

# Supplemental Information to Refuge Hunting Regulations and Permit Brochure **Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge** *2018-2019 Hunt Seasons* *(Valid September, 2018 – April, 2019)*

## **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.

Hunters under age 16 must possess evidence of successful completion of a state-approved hunter education course. The youth hunter 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 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018 – 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 the fields. 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**

October 13, 2018

## **Archery**

Crossbows permitted in accordance to state regulations.

October 15-20, 2018

December 1-31, 2018 (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 22-27, 2018

## **Modern Gun**

November 1-3, 2018

November 15-17, 2018

## **Rabbit**

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during January 2019

## **Raccoon/Opossum**

December 3, 2018 (sunset) until 4 am  
December 8, 2018

January 7, 2019 (sunset) until 4 am  
January 12, 2019

February 4, 2019 (sunset) until 4 am  
February 9, 2019

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/)



# U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

## Turkey

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

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

In order to participate in this hunt, you must have been issued a special turkey hunt permit by the refuge. Each permit will specify for which hunt you have been drawn.

Permits are not transferable. All adult 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 (under 16 years of age) must have their quota turkey hunt permit, turkey transport tags and proof of completing a hunter education course.

With the exception of the special youth hunt in March, 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).

The bag limit is one (1) bearded gobbler for the entire hunt. A turkey killed on the refuge counts toward your state bag limit. A refuge map of the areas open for turkey hunting will be mailed with your Quota permit.

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

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.

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

## Youth Turkey

Youth must possess turkey tags in accordance with state law.

March 23, 2019

## General Turkey

Hunters must have a computer-drawn permit to participate in these hunts. Applications due March 1, 2019

Hunt 1 – April 4-6, 2019 (Quota)  
Hunt 2 – April 11-13, 2019 (Quota)

## Application Process

Applicants should submit an index card with their full name, mailing address, and phone number by mail or personal delivery to the refuge office:

Carolina Sandhills NWR  
23734 U.S. Highway 1  
McBee, SC 29101

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 no later than March 1.

A random, computerized drawing will equally distribute hunters between the two hunt periods. Hunters may contact the refuge office after March 11, 2019 to inquire about drawing results.

Quota permits and Turkey Hunting map 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)