

Welcome to Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges in the country. The U.S. Fish and 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 people.

The provisions listed below supplement the general regulations which govern public use on 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.

General Provisions and Access Regulations
Access

By law, National Wildlife Refuges are closed to all public use activities unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other public uses 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 on a leash and under control of the owner at all times.

Vehicles

Only legally licensed vehicles are allowed on the refuge. ATC’s and ATV’s are prohibited except by disabled persons possessing a refuge special use permit.

Weapons

Carrying, possessing, or discharging firearms, fireworks, or explosives on a national wildlife refuge is prohibited unless specifically authorized.



Firearms must be unloaded and either dismantled or encased when transported in vehicles.
The use or possession of crossbows, bows and arrows, air guns, spears, gigs, or other weapons on the refuge is prohibited except as may be authorized by the Refuge Manager.

Loaded firearms are prohibited within 100 feet of all roads.
Camping and Fires

Weapons legally possessed for hunting are the same as those prescribed by the State of North Carolina.
Camping and fires are prohibited.

Roads

Roads may be closed at any time due to adverse weather conditions or management needs. Vehicles must remain on established roads as indicated on the map of this leaflet. Vehicles may be parked alongside roads in a manner that will not block gates or interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Please observe “No Vehicles” signs.

Disabled Access



Closed Areas and Times

Many refuge areas are handicapped accessible. Disabled persons are encouraged to participate in refuge hunts and other activities. Contact the Refuge Manager for assistance to obtain special use access.

Designated areas will be closed to hunting, fishing, and all other public access seasonally to provide resource protection and reduce migratory bird disturbance. Other areas may be closed for special management and safety reasons. **Deer hunters may access the refuge from 1 hour before legal sunrise to 1 hour after legal sunset on days of hunts. Raccoon and opossum hunters may access the refuge from 5 pm to 8 am on days of the hunt.**

Horseback Riding

Horseback riding is allowed only on roads that are open to vehicle traffic. No hunting is allowed by horseback.

Refuge/Cultural Resources

All government property including natural, historic, and archaeological features are protected by Federal Law. Searching for or removal of objects of antiquity or other value is strictly prohibited.

No Hunting Zones

Hunters are prohibited from crossing a “no hunting zone” to enter a “hunting zone”. There will be no hunting within 100 feet of the boundary of a no hunting zone.

Special Hunting Regulations - Permits

All refuge hunters must possess a valid refuge hunting permit for all hunts. An additional special quota hunt permit is required for all firearms deer hunts.

Checking Station

All deer killed on refuge quota gun hunts must be checked at the refuge checking station on the date of kill. (See Map for Checking Station location).

Baiting

Baiting and/or hunting in the vicinity of bait is strictly prohibited. Baiting includes, but is not limited to, the distribution of grains, feeds, salts, mineral blocks, meats, and fruits.

Hunter Orange

All persons hunting deer with a firearm are required to **wear at all times** an outer garment above the waist which contains a minimum of 500 continuous square inches of fluorescent orange material which is visible from all sides. Squirrel, quail, and rabbit hunters must wear at least a fluorescent orange hat while hunting.

Hunter Education

As required by state law, all refuge hunters under the age of 16 must show proof of successfully completing a hunter safety course. This includes 10 and 11 year olds. Hunters under 16 years old must be directly supervised (within sight and normal voice contact) by a properly licensed adult of at least 21 years of age.

Youth Hunts

During Youth deer hunts, an adult may supervise only one youth at a time. Adults are prohibited from discharging firearms during the youth hunt. During small game hunts, an adult may supervise a maximum of two youths at a time.

Tree Stands

Only portable stands are permitted. All tree stands must be removed by the last day of the hunt. The use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a tree stand to a tree, or

Hunting Dogs

Deer hunting with dogs on the refuge is prohibited. Dogs are permitted for small game and dove hunting. All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner’s name and address.

Man-Driving

Deer hunting by “Man driving” deer is prohibited.

Tree Marking

Marking any tree or other refuge feature with flagging, reflectors, tape, paint, or other substance is prohibited. Such unauthorized marking conflicts with similar markings done by refuge personnel during forest management activities.

However, **painted clothes pins or clothes pins with reflective tacks attached may be used to mark trails but must be removed at the end of each hunt.**

Alcohol/Drugs

The possession or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while hunting is strictly prohibited.

Prehunt Scouting

The refuge is open (except designated closed areas) for prehunt scouting during daylight hours.

The refuge is closed to the general public during managed deer gun hunts. Weather permitting, hunter access roads will be opened seven days prior to the archery season. Weapons and dogs are not allowed during scouting.

Tagging

All deer must be tagged as prescribed by the laws of The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

No Waterfowl Hunting allowed on the refuge, This includes the waters of the Pee Dee River, from Confluence of

Brown Creek to the confluence of Pressley Creek.

Hunting Seasons
All refuge hunting is closed on Sundays. Refuge areas open to hunting are designated on the Map of this leaflet.

Mourning Doves

Anson County only (see map) on Labor Day, Wednesday and Saturday only during the September statewide season. Dove hunting is open 12:00 noon until sunset.

Squirrels

Anson County only. November 25 - December 7. No Fox squirrels.

Raccoon/Opossum

Anson County only. October 14- November 16 from 5:00 pm- 8:00 am. **No hunting is allowed on any night prior to a gun deer hunt.**

Quail

Anson County only. **Hunting allowed on the following dates only:** November 27, December 7, 18, 28 and January 8, 18, 29.

Rabbit

Anson County only. February 1 - February 15.

Deer Archery Only

Anson and Richmond Counties. September 16 - October 11.

Deer Firearms

Hunters must have a drawn permit to hunt the following hunts:

Either Sex Youth Hunt
October 12 (10-15 years old)

Either Sex Muzzleloader
October 23- October 26

Either Sex Modern Gun 1
October 31 - November 2

Either Sex Modern Gun 2
November 14- November 16

Antlerless Modern Gun 3
November 22 - November 23

Pee Dee



National Wildlife Refuge Public Use Regulations 2002-2003



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CENTURY
of CONSERVATION

General Hunting Permit

The signing of this leaflet validates it as your general refuge hunting permit and must be in your possession while participating in all authorized hunts.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Hunter's Signature

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National Wildlife Refuge
Route 1, Box 92
Wadesboro, North Carolina 28170
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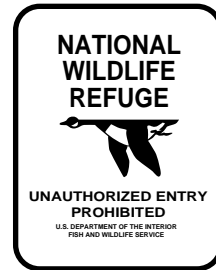
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Signs Protect Visitors and Resources

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.



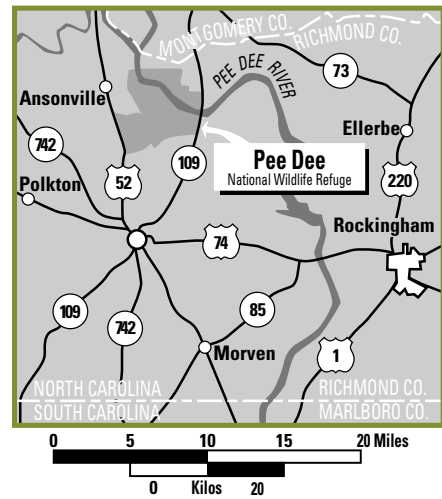
This sign delineates the refuge boundary. Entry is permitted only for authorized uses (hunting, fishing, sightseeing, etc.) in accordance with refuge regulations.



This area is closed to all entry. No hunting, fishing or sightseeing is permitted. No roads or trails are open to the public (see map)



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



Legend	
	Area open to Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Deer, Raccoon, Opossum & Squirrel hunting.
	Area open to Deer, Raccoon and Opossum hunting only. Closed to all access November 25-March 1.
	Area open to Deer hunting only. Closed to all access November 25-March 1.
	Area closed to hunting.
	Observation
	Check Station
	Refuge Headquarters
	Refuge Boundary
	Parking Area
	Highways
	Paved State Roads
	Refuge Roads

