

General Information and Changes for 2008-2009 Deer Hunt

Direct all hunt information calls to Allen Johnston at 410-228-5018. Please note new number.

- Permits will be first come, first serve **by mail only**. There will be no lottery drawing.
- Applications and regulations may be picked up at the Visitor Center after July 7.
- Application forms may not be xeroxed.
- Applications **must be received by mail**. Archery applications may also be obtained in the Visitor Center during open hours after September 19, 2008.
- Applications for all hunts (archery, youth, muzzleloader and shotgun) are on one application. One hunter per application.
- Applicants wishing to hunt as a group must submit applications in one envelope.
- Checks should be made out to the “**Friends of Blackwater.**”
- Applications must be received by mail for muzzleloader by October 4, for youth by October 20, and for shotgun by November 15. Archery permits may be obtained by mail only before September 19. After September 19 archery permits may be obtained by mail or at the Visitor Center until the last day of Archery January 31, 2009.
- Hunters may apply for only one of the two days of the Quota Muzzleloader Hunt (October 17 or October 18). Hunters may also apply for an additional Non-Quota Hunt Day on December 20. There is no check in or check out on December 20. In addition, hunters may also apply for the Non-Quota Muzzleloader Hunt days (October 23 - October 25). This 3 day Non-Quota Muzzleloader Hunt is only for antlerless white-tailed deer, and only in areas U, N, and B1* (*permanently wheelchair bound only). A \$10 permit fee is required for both the Quota and Non-Quota Muzzleloader Hunts.
- Hunters may apply for only one of the two days of the Quota Shotgun Hunt (December 1 or December 5). Hunters may also apply for the 3 day Non-Quota Shotgun Hunt (December 11 - December 13) with a \$10 permit fee for the Quota Shotgun Hunt and \$20 permit fee for the 3 day Non-Quota Shotgun Hunt.
- The permit fee for the Archery Hunt is \$20.
- For all holders of Golden Age/Senior Passes or Golden Access/Access Passes, the administrative fee for each hunt is reduced by ½ . The administrative fee for youth hunters is \$5 per hunt. For first year hunters applying for the Youth Hunt, there is no administrative fee.
- Deer killed on the Refuge (archery, muzzleloader, or shotgun) will count towards the state bag limit, except the Youth Hunt which does not count towards the state bag limit.
- Archery Hunters must check in harvested deer following Maryland State guidelines using the **code 543**.
- Youth Hunters must be **at least 10 years old**, but less than 16 years old. Youth Hunt will be conducted in areas N, D, U & B1*.
- **Area U and B1* is closed to archery on November 1.**
- Areas B1* and Q2* are for permanently wheel chair bound hunters only.
- Driving deer is prohibited except during the Non-Quota Shotgun Hunt December 11 - 13.
- A minimum of 400 square inches of solid colored daylight flourscent orange must be worn on the head, chest, and back of all hunters in Refuge’s Youth, Muzzleloader, and Shotgun Hunts. Orange hats/material must be worn on head at all times. Camouflage orange and faded orange garments are not prohibited.
- Scouting will be permitted **only** on September 26, October 12, October 26, November 23, 2008, and January 16, 2009. Anyone with a deer hunting permit may scout on any of the scouting days. Cross bows can only be used during the January 17 - January 31, 2009. Archery Hunt.
- **All deer** harvested on Blackwater NWR must be checked in following Maryland State guidelines using the **code 543**. All deer harvested in a Quota hunt must also be checked in at the refuge check-in station.