

Refuge Hunting Sessions

(Only species listed are allowed to be hunted)

Unit 1 Hunting Sessions	
Deer / Hog	No Sunday Hunting.
Archery	August 28 - September 9, September 25 - October 7
Archery & Muzzleloader	October 9 - October 28
Modern Weapons, Archery & Muzzleloader	November 20 - December 9
Hog	February 5 - March 30 - No Sunday Hunting. Buckshot and Rimfire firearms prohibited. No Limit. Additional hunts determined as needed after annual hog hunt.
Squirrel	October 30 – February 24 - No Sunday hunting. No squirrel hunting during deer or hog hunts or from a watercraft.
Turkey	Youth-Only: March 31 Adult/Youth: April 7 - May 5, 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 2pm. 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 6 - February 24
Unit 2 Refuge Sessions	
Deer / Hog Modern Weapons, Archery, & Muzzleloader	September 18 - October 7, November 6 - 25 No Sunday hunting
Hog	February 5 - 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 18 - October 7, November 6 – 25 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 3 - close of Federal season. Nontoxic shot required.
Raccoon / Opossum	Wednesday and Saturday nights only. February 3 - 28

Prohibited Activities on the Refuge - continued

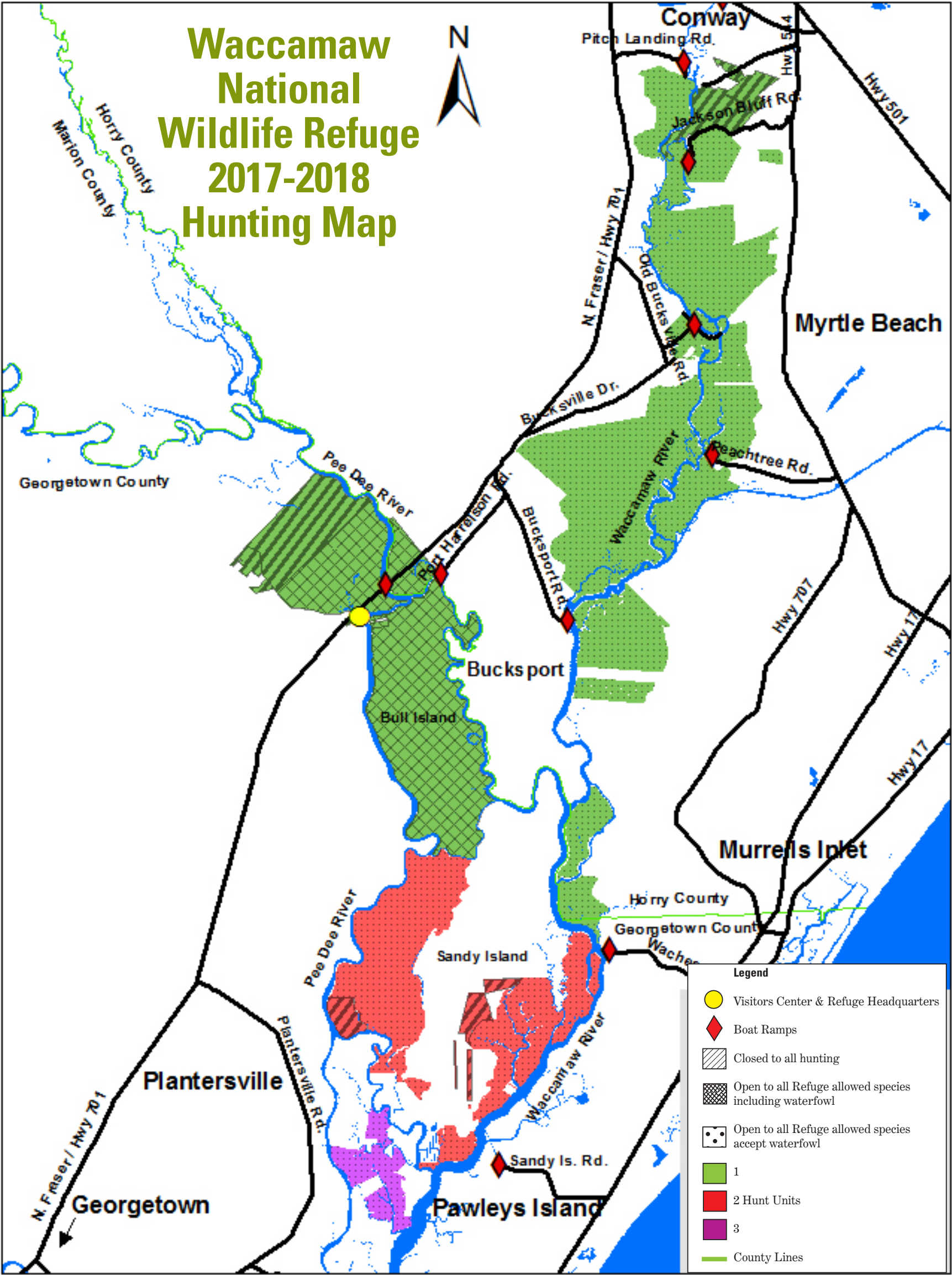
- Hunting for wildlife on any Refuge unit other than that which is officially opened and posted.
- Entering or discharging a weapon within, into, or across a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area”.
- Hunting on Sunday.
- Releasing or attempting to release any animal onto Refuge lands.
- Hunting or shooting 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. All harvested deer are required to be tagged at the point of kill. SCDNR issued deer tags must be used on all deer harvested and animals must be in compliance with the guidelines for the specific tag used. In addition, only one antlered deer allowed for each hunt session not to exceed 3 total antlered deer per year. Three antlerless deer may be harvested per season not to exceed 2 per day. All harvested animals must be reported by calling the Refuge’s game-check hotline (see section titled “Hunter Harvest Telecheck Program”) before removing the animal from Refuge property. Legal hunting hours are from ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset. Official sunrise/sunset times are listed in the SCDNR Hunting & Fishing Regulation Guide.

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. All harvested animals must be reported by calling the Refuge’s game-check hotline (see section titled “Hunter Harvest Telecheck Program”) before removing the animal from Refuge property.



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. All harvested animals must be reported by calling the Refuge’s game-check hotline (see section titled “Hunter Harvest Telecheck Program”) before removing the animal from Refuge property.

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 2017-2018. If a scheduled Refuge deer hunt falls within the State migratory bird season, hunting is not permitted until after the deer hunt concludes.

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.

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

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

Hunter Harvest Telecheck Hotline: 843/834 5244