

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



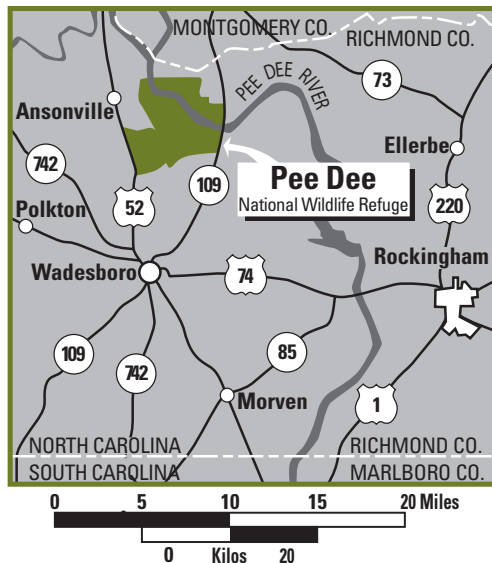
This area is closed to all entry. No hunting, fishing or sightseeing is permitted. No roads or trails are open to the public (see map).



This area is closed to all hunting (see map).

Refuge Violations

To report violations or information regarding violations occurring on Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, call 704/694 4424 to speak with a Law Enforcement Officer.



Welcome to Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge

Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 550 national wildlife refuges. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the refuge and is responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing the nation's fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the public.

The provisions listed below supplement the general regulations that govern public use on national wildlife refuges, as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. When permitted, hunting, fishing and other public uses will be in accordance with applicable state laws unless otherwise listed. Only the hunting seasons designated in this brochure are allowed on Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge.

General Provisions and Access

By law, national wildlife refuges are closed to all public use activities unless permitted. Hunting, fishing and other public use activities are permitted on most areas of the refuge. Contact the Refuge Manager for current regulations and authorized activities when visiting the refuge.

Public Entry

- The refuge is closed daily from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise except as authorized during designated hunts.
- Entry onto Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge constitutes consent to an inspection of licenses, permits, vehicles, game bags, creels, coolers and all hunting and/or fishing equipment.

Pets

- Pets must be under the control of the owner at all times.

Camping and fires

- Camping and fires are prohibited.

Horseback riding

- A special use permit is required for horseback riding on the refuge. Contact the refuge office to apply.
- Horseback riding is allowed only on roads that are open to public vehicle traffic.
- Hunting from horseback is prohibited.

Alcoholic beverages

- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

ATV's/Four Wheelers

- ATV's are prohibited except for use by disabled persons with a refuge special use permit.

Roads

- Vehicles must remain on established roads as indicated on the map of this brochure.
- Visitors may park alongside roads in a manner that will not block gates and fire lanes, or interfere with traffic.
- The speed limit on refuge roads is 15 mph, unless posted otherwise.
- Hunting on, from or across any road open to public vehicle traffic is prohibited.
- On small game hunts, hunting is prohibited on roads open to public vehicle traffic. This includes the right-of-way, which extends 30 feet from the center of the road.
- On deer and turkey quota hunts, hunting is prohibited **within 100 feet** of any vehicle or road open to public vehicle traffic.

Disabled access

- Persons with disabilities who have special access needs should contact the Refuge Manager to request special use access.

Weapons

- Discharging firearms, air guns, bows and arrows, or cross bows is prohibited unless authorized.
- **All refuge hunting is closed on Sundays.**

Closed Areas/No Hunting Zones

- **Refuge hunting areas are closed to the general public during all firearms deer hunts.** The "No Hunting Zone" around Headquarters and Sullivan Pond remains open all year.
- Designated areas are closed seasonally to hunting, fishing and all other public access.
- Other areas may be closed for management or safety reasons.
- Hunters are prohibited from entering or crossing a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area" to access hunting areas.
- Discharging a Firearm within, into or across a "No Hunting Zone" or "Closed Area" is prohibited.

Refuge/cultural resources

- The removal of any natural, historic or archaeological feature is prohibited.

Special Hunting Regulations

Permits

- Hunters must possess a valid, signed refuge General Hunting Permit for all hunts.

- Quota hunt permits are required for all firearms deer and turkey hunts.
- Permits are non-transferable.
- Hunters must possess all applicable licenses, permits and government-issued picture ID while in the field.

Check station

- The Check Station is located at Headquarters on Highway 52 North.
- **All deer and turkeys killed on the refuge must be checked in** at the refuge check station on the date of the kill prior to removing the animal from the refuge. **This includes archery.**
- Deer and turkeys killed on the refuge must also be registered with the state of NC by calling 1-800-I-GOT-ONE. Refuge and NC records will be compared to make sure that your game has been properly checked in.
- If no employees are present at the check station, follow posted self-check in procedures.

Baiting

- Baiting and/or hunting in the vicinity of bait is prohibited.
- Baiting is defined as the placing of corn or other food stuffs, including salt and mineral blocks, to constitute an attraction for wildlife to any area.

Hunter orange

- **All persons participating in refuge firearms deer hunts are required to wear an outer garment above the waist which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of unbroken fluorescent orange material that is visible from all sides while hunting and while enroute to and from hunting areas.**
- All persons participating in the late refuge archery deer hunt must wear at a minimum, a fluorescent orange hat while hunting and while enroute to and from hunting areas.

Hunter education

- **All refuge hunters under the age of 16 must show proof of successfully completing a hunter education/safety course.**
- Hunters under the age of 18 must be directly supervised (within sight and normal voice contact) by a properly licensed adult at least 21 years of age.

