

Supplemental Information to Refuge Hunting Regulations and Permit Brochure

# Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge

## 2017-2018 Hunt Seasons (Valid September, 2017 – April, 2018)

### 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 6:00 pm on selected fields according to the following schedule:

September 7, 14, 21, 18, 2017 – 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 SEPTEMBER DOVE HUNTS, HUNTERS MUST REMAIN WITHIN 50 FEET OF THE MANAGED FIELD EDGE.**

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 & Quail

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

### Deer

**ALL DEER MUST BE TAGGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.**

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.

### Youth Deer

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 MUST POSSESS DEER TAGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW DURING ALL DEER HUNTS.**

October 14, 2017

### Archery

Crossbows permitted in accordance to state regulations.

October 16-21, 2017  
December 1-30, 2017 (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 23-28, 2017

### Modern Gun

November 2-4, 2017  
November 16-18, 2017

### Rabbit

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during January 2018

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### **Raccoon/Opossum**

December 4, 2017 (sunset) until 4am Dec 9, 2017  
January 1, 2018 (sunset) until 4am January 6, 2018  
February 5, 2018 (sunset) until 4am Feb. 10, 2018

### **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 hunting is enclosed. The closed area is easily identified by roads and the 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.

Walk-in areas are designated on Hunter Regulations and Permit Brochure map. No motorized vehicles are allowed in walk-in areas.

### **Youth Turkey**

Youth must possess turkey tags in accordance with state law.

March 24, 2018

### **General Turkey**

Hunters must have a computer-drawn permit to participate in these hunts. Application procedures outlined below. Applications due March 1, 2017

Hunt 1 – April 5-7, 2018 (Quota)

Hunt 2 – April 12-14, 2018 (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 US 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 12, 2018 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)