



Pocosin Lakes

National Wildlife Refuge

TEMPORARY HUNTING & FISHING PERMIT

September 2023.

General Information

Refuge Game Animals

We allow the following to be hunted/taken in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations:

- Migratory Birds: ducks, geese, swans, mourning doves, woodcock, rails, and snipe
- Upland Game: quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, beaver, and nutria
- Big Game: white-tailed deer
- Feral Hogs

The hunting of all canids (e.g., red wolves, coyotes, foxes) is strictly prohibited on all national wildlife refuges in eastern North Carolina. Red wolves are collared with orange collars to help the public identify this Federally protected species, which cannot be hunted on or off refuges. Canids seen with black/white collars are coyotes that have been captured, sterilized and released back into the wild to reduce coyote numbers and limit hybridization with red wolves.

We prohibit the taking or possession of any other wildlife, or any part thereof, including reptiles and amphibians.

Designated Hunting Areas

We allow hunting in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations on all refuge lands except the following (i.e. we do not allow any hunting):

- On the Davenport and Deaver tracts (which include the area surrounding the Headquarters/ Visitor Center and Scuppernon River Interpretive Boardwalk).
- In the Pungo Shop area (fenced) and on the helipad adjacent to it on the north side.
- On the refuge portion of New Lake (note: ~15% of New Lake is privately owned/not refuge).
- On the refuge lands between Lake Phelps and Shore Drive.
- On the portion of the Pinner Tract that lies east of SR 1105 (Rider’s Creek Road) - where the Millennium Forest and Red Wolf Education Center are located.
- On the portion of Western Road between the intersection with Seagoing Road and the gate located south of that intersection.

Welcome

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) authorizes access to national wildlife refuges for hunting and fishing through regulations promulgated in Title 50 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. Throughout this brochure/permit, “we” refers to the Service, according to those regulations, and “you” refers to you the hunter as the permittee under this permit. This brochure/permit is specific to Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. While some of the regulations apply generally to all national wildlife refuges, some information in this brochure/permit applies only to Pocosin Lakes. Not all of the Federal and State regulations governing hunting and fishing are included here and you are encouraged to become familiar with all of them as they apply to Pocosin Lakes.

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This is a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands and waters managed for the benefit of wildlife and people.

Temporary Refuge Hunting and Fishing Permit for September 2023

To validate this permit, you must agree to the statement and sign below. I have read and understand these Refuge regulations.

Signature

Note: to hunt on Pocosin Lakes NWR, you must also purchase a Refuge Recreational Activity Permit (see inside for details).