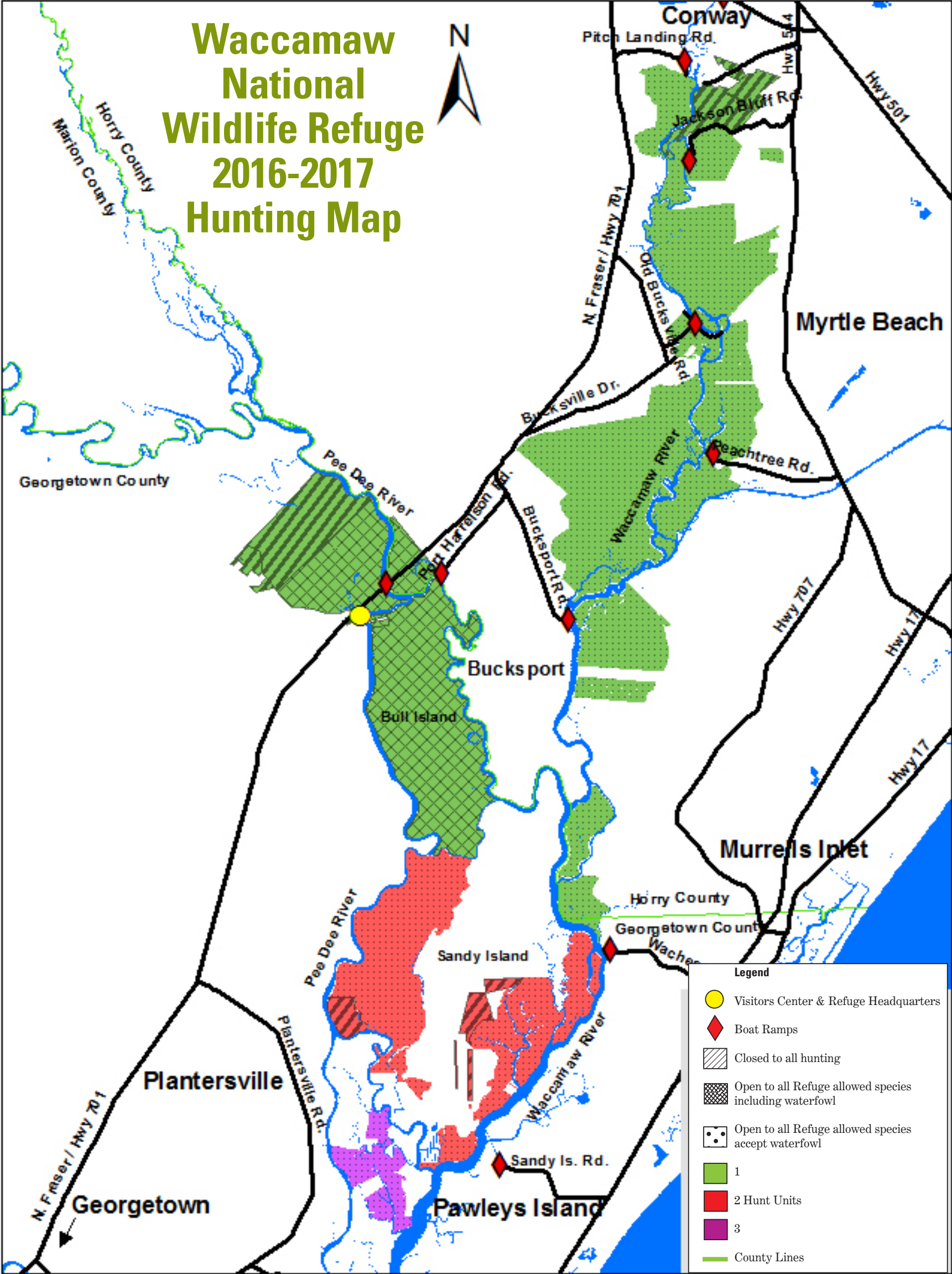


Refuge Hunting Sessions
(Only species listed are allowed to be hunted)

Unit 1 Hunting Sessions	
Deer / Hog	No Sunday Hunting.
Archery	August 29 - September 10, September 26 - October 8
Archery & Muzzleloader	October 10 - October 29
Modern Weapons, Archery & Muzzleloader	November 21 - December 10
Hog	February 6 - March 24 No Sunday hunting. Buckshot and Rimfire firearms prohibited. No limit. Additional hunts determined as needed after annual hog hunt.
Squirrel	October 31 – February 25 No Sunday hunting. No squirrel hunting during deer or hog hunts or from a watercraft.
Turkey	Youth-Only: March 25 Adult/Youth: April 1-30, Saturdays only.
Waterfowl / Woodcock	Wednesdays and Saturdays only until 12 noon during the State seasons on Refuge Tracts in Unit 1 that are along the Great Pee Dee River. Tracts in Unit 1 that are along the Waccamaw River are closed to waterfowl and woodcock hunting. Youth hunters are allowed to hunt on the Refuge during Federal and State Youth-Only Waterfowl Hunting Days. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed during the Early Teal and Early Canada Geese seasons. Hunters may enter the Refuge no earlier than 5 am on hunt days and must be off of the Refuge by 2 pm. If a scheduled Refuge deer hunt falls within the State migratory bird season, hunting is not permitted until after the deer hunt concludes.
Raccoon / Opossum	Wednesday and Saturday nights only. December 7 - February 25
Unit 2 Refuge Sessions	
Deer / Hog Modern Weapons, Archery, & Muzzleloader	September 19 - October 8, November 7 - 26 No Sunday hunting
Hog	February 6 - March 31 No Sunday hunting Buckshot and rimfire firearms prohibited. No limit. Additional hunts determined as needed after annual hog hunt.
Unit 3 Refuge Sessions	
Deer / Hog Modern Weapons, Archery, & Muzzleloader	September 19 - October 8, November 7 – 26 No Sunday Hunting
Hog	March 1 - 31 No Sunday Hunting Buckshot and rimfire firearms prohibited. No limit. Additional hunts determined as needed after annual hog hunt.
Snipe	Wednesdays and Saturdays only. February 1 - close of Federal season. Nontoxic shot required.
Raccoon / Opossum	Wednesday and Saturday nights only. February 1 - 25

Prohibited Activities on the Refuge - continued


- Possessing or using any controlled substance except that which was obtained by the possessor directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order, from a practitioner acting in the course of his professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by applicable law. Additionally, no person may enter or remain in any NWR while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any other controlled substance.
- Hunting from or constructing permanent blinds. Additionally, you must remove portable blinds and decoys at the end of each day’s hunt.
- Camping, overnight parking, open fires, and littering.
- Use of ATVs and/or airboats to access Refuge lands.
- Possession of bait, baiting, and/or hunting in the vicinity of bait. Bait includes, but is not limited to, grains, feeds, salts, mineral blocks, meats, fruits, and other consumable items.
- Using or directing the rays of a spotlight or other artificial light or automotive headlights for the purpose of spotting, locating, observing, harassing, or taking any wildlife.
- Using game/trail cameras and scouting devices or electronic game calls.
- Hunting for wildlife on any Refuge unit other than that which is officially opened and posted.
- Entering or discharging a weapon within, into, or across a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area”.
- Hunting on Sunday.
- Releasing or attempting to release any animal onto Refuge lands.
- Hunting or shooting any game (except waterfowl) from a watercraft.
- Hunting from within 100 feet of any roadway, whether open or closed to vehicular traffic or from within 300 yards of any residence or designated hunter check station.
- Destroying, injuring, or cutting vegetation. The possession of axes, saws, machetes, mowers, trimmers, or other tools used for cutting vegetation are not permitted on the Refuge. In addition, the use of hammers, screws, nails, bolts, or any other foreign objects that are inserted into or permanently affixed to any vegetation is prohibited.
- Stalk hunting, “man-drives”, or any other form of an organized hunting technique while hunting deer, hog, or turkey in which two or more hunters are attempting to drive game animals from cover to shoot, kill, injure, or move animals towards other hunters.



Harvest Limits

- Deer** - No Sunday hunting. One antlered buck allowed for each hunt session not to exceed State bag limit. Three antlerless deer may be harvested per season during coinciding SCDNR Game Zone 5 antlerless deer days or with the use of individual antlerless deer tags. Legal hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- Hogs** - No Sunday hunting. No limit. Additional hog hunts may be offered during and after deer season to further control this invasive species. All feral hogs must be dispatched before removing them from the Refuge. Use of dogs for hog hunting is prohibited, however, exceptions may be made if the Refuge determines additional hog hunts not listed in this brochure are necessary. A State hunting license and a Refuge Hunting Permit are required.
- Turkey** - Nontoxic shot required. Adult/Youth Only. Allowed in Unit 1 only. One gobbler per day per party. Two gobblers per season. Turkey tags are required. All harvested turkeys must be tagged before being moved from the point of kill.
- Squirrel** - Nontoxic shot required if using shotguns. No Sunday hunting. Gray squirrel only. Fox squirrels are not allowed. Bag limit is 10 squirrels per hunter per day. One treeing dog allowed per hunter. No hunting from watercraft.
- Raccoon / Opossum** - Nontoxic shot required if using shotguns. Three raccoon per party per night. Opossum no limit.

Waterfowl / Woodcock / Snipe - Nontoxic shot required. Same limits as outlined in the South Carolina Migratory Game Bird Hunting Guidebook 2016-2017. If a scheduled Refuge deer hunt falls within the State migratory bird season, hunting is not permitted until after the deer hunt concludes.




NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY PROHIBITED

NO HUNTING, FISHING, OR SIGHTSEEING


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



AREA BEYOND THIS SIGN CLOSED


All public entry prohibited

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



NO HUNTING ZONE

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



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service BOUNDARY

Department of the Interior

NO HUNTING OR FISHING

Consult Manager for current regulations

This area is closed to all hunting except during special hunts. Refer to Special Hunts section in this brochure.