

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR-U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge
2004 Deer Hunt Permit Application

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please Carefully Read Instructions and Regulations

- 1. NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE: The hunt permit application fee is \$10.00 per person, and is non-refundable; payment must be enclosed with the application. Check or money order accepted (no cash), made payable to USFWS. For Golden Age (age 62 or over) or Golden Access (disabled) passport holders, the application fee is \$5.00.
2. SELECT ONE HUNT TYPE: Place a checkmark next to one type of hunt you prefer - archery, muzzleloading, shotgun, or one of the special hunts if you qualify - listed below. You can only apply for one type of hunt and, if selected, you will be assigned one hunt day in your hunt type category; hunt dates are assigned by lottery.
3. CONTACT INFORMATION: Clearly print your name and address on the hunt application spaces on the bottom of this form, and return the entire page.
4. STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED RETURN ENVELOPE: Mail this entire form with the appropriate application fee(s) and a business-size or larger self-addressed stamped envelope (use large envelope with extra postage for groups) to: Eastern Neck NWR, 1730 Eastern Neck Rd., Rock Hall, MD 21661.
5. APPLICATION DEADLINES & SELECTION DATES: All hunt applications must be received by August 18, 2004. Drawing will be held at 10 a.m., August 20, 2004. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by mail ASAP after the drawing; please do not call the refuge.

6. GROUP APPLICATIONS: A maximum of five hunters may apply as a group; each group will be treated as a single application (For more forms, photocopy this application, check our website, or contact the refuge.) If applying as a group, designate one hunter as the Group Leader, place his/her application on top, staple, and submit all applications together; if possible, enclose one payment for the total group application fee. IMPORTANT: Duplicate applications will be disqualified - applications may have been sent to group members individually; please check with your group to prevent disqualifying duplicates.

Check here if you are a GROUP LEADER

Check one type of hunt only. (Hunt dates assigned by lottery.)

REGULAR HUNTS: SPECIAL HUNTS (see qualifying info. on reverse)

- ARCHERY: October 1, 2004 (Friday) YOUTH: Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004
MUZZLELOADING: Oct. 8, Oct. 15 (Fridays) NON-AMBULATORY: Monday, Sept. 20, 2004
SHOTGUN: October 29, November 5 (Fridays)

Eastern Neck Refuge Hunt Permit - Non-transferable

Data entry random #s

(Valid only when stamped by refuge staff; awarded permits be displayed at check-in and during hunt)

Please Print

Name: Date of Birth:

Address:

City/State/Zip: Phone:

I will comply with all refuge hunt regulations; signed:

[REFUGE USE ONLY: Refuge Permit # Hunt:]

Don't forget your SOLID orange hat & vest

Eastern Neck NWR Deer Hunt – Important Information

Youth Hunt

Saturday, September 25, 2004, has been set aside to give young hunters a special opportunity to hunt deer on Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge. All applicants must be between the ages of 10 and 15 on September 25, 2004, and must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian. Youth permittees will be selected by lottery and must have a valid state hunting license and have attended a hunter safety course. Only the youth may carry a weapon (muzzleloader, shotgun or bow and arrow). Fifty permits will be issued for this hunt. All other refuge regulations and policies apply.

Special Non-ambulatory Hunt

Only permanently disabled hunters possessing a state-issued "Hunt From a Vehicle Permit" are eligible for this hunt on Monday, September 20, 2004. Disabled hunters are encouraged to bring along a non-hunting partner. Only the disabled hunter may possess a weapon (muzzleloader, shotgun or bow and arrow) and hunt. Fifty permits will be issued for this hunt. Disabled hunters who may not qualify for the Special Non-ambulatory Hunt may qualify for special accommodations during other refuge hunts; however, the refuge manager must be contacted in advance.

Designated Scouting Days: Selected hunters may scout the refuge only on the following weekend dates in 2004:

Archery and Youth scout days: September 18 and 19

Other hunts' scout days: September 18, 19, 26, October 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31

Stand-by Hunt Permits: 100 permits are issued for each regular hunt day; 50 for each special hunt. If the permittee does not check in by sunrise (see chart below) on the day of the hunt, his/her permit will be offered to standby hunters. Hunters who have been selected for a hunt may also come as standby for another hunt type or day.

Deer Bag Limits: Selected hunters are authorized to take two deer – one of which must be antlerless – during the hunt day. Deer taken on Eastern Neck NWR will *not* count against your state limit.

Hunter Checklist: You are responsible for reviewing and complying with all game laws and hunt regulations issued by Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge and by the State of Maryland. Refuge-specific regulations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ___ Hunters are to wait in line the morning of the hunt until Refuge personnel let everyone in ½ hour before sunrise. Have your driver's license, Maryland hunting license, and Refuge permit available for verification.
- ___ Hunt areas are not assigned and cannot be reserved; only temporary deer stands are allowed, to be installed on the hunt day
- ___ Park in designated areas only.
- ___ No loaded weapons in parking areas, on roads, or other safety (no-hunt) zones.
- ___ No shooting before sunrise or after sunset.
- ___ Deer must be field-tagged and brought as soon as possible to the hunt trailer.
- ___ A solid orange hat and vest must be worn during the hunt; orange camouflage is not a substitute.
- ___ No littering! In consideration of visitors after the hunt, do not leave deer entrails or other waste on trails, roads, etc. Trash bags are available at the hunt trailer.
- ___ When leaving the refuge, even temporarily, check out at the hunt trailer.

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Hunting hrs:	sunrise to sunset	
Date	Sunrise	Sunset
9/20	6:52	7:05
9/25	6:55	6:58
10/1	7:00	6:48
10/8	7:07	6:37
10/15	7:14	6:27
10/29	7:28	6:08
11/5	6:36	5:00

Information Available via the Internet:

Information about refuge hunts – including maps, regulations, and this application form – is available at Eastern Neck NWR's website: <http://easternneck.fws.gov> State hunting regulations can be found on the Maryland Department of Natural Resources's website: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/huntersguide/>

If you have any questions about Eastern Neck NWR's deer hunts, contact the refuge:

Eastern Neck NWR, 1730 Eastern Neck Rd., Rock Hall, MD 21661

Phone: 410-639-7056 Email: Kaehny@fws.gov