

Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge

Public deer hunting by shotgun, muzzleloading rifle/shotgun, and archery is permitted on the Refuge on hunting dates listed below and on hunting areas shown on the map. A signed Refuge hunt permit and a valid State hunting license shall be carried when hunting deer on the Refuge. No reservations are required and hunters may select sites and hunt anywhere within the designated hunting areas.

Youth

Youth hunters (under age 16) may possess a firearm in any hunt provided they have passed a State-approved hunter safety course and are accompanied by an adult who is at least 21 years of age. Each adult may supervise only one youth. The adult must carry a valid State hunting license and a valid Refuge hunt permit when supervising a youth hunter.

Hunters with Disabilities

Hunting opportunities are available for disabled hunters. Please call the Refuge Office for information and to make advanced arrangements.

Permit Application

A Refuge Hunt Permit can be applied for either by mail or in person at the Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor’s Center on Knotts Island, North Carolina. There is a \$15.00 fee per person (we accept check or money order). A complete Refuge Hunting Permit request must include a Big Game 2016 Hunting Permit Application, 2015 Big Game Harvest Report, and \$15.00 check or money order. Incomplete permit requests will be returned to applicant.

Access

Hunting areas may be accessed by foot, bicycle, boat, and vehicle only from 5 am to 8 pm. No access to hunting areas is permitted before 5 am on hunting dates. Vehicles are restricted to gravel roads. Parking is permitted on road shoulders. **Refuge is closed to all other activities.**

Hunting Dates

- October 13 - 15, 2016
- October 20 - 22, 2016
- November 3 - 5, 2016
- November 10 - 12, 2016
- November 24 - 26, 2016

All state regulations for big game hunting, including the wearing of blaze orange, shall apply. Only portable deer stands are permitted.

All deer taken must be checked-in.

- (1) **if taken in North Carolina, checked-in at the Knotts Island Store or**
- (2) **if taken in Virginia, checked-in at an authorized deer checking station.**

General Regulations and Enforcement

All hunters are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, tags, hunting equipment, bag limits, boats, vehicles, and their contents during compliance checks by Refuge Officers, North Carolina Wildlife Officers, Virginia Wildlife Officers, and any state or local law enforcement officer.

Violation of any Refuge regulation may result in the cancellation of your hunt permit and prosecution in Federal court. It is your responsibility to be familiar with all applicable Refuge and State deer hunting regulations before hunting on the Refuge. If you have a question concerning any Refuge regulation, please call the Refuge Office.

The Following are Prohibited

Use of ATV’s and any other unlicensed and unregistered vehicles.

No dumping of deer parts within 100 feet of roads, wetlands and waterways. Hunters are responsible for the proper disposal of all deer parts.

Driving vehicles off of gravel roads.

Possessing a loaded firearm in a vehicle or boat.

Carrying a loaded firearm or bow on or within 50 feet of gravel roads. Shooting from a vehicle or shooting on or across roads or roadways.

Hunting outside of designated areas shown on the map or within 300 feet of the Refuge Office.

Use of nails, bolts, or screws to attach portable stands to trees. Use of nail-, bolt-, or screw-type steps.

Use of artificial lights, including vehicle headlights, to observe, locate, or take wildlife.

Use of dogs to pursue, track or retrieve deer.

Marking trees or vegetation with blazes, flagging, or other marking devices.

Possession of alcoholic beverages.

Taking of any wildlife (other than deer) and plants.

Leaving a portable stand overnight.

Littering - if you pack it in, pack it out!

For more information, call the Refuge Manager at 252/429 3100.

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Refuge Deer Hunting
Regulations & Permit
2016



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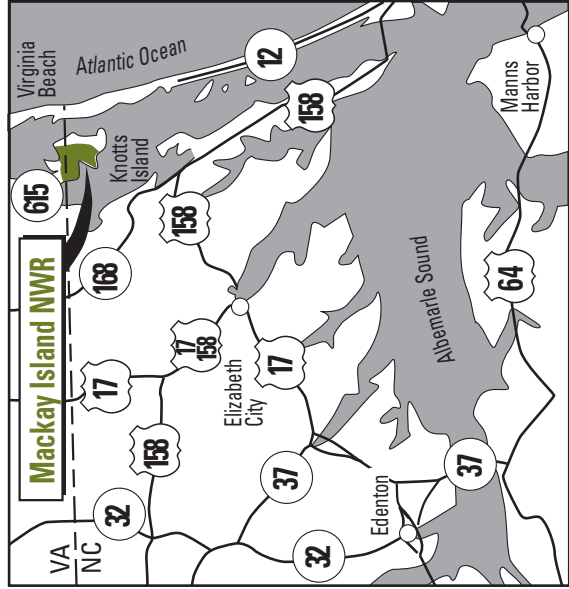




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2016 Deer Hunt Map



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