

# Santee

National Wildlife Refuge  
 Hunting Regulations and  
 Permit 2008-2009



**Santee NWR 2008-2009 Hunt Permit**  
 Valid for Big Game, Small Game & Migratory Birds

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

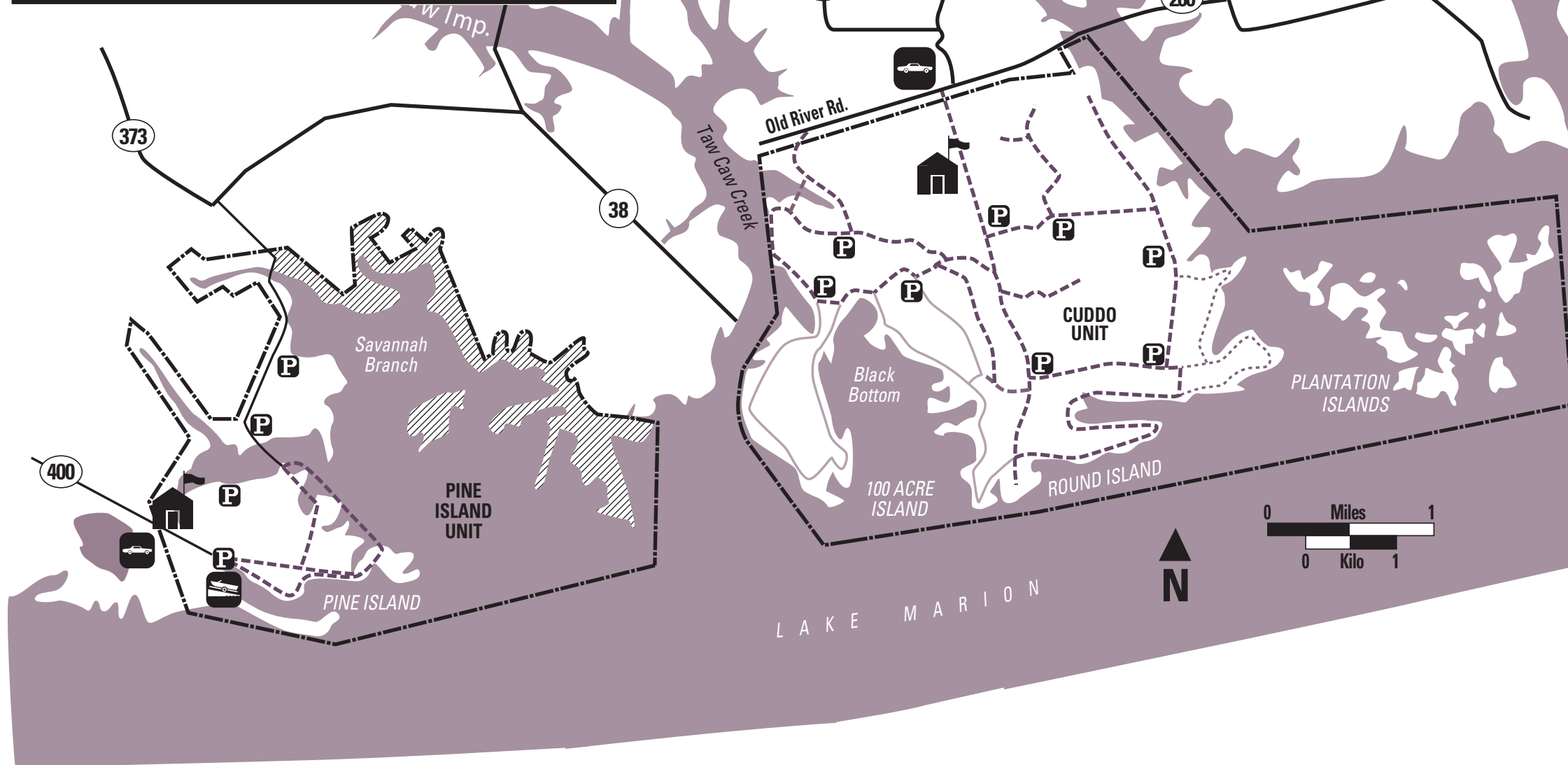
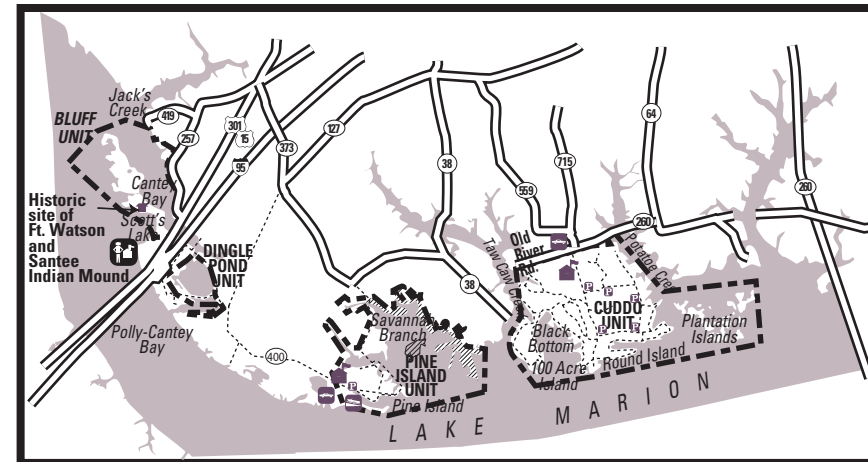
I have read and understand the regulations governing hunting on Santee NWR.

Hunter's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

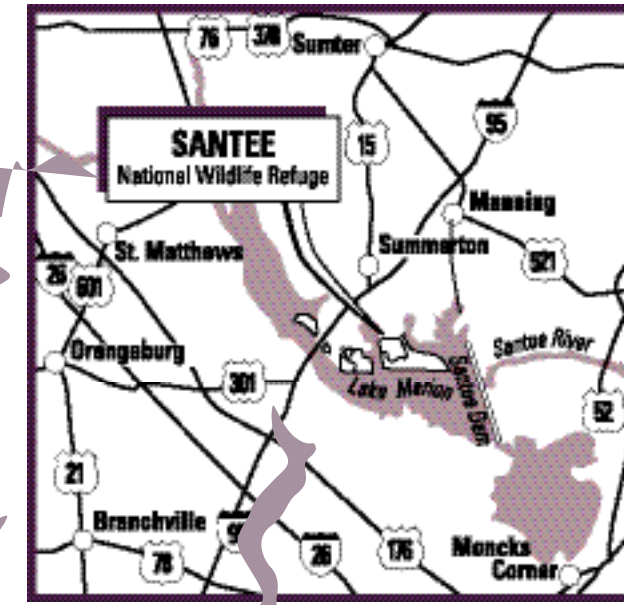
This permit must be in your possession while hunting and is valid only when signed by the hunter. The permit is valid for the duration of the Santee hunt season.

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Take pride in your refuge. Do not litter!**



**Santee**  
 National Wildlife Refuge  
 Littering Is Prohibited By Law  
 BLUFF, PINE ISLAND & CUDDO UNITS



**Legend**

- Refuge Boundary
- Paved Roads
- Unpaved Roads
- Vehicular access permitted
- Roads accessible only by foot or bicycle
- Designated Refuge Foot Trail
- Vehicle Entry Point
- Vehicle Parking Area
- Check Station
- Boat Ramp
- Visitor Center
- Area Closed to Hunting



Santee National Wildlife Refuge is one of 548 National Wildlife Refuges in the U.S. and its territories. The mission of this system is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the U.S. for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. Hunting is one of many necessary tools used to responsibly manage wildlife populations. Maintaining a balanced population by removing surplus animals ensures the overall health and viability of all wildlife populations that depend on the managed habitats that this refuge provides.

The list below supplements the general regulations that govern the legal use of NWR’s and their hunting programs as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. In addition, hunting on Santee NWR will also follow applicable State laws and regulations.

### General Hunting Regulations

The following regulations apply to all types of hunting on the refuge.

By law, recreational activities on National Wildlife Refuges are prohibited unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other recreational uses are permitted on designated areas of Santee National Wildlife Refuge. Contact the Refuge Manager for current regulations and authorized activities.

Possession of weapons and firearms are prohibited unless specifically authorized for refuge hunts.

Non-toxic shot is required when hunting with shotguns.

Hunters must personally check in and out daily at designated hunter check stations when hunting on any portion of the refuge, and check all animals harvested. Feral hogs are an exotic species and may be harvested as an incidental take while hunting for deer.

All deer and hogs killed on the refuge must be checked at the check station prior to removing the animal from the refuge.

For safety considerations, hunters utilizing refuge island areas identified as being open to hunting (see map) must indicate same at daily check in.

The use of non-motorized boats is permitted for access via interior canals to inland areas open to hunting.

**For the protection of all refuge visitors, refuge units that are open to public deer hunts are closed to general public access during designated hunt periods.**

### Youth Hunters - 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 16 must be directly supervised (within sight and normal voice contact) by a properly licensed adult at least 21 years of age. An adult may supervise only one youth.

Dogs may be used for mourning dove and raccoon hunting only and must wear a collar displaying the owner’s name, address and telephone number. Tracking dogs **may not** be used during deer hunts.

Hunters are required to make a reasonable effort to retrieve wounded game. Permission must be obtained from refuge personnel to enter a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” for the purpose of tracking and/or retrieving legally taken game animals.

### Special Hunt Permits

A special refuge hunt permit signed by the hunter along with state hunting license, and photo identification (such as a state driver’s license) are required for all hunts and must be in your possession while hunting.

Hunters utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, vehicles, and their contents by Refuge or State officers.

### Vehicles

Vehicles are only allowed on established roads marked open for vehicular travel. Roads marked closed to all vehicles may be traveled on foot or bicycle. The speed limit for all roads in the refuge is 15 MPH. Vehicles must be parked off of the lane of travel and clear of gates. ATV’s are prohibited.

### Firearms

Firearms being transported in vehicles and boats during refuge hunts must be unloaded and dismantled (or cased). A loaded firearm is defined as having ammunition in the chamber or magazine. Muzzleloaders will be considered unloaded if the percussion cap is not seated in the chamber.

Handguns and crossbows are prohibited on all refuge hunts.

### Prohibited Activities

The distribution of bait, or hunting over a baited area is prohibited. Using illuminating devices for the purpose of spotlighting deer is prohibited. Camping, overnight parking, open fires and littering are prohibited.

Hunting is only allowed on each refuge unit within specified hunt periods and **only** for wildlife that is officially designated under the **Seasons and Specific Hunt Regulations** section of this brochure.

No entry (vehicular or pedestrian) is permitted beyond “Closed Area” or “No Hunting Zone” signs. Weapons may not be discharged within, into, or across a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area”.

Discharging a firearm from, on or across any refuge road or designated refuge foot trail is prohibited.

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 is prohibited.

Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Hunters are prohibited from using nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree and may not possess axes, hatchets, saws, nails, tacks, paint, or flagging for the marking of trees and shrubs. Painted clothes pins or clothes pins with reflective material attached may be used but must include the hunter’s name and telephone number. Clothes pins must be removed at the end of the hunt.

Man-drives, stalk hunting, dog drives and hunting from artificially pruned trees is prohibited.

### Other Regulations

Hunters must wear at least 500 square inches of solid fluorescent orange visible from 360 degrees during firearm seasons. (A hat and vest will fulfill this requirement).

### Scouting

Scouting on both the Pine Island and Cuddo Units is allowed during periods when these units are open to general public access. Vehicles are only allowed on roads designated as open for vehicular traffic. All other roads and trails are only open to walk-in or bicycle traffic.

Weapons and dogs are prohibited during scouting activities. Hunter access roads will be opened **only** during each deer hunt and on the Friday and Saturday prior to each hunt to allow hunters to place their stand on the area.

### Hunting Stands

Hunters are limited to one stand per person regardless of type, including tree stands, ground blinds, and ladder stands. **Deer stands on the refuge must be clearly marked with the owner’s name and telephone number.**

Stands may be placed on respective hunt areas on the Friday and Saturday immediately prior to each hunt (from 8 am until 5 pm) and must be removed by 8:30 pm on the last day of each hunt.

Any stands found within designated hunt areas outside of allowed periods will be confiscated.

### Seasons and Specific Hunt Regulations

#### *White-tailed Deer*

Cuddo Unit

Archery only: October 6-11, 2008

Primitive weapons only: October 20-25, 2008

Pine Island Unit

Primitive weapons only: October 13-18, 2008

#### *Weapons*

Primitive weapons only; long, recurved, or compound bows and muzzle loading (black powder) rifles only. All other weapons including handguns and crossbows are prohibited.

#### *Bag Limit*

No bag limit for either sex. Antlerless deer tags will be provided by the refuge at the check station. Unlimited feral hogs may be harvested as an incidental take while deer hunting.

#### *Hours of Entry*

The gates for hunting areas will be open from 5 am until 8:30 pm during designated hunt periods. Hours of entry for scouting and stand placement are as previously specified under the **Other Regulations** section.

Both the Pine Island and Cuddo Units will be closed to all public access on the Sunday prior to the beginning of any hunts on each respective unit.

Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour past sunset.

#### *Bluff Unit (Youth Only Lottery Hunt)*

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Friday, September 26, 2008

Saturday, September 27, 2008

A special quota Youth Deer hunt will be conducted on the Bluff Unit on the dates listed above. Youth hunters will be selected from applications received by September 18, 2008.

Youth hunters will only be allowed to use shotguns with slugs during these special afternoon hunts and must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Accompanying adults are prohibited from discharging firearms during Youth Only hunts. Fixed, two-person ladder stands will be provided for Youth Only hunts.

To be eligible for Youth Deer hunts, applicants must be between the ages of 10 to 17, and must have a valid hunter education certificate. Applications for Youth Only hunts may be obtained by calling the refuge office at 803/478 2217 (Monday through Friday, 8 am until 4 pm) or by written request to:

Santee NWR  
2125 Fort Watson Road

Summerton, SC 29148

### Other Hunting

#### *Mourning Doves - CUDDO UNIT ONLY*

September 8-19, 2008

No hunting is permitted on Sunday, September 14, 2008

#### *Special Regulations*

Mourning dove hunting is permitted according to state and federal laws. Doves may be taken with a shotgun using non-toxic shot size no larger than # 5’s. Ground dove hunting is prohibited. Hunters must report all game taken at designated hunter check-out locations.

Discharge of weapons for any purpose other than to take or attempt to take legal game animals during established hunting seasons is prohibited.

Legal shooting hours are in accordance with State regulations as long as those hours occur when the refuge is open for general public access.

Scouting for mourning dove hunting is permitted one week prior to the first designated refuge deer hunting season on the Cuddo Unit only during the hours that the refuge is open for general public access. Possession of firearms is prohibited during scouting.

#### *Raccoon and Opossum - CUDDO UNIT ONLY*

From March 2, 2009 (after 6 pm) until March 12, 2009 (until 6 am). No hunting is permitted on Sunday, March 8, 2009.

#### *Special Regulations*

Night hunting only. Special state regulations on night hunting apply. Raccoons and opossums may be taken with a shotgun using non-toxic shot size no larger than # 4’s or a .22 caliber rimfire rifle. Possession of buckshot or slugs is prohibited. Crossbows and handguns are prohibited.

For additional information, contact refuge personnel at 803/478 2217 or write to:

Santee National Wildlife Refuge  
2125 Fort Watson Road  
Summerton, SC 29148

To assure your safety and well-being while you are hunting on the refuge, refuge staff may need to contact you. We ask that all hunters provide the information requested below.

This information will only be used for the aforementioned purpose and will be destroyed immediately after our final hunt.

Please tear off this sheet and leave it at the designated check in point. If hunting on more than one hunt unit or on multiple days, only one information sheet per hunt is required.

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Anticipated hunt date(s)

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Hunting party contact (lead hunter)

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Names of individuals in your hunt party

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Emergency contact information

In order to enhance your safety and yet protect your privacy, we have minimized the amount of personal information we collect. If you choose, you may provide an outside phone number/address that is different from your own. You need not provide the name of the “emergency contact”.

If there is more than one person in your party we require the lead hunter’s name who will have responsibility for the party. For your safety and the management of this refuge, every hunter **must** carry proof of a current permit to hunt on the refuge.