



Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex - 2016/2017 Hunt Schedule

Blackbeard Island, Harris Neck, Pinckney Island, Savannah, and Wassaw NWRs

	Blackbeard Island	Harris Neck	Pinckney Island	Savannah	Wassaw
Deer (Archery-only)	Oct. 13 – 15, 2016 Dec. 1 – 3, 2016 5 deer; no more than 2 antlered (bonus tags for 2) Non-quota; check-in required	Sep. 15 – 17, 2016 5 deer; no more than 2 antlered (bonus tags for 2) Non-quota; check-in required	Not permitted	Oct. 1 – 31, 2016 Limit 5 deer; no more than 2 antlered; State tagging limits apply; Non-quota; no check-in	Not permitted
Deer (Firearm)	Not permitted	Nov. 18, 2016 5 deer; no more than 2 antlered (bonus tags for 2); Shotgun (20 gauge or larger; slugs only), muzzleloader, and bow Non-quota; check-in required	Nov. 4, 2016 5 deer; no more than two antlered; South Carolina tagging laws apply; Shotgun (20 gauge or larger; slugs only) Quota (80 permits); apply by August 31; check-in required	Nov. 1 – 30, 2016 Limit 5 deer; no more than 2 antlered; State tagging limits apply; Shotgun (20 gauge or larger; slugs only), center-fire rifle, muzzleloader, and bow Non-quota; no check-in	Oct. 20 – 22, 2016 Bow & primitive weapons only. Dec. 8 – 10, 2016 Shotgun (20 gauge or larger; slugs only), center-fire rifle, muzzleloader, and bow. Both hunts: Limit 5 deer; no more than 2 antlered (bonus tags for 2) Non-quota; check-in required
Squirrel	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2016 State bag limits apply Rim-fire rifle or shotgun with No. 2 shot or smaller Non-quota; no check-in	Not permitted
Feral Hog	Permitted during other scheduled refuge hunts with weapons legal for those hunts (no bag limit)	Permitted during other scheduled refuge hunts with weapons legal for those hunts (no bag limit)	Not permitted	Mar. 4 – 18, 2017 No bag limit; Shotgun (20 gauge or larger; slugs only), rifle, muzzleloader, and bow (Also permitted during other scheduled refuge hunts with weapons legal for those hunts) Non-quota; no check-in	Permitted during other scheduled refuge hunts with weapons legal for those hunts (no bag limit)
Turkey	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	Apr. 8 – 29, 2017 Limit 3 gobblers; Shotgun (No. 2 shot or smaller) and bows; Non-quota; no check-in	Not permitted
Waterfowl (Ducks & coots)	Not permitted	Not permitted	Not permitted	GA/SC 2016/17 Waterfowl Seasons State bag limits apply Shotgun only Non-quota; no check-in	Not permitted

Youth Hunts

All youth hunts open only to hunters 15 years of age or younger. All youth hunters must be supervised by a non-hunting adult who is 21 years of age or older; adults may supervise only one youth, except during the youth waterfowl hunt, where they may supervise two.

October 1 – 31, 2016	Youth hunt for white-tailed deer and feral hog (conducted at refuge's Solomon Tract); only bows are permitted for hunting; Limit 5 deer (no more than two antlered); no bag limit on hogs; Non-quota, no check-in.
November 19 & December 17, 2016 & January 21, 2017	Youth hunt for waterfowl (conducted at refuge's Solomon Tract); only shotguns permitted for hunting; Georgia bag limits apply; Quota (6 blinds X 2 max per blind); apply by October 1; check-in required.
March 31 – April 2, 2017	Youth Hunt & Learn Weekend for turkey; only shotguns (No. 2 shot or smaller) and bows are permitted for hunting; Limit 3 gobblers; Quota (10 permits); apply by January 31; check-in required.
April 3 – 7, 2017	Youth hunt for turkey (conducted at refuge's Solomon Tract); only shotguns (No. 2 shot or smaller) and bows are permitted for hunting; Limit 3 gobblers; Non-quota; no check-in.
<u>Mobility-Impaired Hunt</u>	
<i>This specialty hunt takes place at the Savannah NWR and is only open to hunters who are permanently confined to a wheelchair for mobility (signed physician's statement required).</i>	
November 1 & 2, 2016	Mobility-impaired hunt for white-tailed deer and feral hogs; only shotguns and muzzleloaders are permitted for hunting; Limit 5 deer (no more than 2 antlered); no bag limit on hogs; Quota (15 permits); apply by August 31; check-in required.

Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit

All hunters, 16 years of age or older, are required to purchase the annual hunt permit in order to participate in any of the hunts on this schedule, with the exception of the mobility-impaired hunt and all youth hunts. This permit will allow hunters access to all "non-quota" hunts on any of the following national wildlife refuges: Blackbeard Island, Harris Neck, Savannah, and Wassaw NWRs. Annual Hunt Permits are \$25, non-transferable, and valid for the current hunt year only. Please visit refuge web sites for detailed information on how to purchase a permit*.

Hunters who wish to participate in the Pinckney Island NWR gun hunt must submit an application (\$5 application fee will be charged) in order to be entered into the lottery drawing. Successfully drawn hunters will then be required to purchase the \$25 annual hunt permit. It does not need to be purchased in order to apply. For details on how to apply for the Pinckney Island NWR gun hunt, please visit the refuge web site*.

Youth and mobility-impaired hunters are not required to purchase the Complex annual hunt permit; however, an application fee of \$5 will be charged for entry into any quota hunt drawing (youth waterfowl hunt, youth Hunt & Learn Weekend for turkey, and mobility-impaired hunt). Please visit the Savannah NWR web site to download information packets on these specialty hunts, as well as apply for quota hunts*.

www.fws.gov/refuge/blackbeard_island

www.fws.gov/refuge/harris_neck

www.fws.gov/refuge/pinckney_island

www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah

www.fws.gov/refuge/wassaw

If you are unable to purchase your hunt permit on-line, please call Kinsail Corporation to order it over the phone. You'll need to ask to purchase the "Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit"

(703) 994-4194

*Hunters are encouraged to obtain all hunt-related materials, including purchasing permits and applying for lottery hunts, online, through the refuge web sites. If, however, you are unable to access the internet, you may call (843) 784-2468 for assistance