

Harris Neck

National Wildlife Refuge
Hunting and Fishing
Regulations 2012-2013



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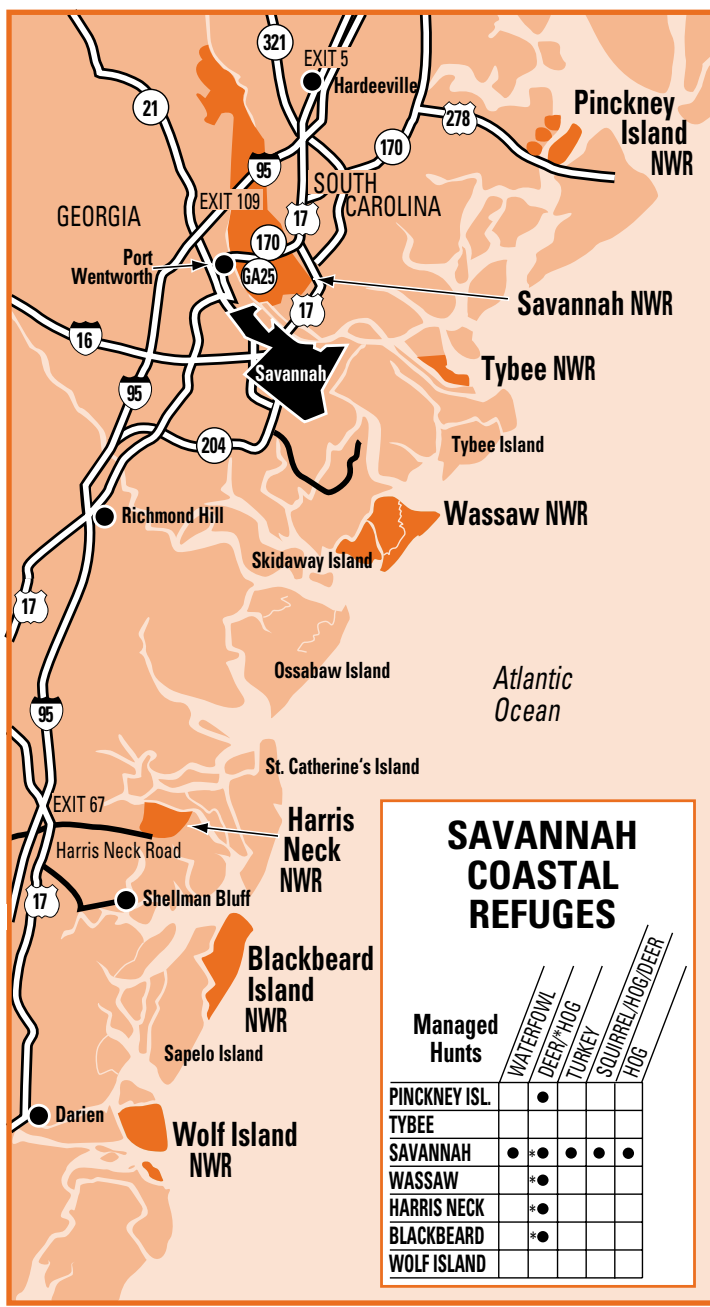
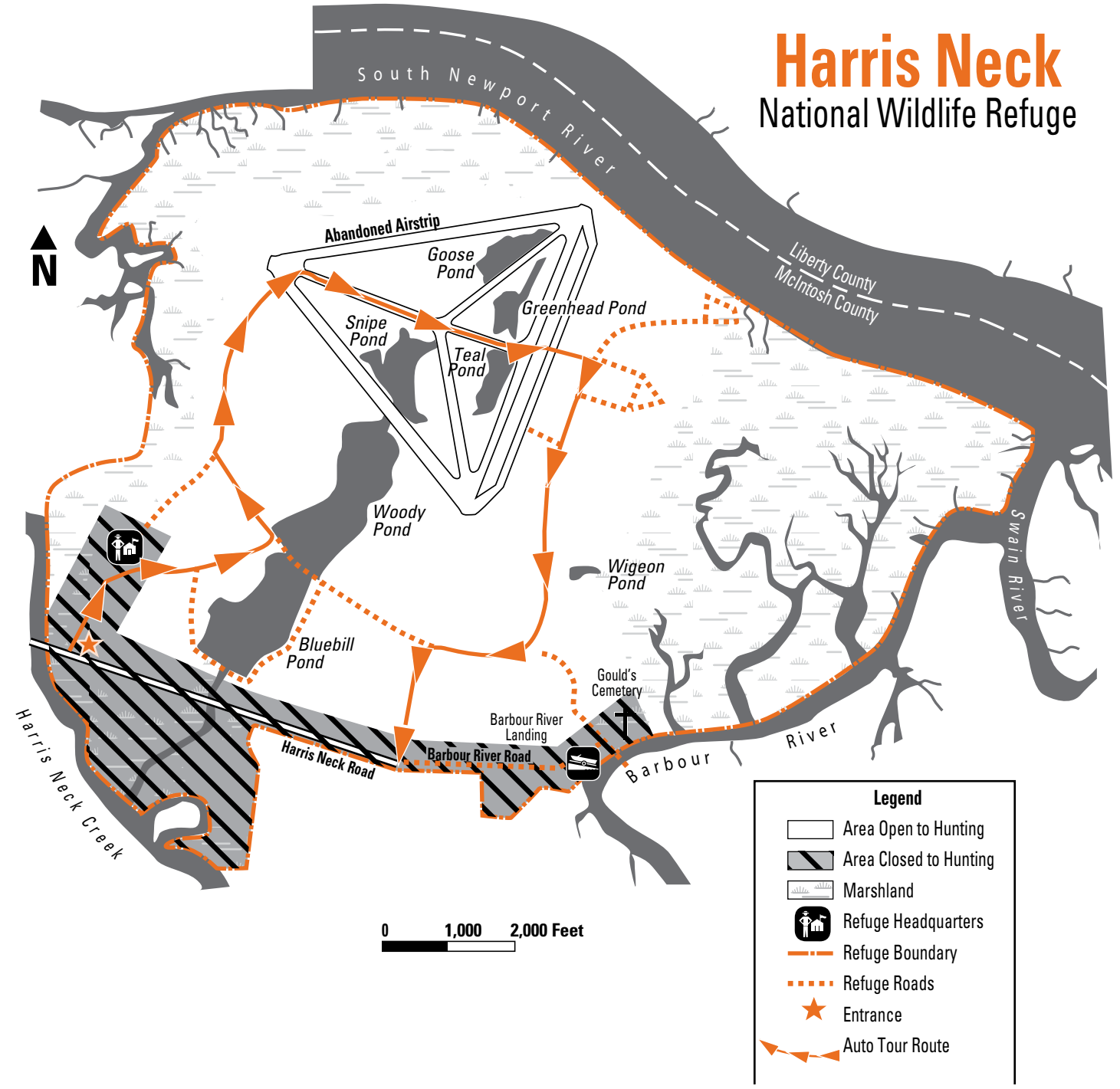
2012 Harris Neck NWR Bow Hunt Permit

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

Signature _____

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Harris Neck NWR McIntosh County, Georgia

Harris Neck is one of over 555 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 protect the use of a valuable renewable resource.

Public hunting on Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge is permitted on approximately 2,400 acres. Certain areas (marked on the map printed on the reverse side) are closed to hunting.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on the wildlife areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with Georgia state regulations (<http://www.gohuntgeorgia.org>).

General Hunting Regulations

To participate in the refuge bow hunt, hunters must possess and carry a signed refuge hunting regulations brochure on their persons at all times.

To participate in the refuge gun hunt, hunters must submit the Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2354). If drawn, hunters must submit a permit fee in order to receive hunt permit. Only hunters with proper state licenses and refuge permits will be allowed on the refuge during the hunts.

Hunters 15 years of age or under (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.

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 during the week preceding the 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.**

General Hunting Regulations Continued

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

Hunting will not be permitted closer than 100 yards of Harris Neck Road, the refuge entrance drive, refuge headquarters, Barbour River Landing, Barbour River Landing Road and Gould's Cemetery.

Harris Neck NWR will be closed to the general public on all hunt days.

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

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

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

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

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

Pruning/limbing of live trees is prohibited.

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

The use of trail or game cameras is prohibited.

Target practice is prohibited.

Vehicles are restricted to the designated auto tour route. Two-way traffic will be permitted.

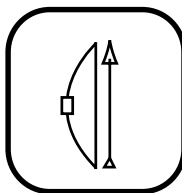
Entry by boat is prohibited.

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

The possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

All forms of litter must be removed from the refuge.

Bow Hunt



Bow hunting for deer and feral hogs will be permitted from September 13 - 15, 2012 in all areas indicated on the attached refuge map.

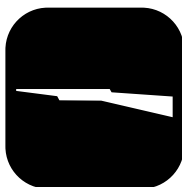
Bow hunters must enter the refuge, through the refuge gate only, between 5 am and 6 am to hunt during the morning stand hours. Hunters will be allowed to exit and re-enter through the entrance gate only from 9 am until 4 pm. After 4 pm no one will be permitted to enter the refuge.

Five deer (no more than two antlered) may be taken (state bonus tags will be issued for two of these). Feral hogs (no bag limit) may also be taken.

Only bows, in accordance with state regulations, will be authorized for hunting.

Archery hunters are encouraged to wear a fluorescent orange outer garment while hunting on the ground or walking to and from stands.

Gun Hunt



Gun hunting for deer and feral hogs on Harris Neck NWR will be permitted on November 16, 2012 within the area indicated on the attached refuge map.

Gun hunters must check-in at the refuge headquarters between 4 am and 5 am, prior to hunting.

Five deer (no more than two antlered) may be taken (state bonus tags will be issued for two of these). Feral hogs (no bag limit) may also be taken.

Shotguns (20 gauge or larger; slugs only) and bows, in accordance with state regulations, are the only hunt weapons permitted.

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

How to Obtain Bow Hunt Permits

The attached permit (on cover) to participate in the bow hunt is validated when signed. An unlimited number of permits will be available for the bow hunt. Additional hunting regulations

brochures may be obtained in advance from either the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex or Harris Neck NWR offices or downloaded from the refuge website:

<http://www.fws.gov/savannah/hunting.html>

Brochures will also be available upon check-in during refuge hunts.

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

Hunters must obtain and submit a Quota Deer Hunt Application (FWS Form 3-2354) using one of the following three methods:

1. Download from the internet at <http://www.fws.gov/savannah/hunting.html>
2. Email request for application to savannahcoastal@fws.gov
3. Pick up application at either the Harris Neck NWR office or the Savannah NWR Visitor Center
4. Call 843/784 2468 and request an application by mail or fax.

Only one application may be submitted per hunter. Applications must be received by August 31 to be entered in the drawing; 150 permits will be issued for the gun hunt. Please mail applications to:

Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex

694 Beech Hill Lane

Hardeeville, SC 29927

Hunters selected by drawing on September 5, 2012 will be notified by mail (applicants not drawn will **not** be notified). A \$15.00 permit fee must be paid by each hunter selected by drawing. Accepted payment methods are credit/debit cards (call 843/784 2468 to make payment by phone), cashier's check or money order (made payable to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service). 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.

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.