General provisions

Okefenokee Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations. Carefully managed hunts maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

Hunting regulations

Public hunting on the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on Suwannee Canal Unit—1.251 acres.

General hunting regulations

All State and Federal regulations are in effect.

Permits are required and are not transferable.

Hunters must check-in and checkout of the hunt area. All deer taken must be checked out by refuge personnel at the designated check station.

Youth hunters must show proof of having successfully passed a state-approved hunter education course.

Hunters must enter, park and exit the refuge at designated points.

Motor vehicles are allowed only on the roads shown on the attached map. Please do not block roadways.

Overnight camping and fires are prohibited.

Hunting areas are open on hunt

dates from two hours before sunrise until 12:00 noon.

Non-motorized scouting is allowed during daylight hours seven days prior to the hunt date.

No flagging, reflective tape, reflective beads, or paint are to be used to mark scouted areas.

All permitted hunters must checkin before 5:30 am. each day of their scheduled hunt. Any permits not verified by 5:30 am. will be given to stand-by hunters chosen from a lottery of all stand-by prospects present. Successfully selected stand-by hunters must be prepared to pay \$12.50 for a hunt permit.

Hunters selected by drawing may hunt one or both days until noon.

Hunters must remain on their stands from 30 minutes before sunrise until 9:00 am. Stands must be removed daily.

Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

Licenses, permits, all hunting equipment and effects, and vehicles or other conveyances are subject to inspection by Federal or State officers.

All firearms transported in vehicles must be unloaded and dismantled or cased when in the vehicle.

Possession and use of alcohol while hunting is prohibited.

Hunt Area/Game
Wildlife Drive Deer-eith

Wildlife Drive, Deer-either sex, limit 2.

Permits

699

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Acres

Permit Fee

Season

\$12.50 each

Shotgun slugs or muzzleloaders only: Suwannee Canal Unit-October

30-31 until noon each day.

Hunt Area/Game

Chesser Island, Deer-either sex, limit 2 (Hunters in wheelchairs only)

Acres 552

Permits 10

Permit Fee \$12.50 each

Season Shotgun slugs or muzzleloaders only: Suwannee Canal Unit-October 30-31 until noon each day.

Hunters in wheelchairs are permitted access to stands by motorized equipment.

How to obtain refuge hunt permits Two-day permits will be issued by public drawing.

Complete the attached application and return it to the address listed below. Only one application per person accepted. Applications for all permits must be **received** by September 15, 1998.

Applicants in wheelchairs must include a refuge supplied physician's statement with their application. The statement must be signed by a physician certifying non-ambulatory status and returned with the permit application by September 15, 1998. Call (912)496-7836 to have this statement mailed to you.

Applicants selected in the drawing will be notified by mail. All successful applicants must submit a money order, cashier's check, or personal check made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for \$12.50 by October 16, 1998 in order for the permit to be issued. You may pickup your permit when you check-in.

Return Applications to:

Phone

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge Route 2, Box 3330 Folkston, Georgia 31537

Or drop applications off at one of the refuge offices located at the East entrance near Folkston, Georgia, phone (912)496-7836 or the West entrance near Fargo, Georgia,

phone (912)637-5322.

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunt Application - Suwannee Canal Unit	
Name	

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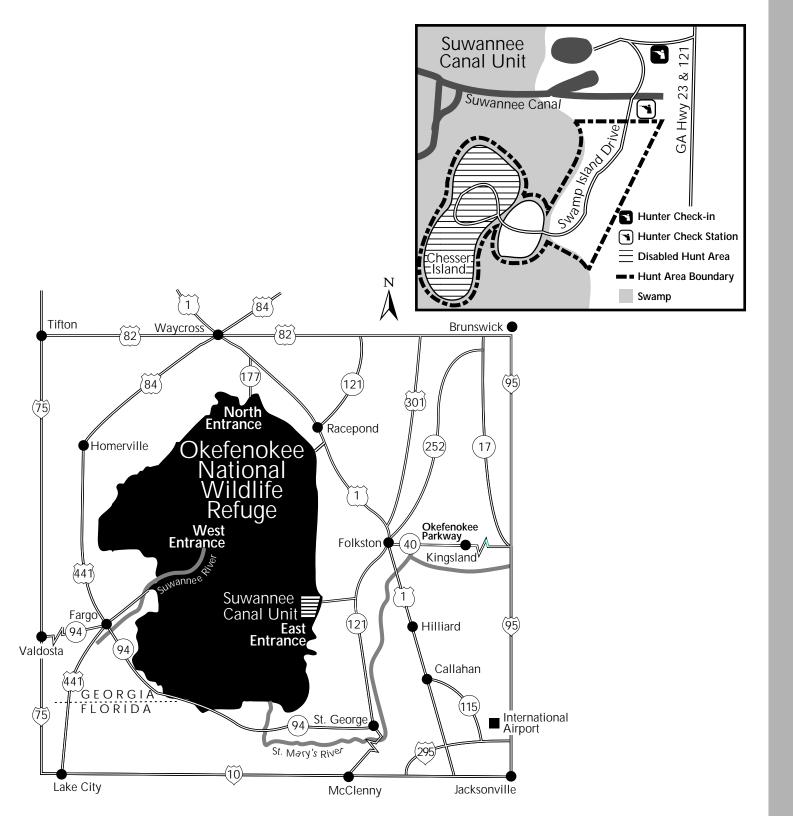
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Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge Hunters in Wheelchairs Application Suwannee Canal Unit

Each hunter will be permitted to have one non-hunting assistant.

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