

# Santee

## National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations



**General Provisions** Santee Refuge is one of over 500 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. Carefully managed hunts maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome recreational opportunities and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations.

### General Hunting Regulations

Public hunting of white-tailed deer, mourning dove, waterfowl, gray squirrel, raccoon and opossum is permitted on portions of the Santee National Wildlife Refuge other than those areas marked or otherwise designated as being closed to entry or to hunting (see reverse map).

Hunters must personally check in and out of designated check stations.

Permits are required for all hunts and must be signed and in possession when hunting on the refuge. A State hunting license and doe tags are required. Each hunter must obtain his/her own doe tags from the State.

Check posted hours for the time the hunting area is open. Night hunting is allowed for raccoon and opossums.

Dogs may be used only for dove, waterfowl, opossum and raccoon hunting.

All vehicles must remain on established refuge roads. Roads marked closed to vehicles are for walking only. Maximum speed 15 mph. ATV's and ATC's are prohibited.

### Specific Hunting Regulations

All firearms must be unloaded and dismantled or encased while being transported in a vehicle.

The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. All stands must be removed at the end of the hunt.

Roads marked "No Vehicle, except during refuge hunts" are open only on refuge hunt days and official scout days.

The possession of axes, hatchets, saws, nails, tacks, paint and flagging or the markings of trees and bushes is not permitted.

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

The distribution of bait and hunting over bait is prohibited.

Camping, overnight parking, open fires, and littering are prohibited.

No Sunday hunting is permitted.

All hunters under the age of 16 must:

Have successfully completed a state-approved hunter education course in order to participate in any refuge hunt.

Must be supervised by an adult at least 21 years of age. The adult must be in sight and normal voice contact of the youth. An adult may supervise only one youth under 16 years of age, except two (2) may be supervised in a hunting blind during waterfowl hunts.

#### White-Tailed Deer Hunts

**Pine Island Unit:** Primitive Weapons Season - The first Monday in October through the following Saturday.

**Cuddo Unit:** Archery Season - The second Monday in October through the following Saturday.

Primitive Weapons Season - The third Monday in October through the following Saturday.

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**Hunt Permit Valid for:**  
Big Game, Upland Game & Migratory Birds

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the regulations governing hunting on Santee NWR.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This permit is valid only when signed by the hunter listed above. This permit is valid for the duration of the Santee hunt season.

**Do Not Litter!** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Primitive weapons include long or compound bows and muzzleloading (blackpowder) shotguns or rifles only. Other weapons not permitted.

No bag limit - either sex (each hunter must furnish his/her own doe tags and tag antlerless deer as they are killed).

Hunters must wear either a hat, coat or vest of solid visible fluorescent orange during the deer Entrails must be buried or removed from refuge and disposed of in accordance with State law. Littering is prohibited.

Man drives not permitted.

The hunting area is open from 4:00 am until 8:30 pm, when the gate will lock.

**Gray Squirrel Only:** Fox squirrels are protected. Open last 14 days of September if within State season

**Raccoon and Opossum:** Last ten days of State gun season. Only No. 4 or smaller shot .22 rimfire ammunition is permitted.

**Mourning Dove:** Open last 14 days of September if within State season.

**Waterfowl:** Only opens if State has an early October season, hunting is allowed until noon.

Decoys and non-native blind materials must be removed at end of each days hunt. Permanent blinds are not permitted.

Non-toxic shot is required when hunting migratory birds, raccoons, opossums with shotguns.

No special scouting season for white-tailed deer or waterfowl has been designated for the Cuddo Unit. Scouting is permitted during the dove and squirrel hunts.

The scouting period of the Pine Island Unit will be the last Friday and Saturday before the hunt - vehicles permitted. Hunters may scout anytime prior to this date on foot or bicycle.

**Upland Game Cuddo Unit Only**

**Migratory Birds Cuddo Unit Only**

**Scouting**

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**Littering Is Prohibited By Law**

**PINE ISLAND & CUDDO UNITS**

