

Signs Protect Visitors and Resources

Millions of people visit national wildlife refuges each year. The impact of human activity, if not regulated, can degrade these wildlands. Signs control recreational activities while protecting natural resources on the refuge. Please respect the following signs:



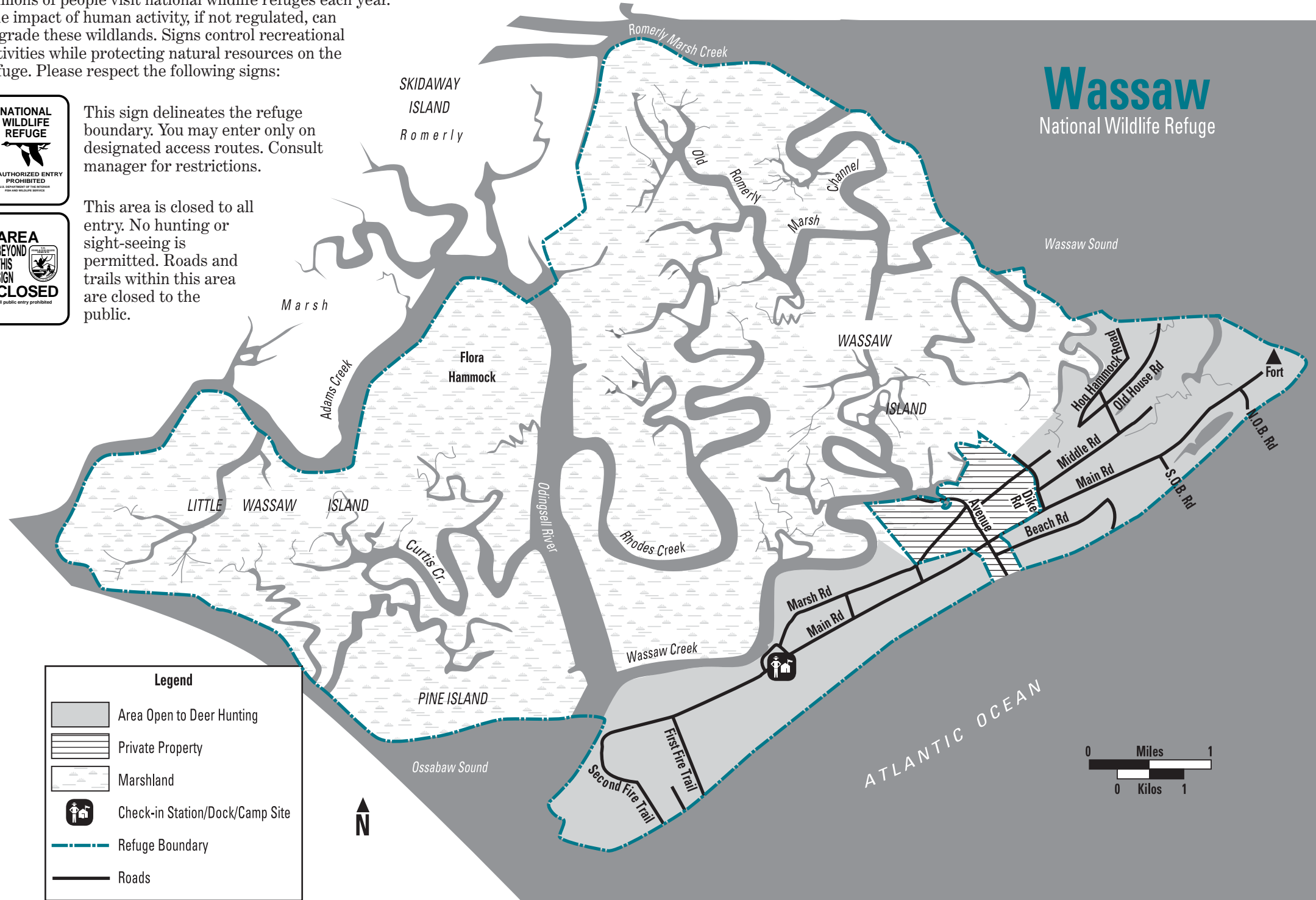
This sign delineates the refuge boundary. You may enter only on designated access routes. Consult manager for restrictions.



This area is closed to all entry. No hunting or sight-seeing is permitted. Roads and trails within this area are closed to the public.

Wassaw

National Wildlife Refuge



Wassaw NWR Chatham County, Georgia

Wassaw is one of over 545 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 at a level compatible with the environment, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

Public hunting on Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on approximately 2,000 acres.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on wildlife areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State (Georgia) regulation. All Coast Guard and State boating regulations will be enforced.

General Hunting Regulations

Federal permits are required for all hunts and must be carried on the person while hunting. All hunters must obtain a permit regardless of age. Permits are non-transferable. Only hunt participants with proper licenses and permits will be allowed on the refuge during hunts. **A Georgia hunting license is required to hunt feral hogs.**

Hunters 15 years of age or under (youth hunters) must have successfully passed a state-approved hunter education course in order to participate in any refuge hunt. Satisfactory completion of this course must be demonstrated by a card or certificate. Youth hunters must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. The adult may supervise only one youth.

Hunters must check in at the refuge dock prior to setting up camp. Personal identification (driver's license or official state identification card) will be required at check in.

Each hunter may place one stand on the refuge no earlier than one month prior to the opening day of each hunt. However, hunters assume all responsibility for the loss or damage of personal property left on the refuge. **Stands must be removed by the end of each hunt.**

Hunters may check in no more than one day in advance of the opening day of each hunt period. Hunters must be off the refuge the day following the last day of the hunt period.

Weapons may not taken from the campground during authorized scouting periods from check-in until the beginning of hunt hours.

Wassaw NWR will be closed to the general public one day before and one day after the hunt period as well as on hunt days.

Boats may not be moored to the government dock except for loading and unloading purposes. Boats must be moored at the specified area near the government dock.

All camping will be at the designated camping area only. Fires must be confined to the camping area.

The possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Loaded firearms are not allowed in the headquarters and/or camping area.

The possession of poison, or poison pods, is illegal.

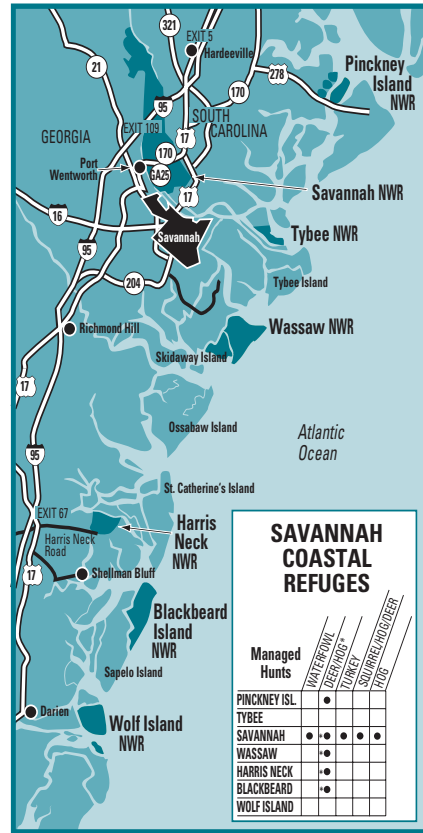
The distribution of bait, and hunting over bait, is prohibited.

Target practice is prohibited.

Hunters must be on their stands from one-half hour before legal sunrise until 9 am and from two hours before sunset until legal sunset.

Transportation is not provided to, from, or on the refuge. Any movement within the refuge must be by foot or bicycle. Entry and exit points are limited to the check station. Hunters are not allowed to leave by boat to reach other parts of the island.

Deer harvested during scheduled hunts must be checked by refuge personnel before leaving the refuge.



Wassaw

National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations

2008

Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge Permit Application for the December 11-13, 2008 Gun Hunt

Print:

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone number _____

Party hunters:

Staple applications together (maximum of three).

List your party hunters:

1. _____

2. _____

Only designated game species and feral hogs may be taken and other wildlife may not be molested in any manner.

Hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been screwed or driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

Pruning/limbing of live trees is prohibited.

Participating in "man-drives" for deer is prohibited.

No flagging, blazing, painting, or trail marking devices may be used to locate stands, or for any other purpose.

All forms of litter must be removed from the refuge.

Specific regulations governing the bow and gun hunts are listed separately.

How to Obtain Primitive Weapons Hunt Permits

The attached permit (on cover) to participate in the primitive weapons hunt will be validated during check-in at the refuge headquarters on Wassaw Island. An unlimited number of permits will be available for this hunt.

Hunters who participate in the primitive weapons hunt are also eligible to apply for the gun hunt.

Gun Hunt Permit Application Procedures

The attached permit-application for the Wassaw NWR gun hunt should be used by one hunter only. To apply as a party, applications for all party hunters (a maximum of three) should be stapled together and mailed to:

Savannah Coastal Refuges
1000 Business Center Drive
Parkway Business Center, Suite 10
Savannah, GA 31405

Additional applications may be obtained by mail, or picked up at the Savannah Coastal Refuges office located in the Parkway Business Center (off I-16 at Chatham Parkway, Savannah, Georgia). Hunt regulations and permit applications can also be downloaded from our website: <http://www.fws.gov/wassaw>

Only one application may be submitted per hunter. Persons or groups submitting more than one application will be disqualified. Applications for the hunt must be received by August 31 to be entered in the drawing; 125 permits will be issued for the gun hunt.

Hunters selected by drawing on September 5, 2008 will be notified by mail. A \$15.00 permit fee must be paid by each hunter selected by drawing. Accepted payment methods are credit/debit cards (call 912/652 4415 to make payment by phone), cashier's check or money order (made payable

to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service/mailed to Savannah Coastal Refuges office). **No personal checks will be accepted**, and all **payments** must be received by October 15 to guarantee issuance of a permit to the selected hunter.

Primitive Weapons Hunt

Primitive weapons hunting for deer and feral hogs will be permitted only on November 6-8, 2008 within the area indicated on the attached refuge map. **Crossbows are prohibited.**

All hunters must wear an outer garment which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter-orange material above the waist throughout the hunt.

Five deer of either sex may be taken (state bonus tags will be issued for two of these). Feral hogs (no bag limit) may also be taken with weapons legal for this hunt.

Gun Hunt

Gun hunting for deer on Wassaw NWR will be permitted only on December 11-13, 2008 within the area indicated on the attached refuge map.

Five deer of either sex may be taken (state bonus tags will be issued for two of these). Feral hogs (no bag limit) may also be taken with weapons legal for this hunt.

Hunters are required to wear an outer garment which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter-orange material above the waist.

Shotguns, 20 gauge or larger (slugs only), centerfire rifles and bows, and primitive weapons, in accordance with state regulations, are the only weapons permitted. **Crossbows will not be allowed.**

All campsites are primitive. Chemical toilets are available at the nearby check station. A cooler unit is operated to store harvested deer. **Potable water is not available.**

Boater Caution

Coastal waters are subject to extreme tidal fluctuations of six to ten feet. Hunters should be familiar with the tide tables, and monitor coastal weather conditions before navigating to the barrier island refuge.

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Parkway Business Center, Suite 10
Savannah, GA 31405
912/652 4415
<http://www.fws.gov/wassaw>

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
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June 2008



2008 Wassaw NWR Bow Hunt Permit

When signed and in your possession, this brochure serves as your Wassaw bow hunt permit, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Check-in is required upon arrival at the refuge dock.

Signature