

Welcome to Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge
Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges in the country. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service administers the refuge and is responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing the nation’s fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the public.

The provisions listed below supplement the general regulations that govern public use on national wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. When permitted, hunting, fishing and other public uses will be in accordance with applicable state laws unless otherwise listed. Only the hunting seasons designated in this brochure are allowed on Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge.

General Provisions and Access

By law, national wildlife refuges are closed to all public use activities unless permitted. Hunting, fishing and other public use activities are permitted on most areas of the refuge. Contact the Refuge Manager for current regulations and authorized activities when visiting the refuge.

Pets

Pets must be under the control of the owner at all times.

Camping and Fires

Camping and fires are prohibited.

Alcoholic Beverages

The use or possession of alcoholic **beverages** is prohibited.

Vehicles

Only legally licensed vehicles are allowed on the refuge.

ATV’s are prohibited except for use by disabled persons possessing a refuge special use permit for their use in the designated mobility impaired hunt area.

Roads

Vehicles must remain on established roads unless the road is posted as being closed.

Vehicles may be parked alongside roads in a manner that will not block gates or fire lanes or interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

The speed limit on all refuge roads is 15 MPH, unless posted otherwise.

Disabled Access

People with disabilities that have special access needs should contact the Refuge Manager to request special use access.

Hunters wishing to use an ATV to hunt big game (deer and turkey) must provide a copy of their state disabled hunting license.

Hunters that receive a permit to use an ATV may only use the ATV in the designated mobility impaired hunt area (see map on reverse side of this brochure).

All rules and regulations pertaining to the use of standard vehicles will be in effect for the use of ATV’s.

Weapons

Firearms must be unloaded and encased or dismantled when transported in vehicles.

Carrying, possessing, or discharging firearms, air guns, bows and arrows, cross bows, fireworks or explosives is prohibited unless authorized.

Discharging a firearm for a purpose other than to take legal game animals during established hunting seasons is prohibited.

A loaded firearm is defined as ammunition in the chamber or magazine, or percussion caps on muzzleloaders.

Loaded firearms are prohibited within 100 feet of maintained roads or within 500 feet of the paved roads within the refuge.

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

Closed Areas and Times

Except during certain hunts, the refuge is closed everyday from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise.

Designated areas will be closed seasonally to hunting, fishing and all other public access.

Other areas may be closed for special management and safety reasons.

No hunting Zone

Entering or crossing a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” to access areas open to hunting is prohibited.

Discharging a firearm within, into or across a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” is prohibited.

Refuge/Cultural Resources

The removal of any natural, historic or archaeological feature is prohibited.

Special Hunting Regulations

Permits

Hunters must possess a valid refuge General Hunting Permit for all hunts.

A drawn hunting permit is required for the general turkey hunts.

Permits are non-transferable.

Hunters must possess a valid government issued picture ID.

Hunters must possess all applicable licenses, permits and government issued picture ID while in the field.

Check Stations/Check Sheets

All deer and hogs killed on the refuge during modern gun hunts and the youth hunt must be checked at check station #1 on the date of the kill prior to removing the animal from the refuge.

Antlered deer and hogs killed during the archery and primitive weapons seasons must be self-checked at check station #1.

All antlerless deer (deer with no visible antlers or less than two inches of antler visible above the hairline) must be tagged before being removed from the refuge. If check station #1 is not open, antlerless deer will be tagged at the refuge headquarters.

All turkeys killed on the refuge must be tagged and checked in at the refuge headquarters on the date of kill prior to removing the animal from the refuge.

All small game hunters must complete the attached check sheet and turn it in at the conclusion of each hunt at one of the check stations indicated on the map on the reverse side of this brochure.

Baiting

Baiting and/or hunting in the vicinity of bait is prohibited.

Baiting means the placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or

unshucked corn, wheat, or other grain, or other food stuffs, including salt and mineral blocks, to constitute an attraction, lure, or enticement to, on, or over any area.

Hunter Orange

All persons participating in refuge firearms hunts are required to wear an outer garment above the waist which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of unbroken fluorescent orange material that is visible from all sides while hunting and while enroute to and from hunting areas. This does not apply to dove, turkey and raccoon hunters.

Hunter Educations

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.

Youth Hunts

A youth hunter is defined as a hunter under the age of 16.

All youth hunters must be at least 10 years old to hunt on the refuge.

During youth deer and turkey hunts, an adult may supervise only one youth.

During small game hunts, an adult may supervise a maximum of two youths.

Tree Stands

Only portable stands are permitted.

All stands must be removed by the last day of each hunt.

Inserting or driving a nail, screw, spike or other metal object into a tree or to hunt from a tree into which a metal object has been inserted or driven is prohibited.

Hunting Dogs

Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.

Dogs are required for the raccoon/opossum hunts.

Dogs are permitted for small game and dove hunting.

All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner’s name, address and phone number.

Man-Driving

Deer hunting by man-driving is prohibited.

A man-drive is defined as an organized hunting technique including two or more hunters where an attempt is made to drive game animals from cover to shoot, kill, or move animals towards other hunters.

Tree Marking

Marking any tree or other refuge feature with plastic flagging or paint is prohibited.

Painted clothespins or clothespins with reflective tacks attached may be used to mark trails but must be removed at the end of each hunt.

Deer and Turkey Hunt Hours of Access

Deer and turkey hunters are prohibited from entering the refuge prior to 4:00 am on scheduled hunt days.

Deer hunters must leave the refuge no later than two hours after legal sunset.

Turkey hunters must end their hunts no later than 1:00 pm

Prehunt Scouting

The refuge is open (except designated closed areas) for prehunt scouting from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset.

Weapons are prohibited while scouting.

Hunting Seasons

Refuge areas open to hunting are designated on the map of this leaflet.

The following list includes the specific hunts allowed on the refuge.

Mourning Dove and Woodcock

Dove hunts will be conducted at designated fields on Thursdays in September. Contact the refuge office in August for details.

During the September dove hunts, the possession or use of more than 50 shotgun shells is prohibited.

Mourning doves and woodcock may be taken when the state season for these species coincides with the refuge quail season.

Archery Deer

The bag limit for each deer hunt is unlimited bucks plus two antlerless deer and unlimited hogs.

October 3-7, 2005

November 28-December 2, 2005

Crossbows permitted with state issued crossbow permit.

Firesarms Deer

The bag limit for each deer hunt is unlimited bucks plus two antlerless deer and unlimited hogs.

Primitive weapons: October 17-21, 2005

Bows and arrows

Muzzleloading shotguns 20 gauge or larger

Muzzleloading rifles .36 caliber or larger

Crossbows

Modern gun #1: November 3-4, 2005

Shotguns, centerfire rifles, and all primitive weapons

Handguns .357 caliber or larger and a barrel length no less than six inches.

No military or hard jacketed ammunition.

Modern gun #2: November 16-18, 2005

Shotguns, centerfire rifles, and all primitive weapons

Handguns .357 caliber or larger and a barrel length no less than six inches.

No military or hard jacketed ammunition.

Youth hunt (10-15 year olds): December 10, 2005

Shotguns, centerfire rifles, and all primitive weapons

Handguns .357 caliber or larger and a barrel length no less than six inches.

No military or hard jacketed ammunition.

Quail

Wednesdays and Fridays only during state season.

Rabbit

Tuesdays and Thursdays only during the month of January.

Raccoon/Opossum

February 1-10, 2006

Carolina Sandhills

National Wildlife Refuge
Hunting Regulations
and Permit 2005-2006



For the convenience of the readers, major regulations changes appear in green text

Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge
General Hunt Permit 2005-2006

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Signed _____
(Cut out if desired)

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June 2005



Turkey
The bag limit is two (2) bearded gobblers for the entire hunt. Turkeys killed on the refuge count towards your state bag limit.

Youth Turkey: March 25, 2006. **No computer drawn permit required.**

General Turkey:
Hunters must have a drawn permit to participate in this hunt. Contact the refuge office for information and applications.

April 6-8, 2006

April 13-15, 2006

Completed applications for the general turkey hunt must be received by 3:30 pm on January 14, 2006. The drawing will be held on January 20, 2006 and 125 hunters will be selected for each hunt. Hunters that were drawn will be issued a notification card. The notification card along with the \$12.50 hunt permit fee must be returned by February 24, 2006 in order to receive a

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. 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.

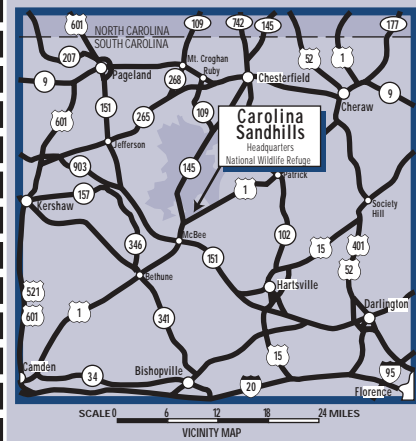
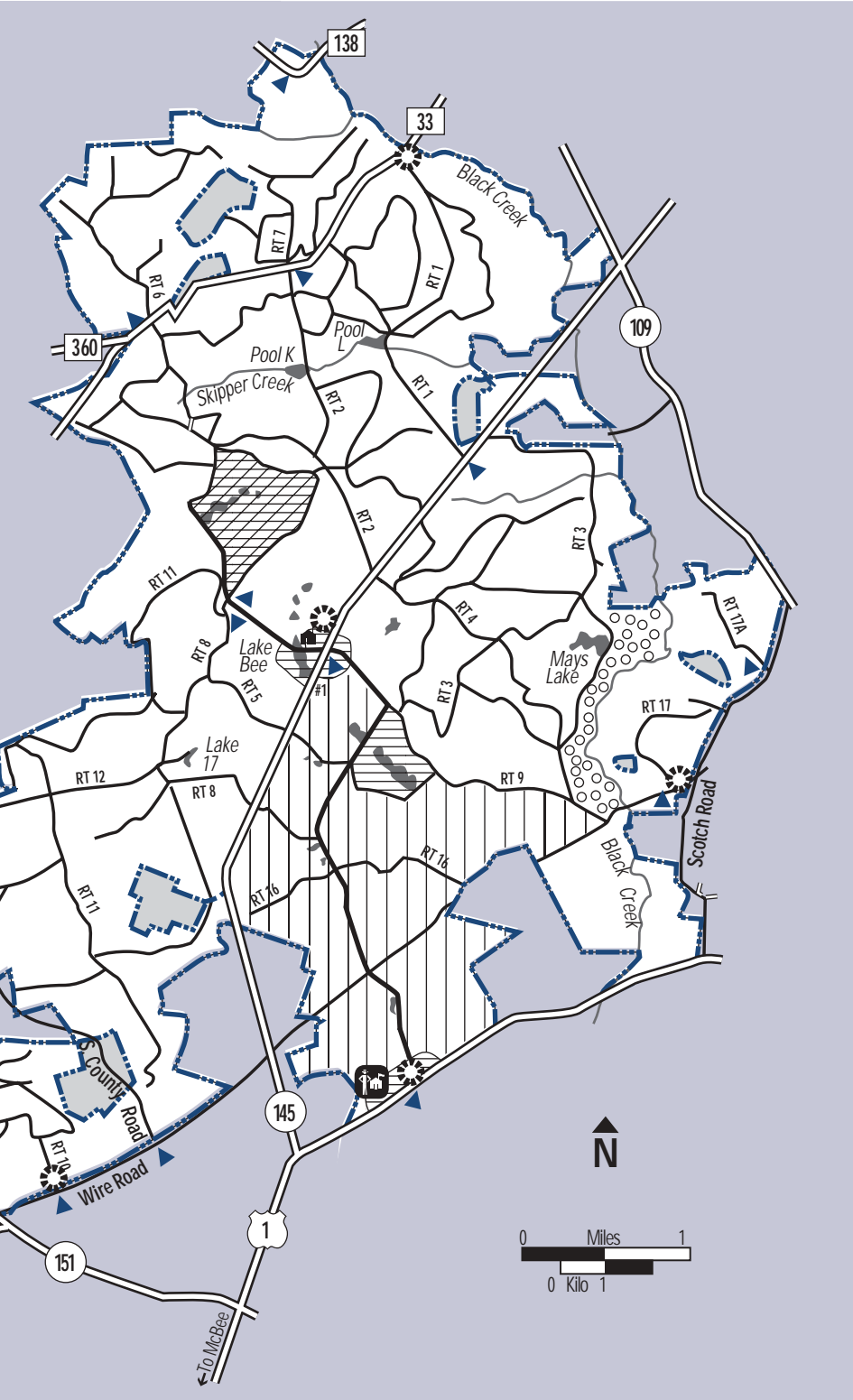


This area is closed to all hunting. Firearms and archery equipment are strictly prohibited (see map).

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Legend

- Mobility Impaired Hunt Area
- Hunting allowed unless otherwise indicated
- Closed to all hunting
- Open to small game and turkey hunting only
- No Turkey Hunting
- Private Property
- Refuge Headquarters
- Check Station #1
- Entrance Points
- Refuge Boundary
- Paved Roads
- Unpaved Roads
- Major Highways
- Small Game Drop Box



Carolina Sandhills NWR Small Game Check:
All hunters must provide the requested information for each day hunted and return this report to the refuge office or a small game drop box.

Hunter information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date hunted: _____

No. in party: _____

	# Seen	# Taken
Quail:	_____	_____
Mourning Dove:	_____	_____
Woodcock:	_____	_____
Rabbit:	_____	_____
Raccoon:	_____	_____
Opossum:	_____	_____

Other wildlife observations: _____

Comments: _____