wildlife Management Area (WMA); therefore, hunters do not need a WMA permit.

Youth hunters (age 15 and under) must be supervised by a properly licensed adult at least 21 years old and remain within sight and normal voice contact with the adult.

## **Mourning Dove**

Dove hunting will be allowed from noon until 6 pm on selected fields according to the following schedule:

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2019 – Field A

Fridays during the second and third state seasons

All state and federal regulations apply.

The daily bag limit is 15 mourning doves.

The possession or use of more than 50 shotgun shells is prohibited.

All hunters are required to sign in/out at Field A during the September dove hunts. Sign in will begin at 12 noon.

During the September dove hunts, wooded areas are closed to dove hunting. Hunters must remain in the cultivated fields at all times.

All trash, including shotgun shell hulls, must be removed from the field.

Report any banded doves to [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov).

You will need the band number(s), and where, when, and how you recovered the bird.

## **Woodcock and Quail**

Fridays during the state season. The daily bag limit is two quail.

## **Deer**

All deer must be tagged in accordance with state regulations. Youth must possess deer tags in accordance with state regulations.

The daily bag limit is two deer (only one can be antlerless) and the season limit (total for all hunts) is five deer, at least two of which must be antlerless.

An antlerless deer is defined as a deer with no antlers or an antlered deer with less than two inches of antler visible above the hairline.

Unlimited hogs may be harvested while deer hunting.

Shotguns, centerfire rifles, and all primitive weapons (including crossbows). Handguns .357 caliber or larger and a barrel of no less than six inches. No military or hard jacketed ammunition.

## **Youth Deer (Age 17 and Under)**

October 12, 2019

## **Archery**

Crossbows permitted in accordance to state regulations.

October 14-19, 2019

December 2-31, 2019 (excluding Sundays)

## **Primitive Weapons**

Bows and arrows, muzzleloading shotguns 20 gauge or larger, muzzleloading rifles .36 caliber or larger, and crossbows permitted in accordance to state regulations.

October 21-26, 2019

## **Modern Gun**

October 31-November 2, 2019

November 14-16, 2019

## **Rabbit**

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during January 2020

## **Raccoon/Opossum**

December 2, 2019 (sunset) until 4 am  
December 7, 2019

January 6, 2020 (sunset) until 4 am  
January 11, 2020

February 3, 2020 (sunset) until 4 am  
February 8, 2020

A Georeferenced PDF Refuge General Hunt Map is available to download at [www.fws.gov/refuge/Carolina\\_Sandhills/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Carolina_Sandhills/)



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## Turkey

State regulations for turkey hunting apply along with these special regulations:

The refuge bag limit is one (1) bearded gobbler for the entire season (Youth and General Turkey hunts). A turkey killed on the refuge counts toward your state bag limit.

Walk-in areas are designated on the Turkey Hunting map. No motorized vehicles are allowed in walk-in areas.

Areas closed to turkey hunting are easily identified by roads and refuge boundary. Therefore, no closed area signs are posted.

All harvested turkeys must be tagged and taken to the refuge office for check-in. No hunter may leave the refuge with a turkey without first checking in at the refuge office.

## Youth Turkey (Age 17 and Under)

Youth must possess turkey transport tags in accordance with state regulations. Youth hunters (age 15 and under) must be supervised by a properly licensed adult at least 21 years old and remain within sight and normal voice contact with the adult. A Quota Permit is not required.

April 4, 2020

## General Turkey

The general turkey hunt is a quota hunt of no more than 125 hunters per hunt.

All hunters (including youth) must have a permit to participate in these hunts.

Each permit will specify for which hunt you have been drawn.

Permits are **not** transferable.

All licensed hunters participating in the hunt must have their quota turkey hunt permit, a valid state hunting license, turkey transport tags, and a government-issued picture identification (such as a driver's license) in their possession.

All youth hunters (age 15 and under) must have their quota turkey hunt permit and turkey transport tags in their possession.

With the exception of the special youth hunt on April 4th, no person may assist another hunter unless both hunters have quota turkey hunt permits (this includes one hunter calling turkeys for another or video recording).

## General Turkey Hunt Dates

Hunt 1 – April 9-11, 2020 (Quota)

Hunt 2 – April 16-18, 2020 (Quota)

## Application Process

Applicants should submit an index card with their full name, mailing address, and phone number.

Youth hunters may indicate on their application that they are a youth hunter (age 17 and under) and their hunt period preference (Hunt 1 or Hunt 2). Only youth hunters (and those in their hunt party) may indicate a hunt period preference.

Applicants must include a \$12.50 per hunter non-refundable application/hunt fee in the form of a certified check, money order, or cashier's check made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Cash and personal checks are not accepted.

Up to five hunters may apply as a group by stapling application materials together.

Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to the refuge office no later than March 2, 2020.

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23734 US Highway 1  
McBee, SC 29101

A random, computerized drawing will equally distribute hunters between the two hunt periods. Hunters may contact the refuge office after March 9, 2020 to inquire about drawing results.

Permits will be mailed to successful hunters.

## For General Information

Refuge Office  
843/335 8350

[https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Carolina\\_Sandhills/visit/visitor\\_activities.html](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Carolina_Sandhills/visit/visitor_activities.html)