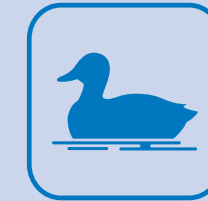






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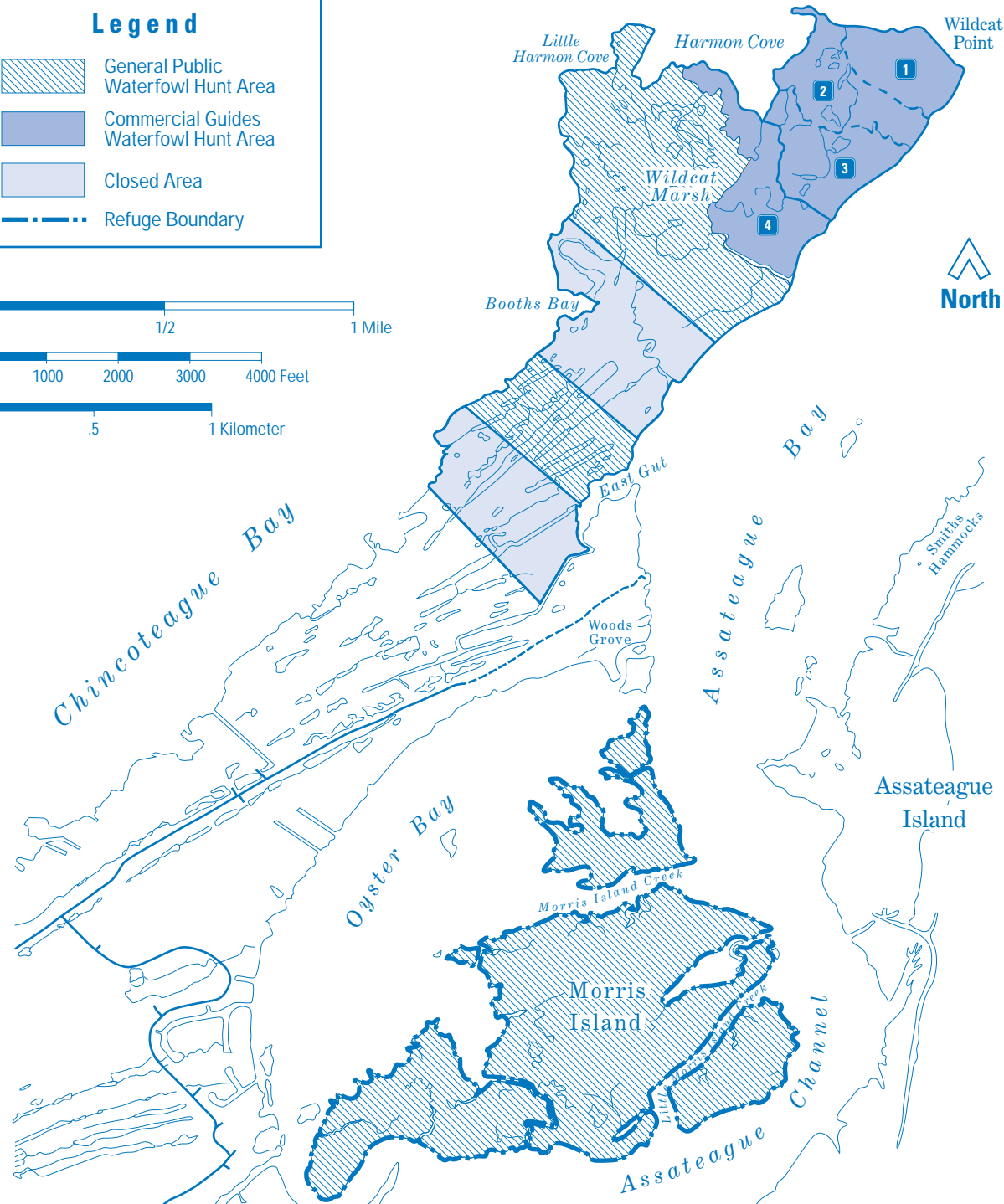
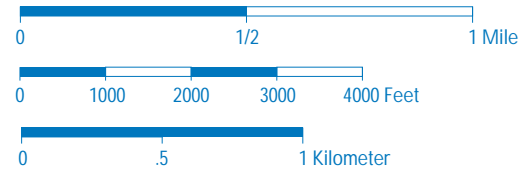
Migratory Bird Hunting



Wildcat Marsh and Morris Island

Legend

-  General Public Waterfowl Hunt Area
-  Commercial Guides Waterfowl Hunt Area
-  Closed Area
-  Refuge Boundary



Application for Permission to Hunt Migratory Birds on Wildcat Marsh & Morris Island Divisions Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

Please print clearly
 Name: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____

Please check one or both for type of hunting:
 Waterfowl
 Rail

Waterfowl
 Date(s) of hunt: _____

Rail
 Date(s) of hunt: _____

Permission is granted to the above named applicant to hunt waterfowl and/or rail hunt waterfowl and/or rail on Wildcat Marsh or Morris Island for the date(s) indicated.

 Refuge Manager

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 Chincoteague, VA 23336-0062

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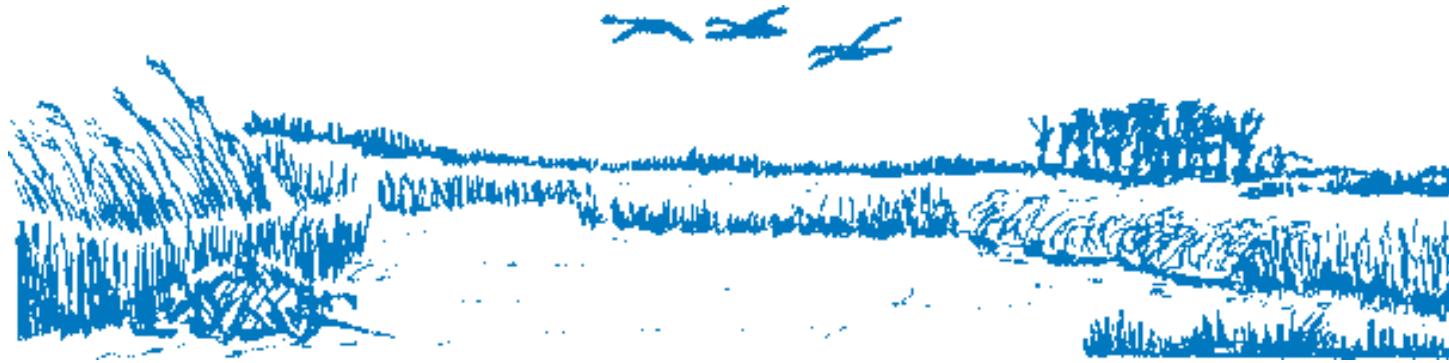
General Provisions

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. The refuge was established in 1943 to provide habitat and protection for migratory birds. The refuge mission has expanded to include protection of endangered and threatened species; as well as stewardship of native wildlife. Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge provides environmental education and wildlife-dependent recreation to all visitors.

General Hunt Regulations

General Public Virginia Waterfowl and Rail Seasons:

- Each member of the general public wishing to hunt on Wildcat Marsh or Morris Island must obtain written permission.
- Hunters may apply for permission by completing the attached application. Applications can not be submitted more than ten days prior to the requested hunt date. Applications may be mailed or dropped off at the refuge administration building Monday through Friday (except holidays) 8 am to 4 pm. Applications may also be taken over the telephone or in person at the refuge administrative office. A maximum of 15 hunters will be allowed per day. Permission will be granted on a first come basis.
- Each person is required to possess their written permission while in the hunt areas.
- Hunters **must report** waterfowl take, or non-take, as part of their permit requirements. Hunters must return these report forms no later than 15 days after each of their permitted hunt periods expire.
- All Federal and State waterfowl hunting regulations apply.
- License and permits: As required by the Commonwealth of Virginia and Special Regulations.
- Age: As required by Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Allowable equipment: Dogs, boats, and all sporting arms that are legal for migratory waterfowl hunting or rail hunting in the Commonwealth of Virginia are permitted.
- Waterfowl hunting is permitted only on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays during the Virginia waterfowl season.



- Rail hunting is permitted during the Virginia season.
- Nontoxic shot is required for waterfowl and rail hunting. The possession of shot other than non-toxic shot is prohibited when hunting waterfowl and rail.
- Blinds must be portable and removed at the end of the day's hunt.
- Open fires are prohibited.
- Sanitary waste disposal units will not be provided.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Obey all posted closures; inquire at the refuge for information.



General Hunt Regulations

Commercial Guides:

- Those wishing to commercially guide hunting parties on the Wildcat Marsh Unit will be required to bid on any or all of the four (4) designated compartments (*see map*).
- Bid forms are available from the refuge administrative office and can be obtained in person or by writing the refuge.
- Sealed bids on any compartments should be submitted to Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.
- The bid opening and award of the compartments will be made at 1 pm on the first Monday in October.
- Each compartment will be awarded to the highest bidder. In the event of a tie, the award will go to the bid with the earliest postmark.
- Although interested parties may bid on all compartments, only one compartment will be awarded per guide. If a person is the high bidder on more than one compartment, he/she will be able to select the compartment of his/her choice.
- Blinds are permitted in zones 1-4; however, they must be removed at the end of the season.
- No commercial activity will be allowed in public hunting zones.

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Hearing impaired visitors may call the Virginia Relay Service at 1 800/828 1120 TDD/1 800 828 1140 voice.

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