

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. Only the hunts listed within this brochure are allowed on the refuge.

General Provisions and Access

By law, National Wildlife Refuges are closed to all recreational activities unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other recreational 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 under control of the owner at all times.

Vehicles

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

Weapons

Firearms must be unloaded and either dismantled or encased when transported in vehicles.

Carrying, possessing, or discharging firearms on a national wildlife refuge is prohibited unless specifically authorized. Discharging a weapon for a purpose other than to take legal game animals during established refuge hunting season is prohibited. Loaded firearms during the deer or turkey quota hunts, are prohibited within 100 feet of any road open to public or vehicle traffic. Weapons legally possessed for hunting are the same as those allowed by the State of North Carolina.

Alcohol

Possession of an open container of alcohol is prohibited.

Camping and Fires

Camping and fires are prohibited.

Roads

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 normal flow of traffic.

Disabled Access

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

Closed Areas and Times

Designated areas will be closed seasonally to hunting, fishing, and all other public access to provide resource protection and reduce migratory bird disturbance. Other areas may be closed for special management and safety reasons. **The refuge is closed everyday from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise.**

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 entering or crossing a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” to access areas open to hunting. Discharging a firearm within, into or across a “No Hunting Zone” or “Closed Area” is prohibited.

Special Hunting Regulations

Permits

All refuge hunters must possess a valid refuge General Hunting Permit for all hunts. The front of this leaflet when signed will serve as your permit. An additional special quota hunt permit is required for all firearms deer hunts and the youth turkey hunt. Permits are non-transferable. All adult hunters must also possess a valid government issued picture ID. All refuge hunters must possess applicable licenses, permits and government issued picture ID while in the field.

Check Station

All deer and turkey killed on refuge quota gun hunts must be checked at the refuge check station on the date of the kill, prior to removing the game from the refuge. Hunters

participating in refuge hunts are subject to inspection of permits, license, bag limits, hunting equipment, vehicles and their contents.

Baiting

Baiting and/or hunting in the vicinity of bait is 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 an outer garment above the waist which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of unbroken fluorescent orange material that is visible from all sides when hunting and while enroute to and from hunting areas.**

All persons participating in the December refuge archery deer hunt must wear at a minimum, a fluorescent orange hat at all times.

Hunter Education

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 and turkey hunts, an adult may supervise only one youth. Adults are prohibited from possessing or discharging firearms during the youth hunt. During small game hunts, an adult may supervise a maximum of two youths. A youth hunter is defined as a hunter under the age of 16. All youth hunters must be at least 10 years old to hunt on the refuge.

Tree Stands

Only portable stands are permitted. Placing tree stands on the refuge more than three days prior to the opening day of the hunt you will be participating in is prohibited. All stands must be removed by last day of the hunt. A safety belt or harness must be worn at all times when using a tree stand or climbing equipment. The use of nails, screws, or bolts to attach a tree stand to a tree or hunting from a tree where a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited. Attaching a tree stand to a power or utility pole is prohibited.

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, address and phone number.

Man-Driving

Deer hunting by “man driving” deer is prohibited. A man drive is defined as an organized hunting technique including two or more hunters where an attempt is made to drive game animals from cover to shoot, kill, or move animals toward other hunters.

Tree Marking

Marking any tree or other refuge feature with plastic flagging tape or paint is prohibited. 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.

Prehunt Scouting

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

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

No waterfowl hunting is allowed on the refuge. This includes the waters of the Pee Dee River, from the 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. The following list includes the specific hunts allowed on the Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge. Any hunting not included on this list is strictly prohibited.

Mourning Dove

Anson County only (see map) on Labor Day, Wednesdays, and Saturdays during September only.

Squirrel

Anson County only. November 17 - December 6. No fox squirrels.

Raccoon/Opossum

Anson County only. October 13 - November 22 from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise or until 11:59 pm on Saturdays. **No raccoon/opossum hunting on any night prior to a scheduled firearms deer hunt. Dogs are required.**

Quail

Anson County only. **Hunting allowed on the following dates only: November 26, December 6, 17, 27 and January 7, 17, and 28.**

Rabbit

Anson County only. January 31 - February 14

Deer Archery

Anson and Richmond Counties - September 15 - October 10
Anson County Only - December 8 - January 1

Deer firearms

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

Either Sex Youth Hunt (10 - 15 year olds) October 11

Either Sex Muzzleloader- October 22 - October 25

Either Sex Modern Gun #1 - October 30 - November 1

Either Sex Modern Gun #2 - November 6 - November 8

Antlerless Only Modern Gun #3 - November 14 & November 15

Youth Turkey Hunt (10 - 15 year olds) - Anson County Only
April 9 & 10

Deer hunters and youth turkey hunters are prohibited from entering the refuge earlier than 5:00 am. Youth turkey hunters must end their hunt no later than 1:00 pm.

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)

Pee Dee

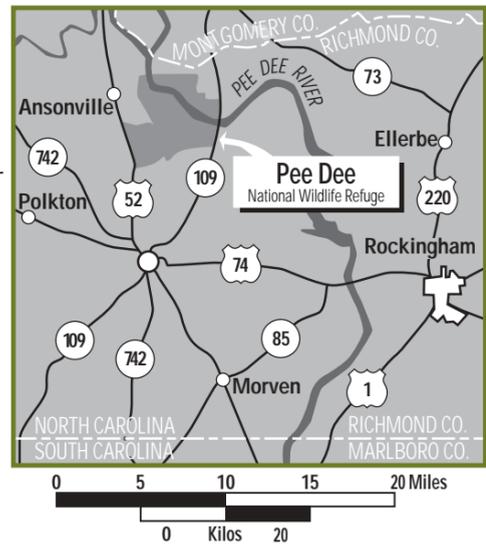
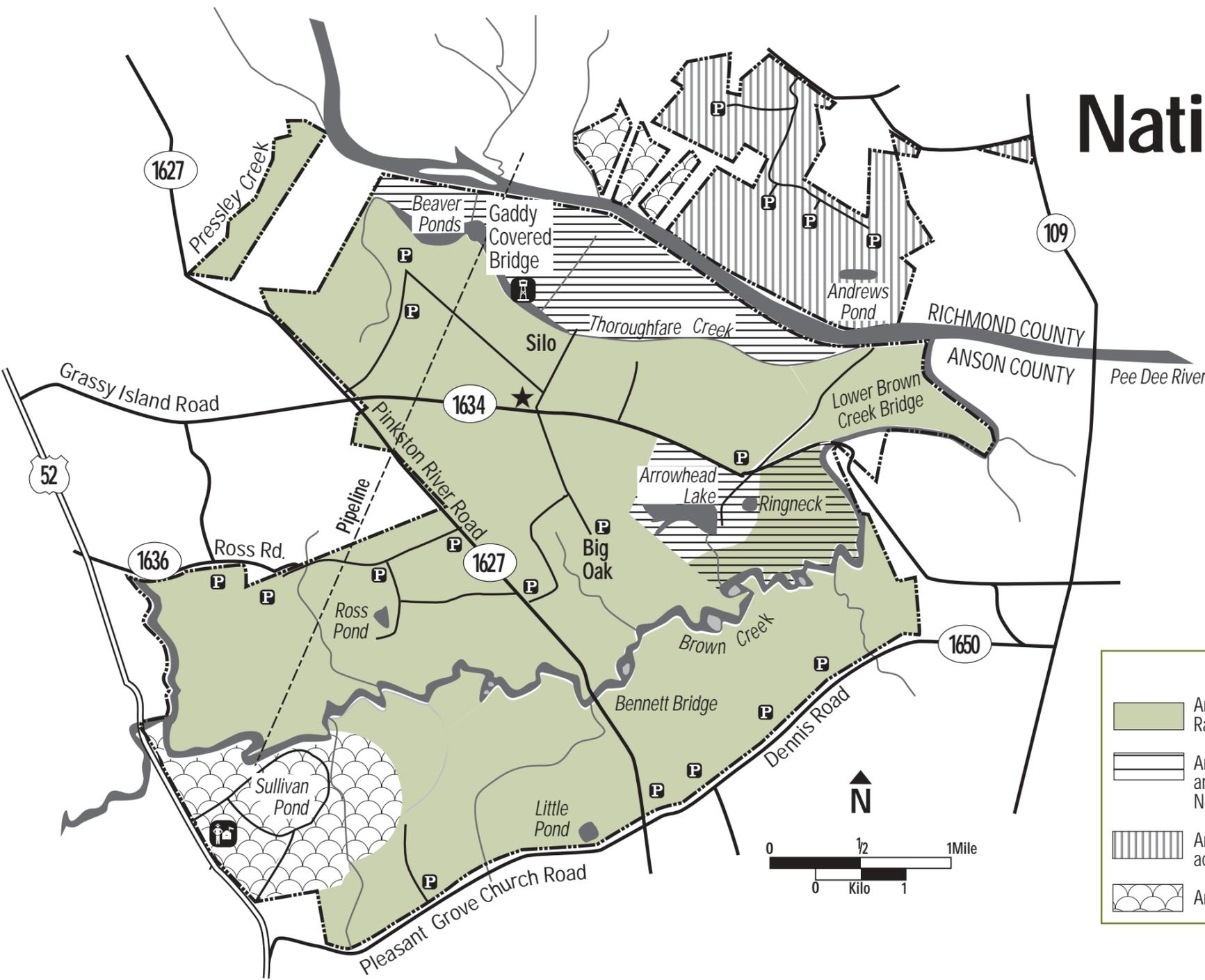


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Legend	
	Area open to Dove, Quail, Rabbit, Deer, Raccoon, Opossum, Squirrel and Turkey hunting.
	Area open to Deer, Raccoon, Opossum and Turkey hunting only. Closed to all access November 25-March 14.
	Area open to Deer hunting only. Closed to all access November 25-March 14.
	Area closed to hunting.
	Observation
	Check Station
	Refuge Headquarters
	Refuge Boundary
	Parking Area
	Highways
	Paved State Roads
	Refuge Roads

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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 **Not Valid until Signed**