

AREA REFERENCE INFORMATION

PERMIT HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

The following information represents the most common questions asked about permitted hunt opportunities for specific lands listed in the Permit Hunting Opportunities Program. This section does not serve as a regulatory guide. Hunters and trappers should always refer to the *North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest* for information on regulations and local laws as they pertain to permitted and non-permitted hunts.

Coastal Region

Game Land: Bladen Lakes State Forest Acreage: 6,063

Tracts: Singletary and Breece

General Location: N.C. Hwy. 53, one mile east of White Lake.

Closest Municipalities: White Lake, Elizabethtown (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Bladen

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83):

78° 28' 34.77" W 34° 35' 45.88" N (From N.C. Hwy. 53 - Singletary tract entrance)

78° 29' 0.72" W 34° 36' 51.73" N (From N.C. Hwy. 53 - Breece tract entrance)

Camping Allowed: Yes, in designated campground area (Refer to game land map).

Closest Boat Access Area: Elizabethtown, N.C. Hwy. 87 South, Cape Fear Lock 2

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Longleaf and loblolly pine forests, bottomland hardwood forests, and gum-cypress swamps.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, compass, binoculars, insect repellent.

Game Land: Brunswick County Acreage: 1,139

Tracts: All

General Location: 2 miles east of Winnabow.

Closest Municipalities: Wilmington, Southport (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Brunswick

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 78° 3' 29.23" W 34° 8' 22.34" N (Funston Rd.)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: Rice Creek

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Managed forested uplands in various age classes, mature bottomland forests, and blackwater creeks.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Hip boots, GPS, compass, portable stand, insect repellent, game hauler or backpack, binoculars.

Deer FAQ:

- Is dog deer hunting allowed? No, dogs may only be used to hunt and/or retrieve legal small game and waterfowl during legal seasons.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- How do I obtain a waterfowl permit? Waterfowl may be hunted on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and opening days during the legal waterfowl seasons with a small game permit.

Small Game FAQ:

- Are there restrictions on what I can harvest with my small game permit? Refer to the *Regulations Digest* for applicable season/species information.

Game Land: Cape Fear River Wetlands Acreage: 2,000

Tracts: Roan Island Tract

General Location: Confluence of the Black and Cape Fear rivers.

Closest Municipalities: Wilmington, Riegelwood (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Pender

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 78° 06' 44.45" W 34° 21' 44.02" N

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: Unimproved private boat ramp is available for public use at the end of Riegel Course Rd. off N.C. 87 at Riegelwood 78° 12' 41.25" W 34° 21' 32.92" N

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Bottomland hardwood, Bald Cypress/Gum Swamp and freshwater marsh. The drier portion of tract is located in the northwest portion of tract.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Stable boat with dependable outboard motor, compass, GPS, insect repellent, binoculars.

Game Land: Croatan National Forest

Acreage: 160,724

Tracts: All

General Location: South and east of New Bern.

Closest Municipalities: New Bern, Havelock, Newport (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Jones, Craven and Carteret

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83):

U.S. 70/Catfish Lake Rd. Intersection 76° 58' 7.02" W 34° 58' 6.98" N

Camping Allowed: Yes, unless otherwise posted.

Closest Boat Access Area: Brice's Creek, Great Lake, White Oak River.

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: The forest is composed of seven general ecological types: longleaf pine/turkey oak sand ridge, pond pine/pocosin, gum/bald cypress swamp, mixed pine/hardwood, pine plantation, upland hardwood, and bottomland hardwood.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Water, insect repellent, compass or GPS, binoculars.

Game Land: Currituck Banks

Acreage: N/A (Includes Currituck Sound)

Tracts: Currituck Banks Game Land and Currituck National Wildlife Refuge

General Location: Northern portion of Currituck Sound from Spot to near Virginia state line.

Closest Municipalities: Kitty Hawk, Corolla, Moyock, Elizabeth City

(Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Currituck

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): Refer to the game land maps at www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps for blind locations.

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: Coinjock, Brumley Rd., Whalehead Club, and Hog Quarter Landing

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Currituck Sound is wide and shallow in portions. Weather can change rapidly and unpredictably. The sound is subject to tides that affect access and navigation to and from the blinds.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Shallow draft boat large enough to navigate in Currituck Sound, camouflage cover for hiding boat, GPS, compass, binoculars, waders.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Do I need to bring a blind? No, licensed blinds are on location and brushed by Commission and U.S.F.W.S. staff. No boat hides are at blinds.
- Do I need a boat to access my hunt area? Yes, blinds are located in Currituck Sound and a shallow draft boat large enough to navigate in Currituck Sound is recommended.
- Can I harvest a tundra swan on my hunt? Yes, however you must possess a tundra swan permit.
- Are there restrictions on when I can start hunting and when I must stop hunting? Yes, shooting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise until 4:20 p.m. for Commission blinds and 30 minutes before sunrise until 1:00 p.m. for U.S.F.W.S. blinds.

Game Land: Dare

Acreage: 45,149

Tracts: Dare Game Land

General Location: Located west of Stumpy Point community in Dare County.

Closest Municipalities: Manteo (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Dare

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 43' 19.66" N 75° 52' 54.29" W (Middle of game land)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A, access is by roads only.

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Majority of tract is dense understory pocosin habitat with some areas that have been thinned and timber harvested. Several areas have mature gum — cypress stands and mature pines that have been thinned to create more open wildlife habitat. Tract has an extensive road system with some roads maintained better than others. A 4 X 4 vehicle is recommended. Dare Game Land is an active military installation, and the primary

purpose of the facility is to provide training for military aircraft to deliver munitions to a target. Some roads are closed due to safety and training areas. Due to safety concerns, no foot travel is allowed behind closed gates.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, compass, hip boots, insect repellent, topographical map.

Game Land: Goose Creek

Acreage: 12,027

Tracts (Impoundments): Campbell Creek, Pamlico Point, Parker Farm, Spring Creek, Hunting Creek, Smith Creek, Hobucken

General Location: Near the communities of Hobucken, Lowland, and Aurora. Parker Farm is located approximately 1.5 miles east of the Bay City Rd. where it crosses the Pamlico/Beaufort county line.

Closest Municipalities: New Bern, Washington, Bayboro, Chocowinity (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Beaufort and Pamlico

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83):

76° 33' 41.23" W 35° 16' 10.86" N (Smith Creek Boat Ramp)

76° 33' 41.23" W 35° 19' 07.37" N (Oyster Creek private ramp)

Camping Allowed: Yes, in designated campground area (Refer to game land map).

Closest Boat Access Area: Smith Creek, Oyster Creek

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Habitat includes six waterfowl impoundments, longleaf flatwoods, longleaf pine sandridges, and coastal marshes.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, compass, binoculars, temporary blind material (for waterfowl hunting), portable stand (deer hunting), chest waders, and insect repellent. A stable boat with a dependable motor is necessary to access Campbell Creek and Smith Creek and a boat (16-foot or larger) is necessary to access Pamlico Point due to potentially rough waters when wind direction is north or northeast.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? Yes, with the exception of Spring Creek, you will be assigned a hunt unit. You can hunt any location within your assigned unit. Those awarded a permit on Spring Creek will be assigned a hunt blind.
- Are scouting opportunities limited? Yes, refer to the game land maps at www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps for scouting zone designations.
- Do I need a permit to hunt all open days on these posted impoundments? Yes, hunting pressure for waterfowl is restricted to a permit. With the exception of the Parker Farm Tract, waterfowl hunting may occur outside the posted waterfowl impoundments without a permit.
- Do I need a boat to access any impoundments? Yes, you will need a boat to access Campbell Creek, Pamlico Point, and Smith Creek.
- Can I harvest a tundra swan on my hunt? Yes, however you must possess a tundra swan permit.

Disabled FAQ:

- Are there disabled blinds available? Yes, a disabled waterfowl blind is available at Spring Creek Impoundment.

Game Land: Holly Shelter

Acreage: 64,743

Tracts: All

General Location: 14 miles east of Burgaw, south of N.C. Hwy. 53, north of N.C. Hwy. 210.

Closest Municipalities: Burgaw, Wilmington (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Pender

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83):

77° 39' 24.43" W 34° 24' 36.57" N (East Gate)

77° 48' 40.92" W 34° 33' 6.69" N (West Gate)

Camping Allowed: Yes, in designated campground area (Refer to game land map).

Closest Boat Access Area: Shaw Hwy. (Holly Shelter), Shelter Creek

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Longleaf pine sandridges, pocosin habitat, and bottomland hardwoods with gum/cypress swamps along blackwater creeks.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Binoculars, GPS, compass, insect repellent.

Game Land: **Holly Shelter** Acreage: 14,391

Tracts: Bear Garden

General Location: 14 miles east of Burgaw, south of N.C. Hwy. 53.

Closest Municipalities: Burgaw, Wilmington (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Pender

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 77° 47' 52.95" W 34° 34' 23.73" N (Bear Garden Rd.)

Camping Allowed: Yes, in designated campground area (Refer to game land map).

Closest Boat Access Area: Shaw Hwy. (Holly Shelter), Shelter Creek

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Wet pine flatwoods, scattered longleaf pine sandridges, pocosin habitat, and flood plain swamp forests with gum/cypress swamps along blackwater creeks.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Binoculars, GPS, compass, insect repellent, portable stand, game hauler or backpack.

Deer FAQ:

- Is dog deer hunting allowed? Yes, you may apply in a party size up to 5.
- Do I need a permit to hunt game species other than deer or bear? No, game species other than deer and bear may be hunted on the following open days, as defined, for three-day per week areas: Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. days. Refer to the *Regulations Digest* for more information.

Bear FAQ:

- Can I hunt bear with dogs? Yes, you may apply in a party size up to 10.

Game Land: **Holly Shelter** Acreage: 1,151

Tracts: Pender 4

General Location: 4 miles east of Burgaw off Whitestocking Rd.

Closest Municipalities: Burgaw, Wilmington (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Pender

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 77° 50' 27.58" W 34° 33' 16.27" N

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: Shaw Hwy. (Holly Shelter)

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Bottomland/wetlands along NE Cape Fear River and Burgaw Creek and upland Loblolly pine stands of various ages.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Binoculars, GPS, compass, insect repellent, portable stand, game hauler or backpack.

Deer FAQ:

- Is dog deer hunting allowed? No.

Game Land: **J. Morgan Futch** Acreage: 600

Tracts: J. Morgan Futch Game Land

General Location: 7 miles east of Columbia on Hwy. 64.

Closest Municipalities: Columbia, Manteo (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Tyrrell

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 54' 38.26" N 76° 07' 3.23" W (Parking Area)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A, access by land.

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Habitat includes 70 acres of shallow ponds managed for waterfowl, 60 acres of shrub and hardwood forest, and 470 acres of diked and impounded agricultural fields.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Chest waders, portable blind material, insect repellent, binoculars.

Dove FAQ:

- Do I have to use non-toxic shot? Yes, since the area is a posted waterfowl impoundment, the use of nontoxic shot for dove is required.
- When can I enter the dove field on the day of my hunt? Any time, however shooting can not begin until legal shooting hours.

Deer FAQ:

- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? No.
- What type of deer hunting is allowed? Archery hunting only.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? Yes, if awarded a permit you will be assigned a hunt unit for the early season and a hunt blind for the late season. Hunters must hunt from the

hunt unit or blind they are assigned. Refer to the game land maps at www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps for hunt unit/blind locations.

- Are scouting opportunities limited? Yes, Refer to the game land maps at www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps for scouting zone designations.
- Do I need a boat to access my hunt area? No, however there are many canals throughout the property and a small boat or canoe may be helpful to carry equipment to the hunt area. Boats must be hand carried in.
- Can I harvest a tundra swan on my hunt? Yes, however you must possess a tundra swan permit.

Game Land: J. Morgan Futch

Acreage: 1,520

Tracts: Texas Plantation Tract

General Location: 12 miles east of Columbia on Fort Landing Road.

Closest Municipalities: Columbia, Manteo (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Tyrrell

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 57' 00.47" N 76° 04' 52.71" W

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A, access by land.

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Habitat includes 57 acres of shallow ponds managed for waterfowl, 13 acres of managed dove fields, and 170 acres of agricultural fields. Pine plantations are interspersed throughout the agricultural fields. Other woodland habitats include pocosins, marshes, and mixed hardwood stands.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Chest waders, portable blind material, insect repellent, binoculars.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? Yes, you will be assigned a hunt blind. Hunters must hunt from the blind they are assigned. Refer to the game land maps at www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps for hunt blind locations.
- Do I need a boat to access my hunt blind? No, however there are many canals throughout the property and a small boat or canoe may be helpful to carry equipment to the blind. Boats must be hand carried in.
- Can I harvest a tundra swan on my hunt? Yes, however you must possess a tundra swan permit.

Game Land: Lantern Acres

Acreage: 1,825

Tracts: Lantern Acres and Godley Tract

General Location: 5 miles southwest of Columbia for larger tract. 1 mile southeast of Creswell for Godley Tract.

Closest Municipalities: Columbia (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Tyrrell and Washington

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 48' 33.51" N 76° 18' 56.3" W (Parking Area)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Habitat includes fields, woodlots, swamp forest, and pine plantation.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Chest waders, portable blind material, insect repellent, binoculars, GPS, compass.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Do I need a boat to access my hunt area? No, impoundments have access points that individuals can use to walk into areas.
- Can I harvest a tundra swan on my hunt? Yes, however you must possess a tundra swan permit.
- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? No, you may hunt anywhere within the posted waterfowl impoundments.

Private Land: Murphy-Brown Corporate CURE Area

Acreage: 4,000

Tracts: Ammon Complex

General Location: Ammon, N.C.

Closest Municipalities: Elizabethtown (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Bladen

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 34° 49' 16.316" N 78° 33' 50.211" W

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: N/A

General Terrain Characteristics: Agricultural crop fields, hog houses, pasture, and mixed woodlands. Terrain is flat.

Game Land: North River

Acreage: 19,939

Tracts: Camden County Portion of North River Game Land

General Location: 4 miles southeast of Shiloh in Camden County.

Closest Municipalities: Elizabeth City (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Camden

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83):

36° 16' 23.44" N 76° 03' 14.41" W (Entrance to Harrison Tract-Camden County)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: Coinjock

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Gum-Cypress swamp with some loblolly pine stands.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Chest waders, portable blind material, insect repellent, binoculars, GPS, compass.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? Yes, if awarded a permit you will be assigned a hunt unit for the early season and a hunt blind for the late season. Hunters must hunt from the hunt unit or blind they are assigned. Refer to the game land maps at www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps for hunt unit/blind locations.
- Do I need a boat to access my hunt area? No, however there are many canals throughout the property and a small boat or canoe may be helpful to carry equipment to the hunt area.
- Can I harvest a tundra swan on my hunt? Yes, however you must possess a tundra swan permit.

Game Land: Rhodes Pond

Acreage: 461

Tracts: All

General Location: 6 miles southwest of Dunn on U.S. Hwy. 301.

Closest Municipalities: Dunn, Erwin, Fayetteville (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Cumberland and Harnett

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 78° 38' 49.81" W 35° 13' 42.97" N (Location of Dam)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: On-site, suitable for small boats. Internal combustion motors are prohibited.

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Cypress millpond created by damming the Black River around 1740.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, compass, small boat.

Game Land: Roanoke Island Marshes

Acreage: 1,766

Tracts: Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land

General Location: 1 mile south of Manteo.

Closest Municipalities: Manteo, Nags Head (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Dare

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83):

35° 53' 9.76" N 75° 39' 31.06" W (Parking Area on Wanchese Rd.)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: Manteo Boat Ramp

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Brackish marsh with a few islands of pond pines. Brackish water; creeks and tributaries are located on the southern end of the property.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Shallow draft boat large enough to navigate in Roanoke Sound and Broad Creek, camouflage cover for hiding boat, GPS, compass, binoculars, waders.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Do I need a boat to access my hunt area? Yes, for the majority of the area a larger shallow draft boat would be needed.
- Can I harvest a tundra swan on my hunt? Yes, however you must possess a tundra swan permit.
- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? No, you may hunt anywhere on the game land, with the exception of the posted safety zone in and around the impoundment on the northwest portion of the game land.

Game Land: Lower Roanoke River Wetlands (NCWRC Portions) Acreage: 9,865

Tracts: Beach House, Conoho Farms, Deveraux, Roquist Pocosin

General Location: Tracts located between Williamston and Hamilton and along Roanoke River and Conoho Creek. Roquist Pocosin tract is located 2 miles southeast of Lewiston.

Closest Municipalities: Williamston (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Bertie and Martin

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83):

35° 51' 35.06" N 77° 02' 25.58" W (Williamston Boat Ramp)

35° 56' 34.94" N 77° 12' 2.55" W (Hamilton Boat Ramp)

35° 52' 49.82" N 77° 08' 49.87" W (Williamston Wildlife Depot)

Camping Allowed: Yes, camping is authorized anytime within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on state-owned portions of the Roanoke River Wetlands and on designated and posted camping areas from Sept. 1 to the last day in Feb. and Mar. 31 to May 14. Refer to the game land maps at www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps for locations.

Closest Boat Access Area: Williamston, Hamilton

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Bottomland hardwoods, cypress-gum swamps, and agricultural areas with some upland pine/hardwood mix forest. Cutover areas are located on some tracts. Some areas have road access and some areas have water access only.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, compass, hip boots, insect repellent, topographical map, boat for some locations.

Dove FAQ:

- When can I enter the dove field on the day of my hunt? Any time, however shooting cannot begin until legal shooting hours.
- Will I be assigned to a location to hunt? Yes, dove hunting is in the designated dove hunting area on the Conoho Farms tract located on Hwy. 125. You may hunt anywhere within the designated area.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Do I need a boat to access my hunt area? Some areas require a boat and some areas are walk-in impoundments. Refer to the game land maps at www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps.
- Can I harvest a tundra swan on my hunt? Yes, however you must possess a tundra swan permit.
- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? On Conoho Farms, you will be drawn for Unit A and Unit B. You may hunt anywhere within either unit. On Beach House and Deveraux, you may hunt anywhere within these tracts.

Small Game FAQ:

- Are there restrictions on what I can harvest with my small game permit? No.

Access FAQ:

- Access to the Beach House Tract is by boat only.

Game Land: Rocky Run Acreage: 395

Tracts: Rocky Run Game Land

General Location: Piney Green Community near Camp Lejeune Marine Base.

Closest Municipalities: Jacksonville (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Onslow

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 77° 18' 17.99" W 34° 43' 58.71" N

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Loblolly pine plantation of various ages with dense hardwood drainages.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, topographical map, game hauler.

Game Land: Suggs Mill Pond Acreage: 10,838

Tracts: N/A

General Location: 5 miles northeast of White Oak, N.C.

Closest Municipalities: Elizabethtown, Fayetteville, Clinton (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Bladen and Cumberland

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 34° 47' 52.89" N 78° 40' 11.83" W (Entrance to game land)

Camping Allowed: Yes, in designated campground area (Refer to game land map).

Closest Boat Access Area: Suggs Mill Pond Dam (No internal combustion motors allowed)

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Upland pine ridges, flooded impoundments, lake and pocosin-thick evergreen shrub wetland areas.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, hip boots, binoculars, topographical map, portable stand/blind, waders, game hauler or backpack, canoe/boat without internal combustion motor, compass, bicycle.

Deer FAQ:

- Is dog deer hunting allowed? Yes, you may apply in a party size up to 5.
- How can I access Suggs Mill Pond during a permit hunt day? Entry onto Suggs Mill Pond Game Land is restricted, during scheduled permit hunts, to hunters or trappers holding a special hunt or trapping permit and to people using Campground Road to access Suggs Mill Pond Lake at the dam.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Do I need a boat to access my hunt area? You will need a boat to hunt Suggs Mill Pond Lake, Little Singletary Lake, and Jessups Mill Pond. A small boat or canoe may be helpful when hunting the impoundment units. Little Singletary Lake is accessed by foot traffic only.
- Can I wade within the impoundment? Yes, but wade with caution. There are ditches and holes throughout the area.
- Can I harvest a tundra swan on my hunt? Yes, however you must possess a tundra swan permit.
- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? Yes, your permit will list your assigned hunt unit. You can hunt any location within the assigned unit.

Small Game FAQ:

- Are there restrictions on what I can harvest with my small game permit? Yes, only rabbit, squirrel, and raccoon (Ammon Tract Only) can be harvested with the small game “point-of-sale” permit during the open season. Quail may not be harvested with this “point-of-sale” permit.

Other FAQ:

- During scheduled permit hunts, only hunters and trappers with permits may enter the game land, except the public may use Campground Road to access the pond at the dam.

State Forest Land: Turnbull Creek

Acreage: 890

Tracts: N/A

General Location: N.C. Hwy. 242 and Sweet Home Church Road.

Closest Municipalities: White Lake, Elizabethtown (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Bladen

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 78° 35' 24.15" W 31° 41' 21.89" N (Educational State Forest Office)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: N/A

General Terrain Characteristics: Longleaf and loblolly pine forests, bottomland, hardwood forest along Turnbull Creek.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, compass, binoculars, insect repellent.

Private Land: Weyerhaeuser-Cool Springs Env. Educ. Cen.

Acreage: 1,700

Tracts: N/A

General Location: Near the community of Askin, between Vanceboro and New Bern on U.S. 17.

Closest Municipalities: Askin, New Bern, Vanceboro (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Craven

GPS Coordinates: N/A

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: N/A

General Terrain Characteristics: Forestland along the Neuse River. Managed pine plantation, longleaf pine, mixed pine hardwood, pocosin habitat and swamp forests.

Game Land: Whitehall Plantation

Acreage: 1,440

Tracts: Whitehall Plantation Game Land

General Location: Approximately 7 miles east of White Lake on Hwy. 53.

Closest Municipalities: White Lake, Elizabethtown (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Bladen

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 78° 25' 8.73" W 34° 31' 51.99" N (Primary Access)
 78° 24' 36.85" W 34° 30' 56.15" N (Secondary Access East)
 78° 25' 23.24" W 34° 32' 6.12" N (Secondary Access West)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: Elizabethtown, N.C. Hwy. 87 South, Cape Fear Lock 2 or Ellwell's Ferry (on the west side of Cape Fear River near Kelly)

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Consists of 40% uplands (18–20 year old loblolly/slash pine plantations) and 60% lowlands (hardwood swampland and cypress/gum sloughs).

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Binoculars, GPS, compass, waders, portable stand/blind, insect repellent.

Deer FAQ:

- Is dog deer hunting allowed? Yes, you may in a party size up to 5.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? No, your permit will allow you to hunt any location within the property boundaries.
- Will I need a boat to access any flooded sloughs? Some opportunity may exist for using a small boat. Internal combustion engines are prohibited.
- Are there any restrictions on when I must stop hunting? Yes, waterfowl hunting is prohibited after 1:00 p.m.

Game Land: White Oak River

Acreage: 2,507

Tracts: Huggins, Morton, Quantenary, White Oak River Impoundment

General Location: Approximately .5 miles south of Stella along the White Oak River. The Stella Bridge separates the Upper and Lower White Oak. The Upper White Oak includes the Quantenary Tract. The Lower White Oak includes the Huggins and Morton Tracts and White Oak River Impoundment.

Closest Municipalities: Jacksonville, Cape Carteret (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Onslow

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83):

77° 9' 20.11" W 34° 45' 52.94" N (White Oak Impoundment - Pump House)
 77° 9' 58.33" W 34° 44' 39.65" N (Huggins Entrance)
 77° 10' 2.76" W 34° 44' 47.77" N (Morton Entrance)
 77° 13' 40.62" W 34° 49' 24.49" N (Quantenary Entrance)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: Private/pay ramp-Stella, Public ramp-Cedar Point, Carteret County.

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: 80-acre brackish water impoundment, upland mixed pine/hardwoods, agricultural fields.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Binoculars, GPS, compass, waders, portable stand/blind, insect repellent.

Deer FAQ (Huggins and Morton Tracts only):

- Is dog deer hunting allowed? On the Huggins and Morton Tracts, dogs may not be used to hunt deer.
- Can I use a rifle to hunt deer? No, on the Huggins and Morton Tracts, the discharge of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Do I need a boat to access my hunt area? You will need a boat with motor to access White Oak Impoundment from the White Oak River. Internal combustion engines are prohibited inside the impoundment. The Huggins Tract may be accessed by vehicle from Hargett Avenue only by those individuals with a permit for this tract. The Morton Tract may be accessed from Sloan Farm Road by those individuals who have a valid permit for this tract.
- Can I wade within the impoundment? Yes, but wade with caution. There are ditches and holes throughout the area.
- Can I harvest a tundra swan on my hunt? Yes, however you must possess a tundra swan permit.
- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? No, your permit will allow you to hunt any location within the impoundment.

Small Game FAQ:

- Are there restrictions on what small game I can harvest with my small game permit? No, however centerfire rifles are prohibited.

Piedmont Region

Game Land: **Buckhorn**

Acreage: 500

Tracts: Buckhorn Game Land

General Location: Approximately 3 miles south of I-85/40 in western Orange County.

Closest Municipalities: Mebane (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Orange

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 36° 01' 45.45" N 79° 13' 16.67" W (Entrance to game land)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Mixed pines and hardwoods, rolling hills, moderately steep slopes, typical of the northern Piedmont.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, binoculars, topographical map, portable stand/blind, game hauler or backpack, compass.

Game Land: **Butner-Falls of the Neuse**

Acreage: 40,656

Tracts: N/A

General Location: West of Wake Forest, north of Raleigh and east of Durham.

Closest Municipalities: Creedmoor, Durham, Raleigh (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Wake, Durham, and Granville

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 36° 6' 9.88" N 78° 48' 20.28" W

Camping Allowed: Yes, in designated campground area (Refer to game land map).

Closest Boat Access Area: There are four Commission boating access areas located on Falls Lake (Refer to game land map).

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Bottomland hardwoods, mixed pine-and-hardwood, open fields.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, binoculars, compass, topographical map, blind, bicycle.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Do I need a boat to access my hunt area? No, the impoundments are walk-in; however, some have access from area rivers that may assist in a closer walk-in point.
- Can I wade within the impoundment? Yes, but wade with caution. There are ditches and holes throughout the area. Hunter crossings are marked with white carsonite or PVC posts.
- Are there any hazards in the area? Yes, old fence lines with barbed wire fencing still exist on the area. Be cautious when wading and/or using a dog to retrieve downed waterfowl.

Disabled FAQ:

- What kind of blind is available? There is a wood-constructed blind, brushed with vegetation, capable of wheelchair usage and companion seating. There is a ramp for a companion or retriever to access the water and footbridges on-site to navigate ditches in the area for decoy placement or game retrieval.

Game Land: **Chatham**

Acreage: 2,794

Tracts: N/A

General Location: Southwest of Harris Reservoir, southeast of Sanford.

Closest Municipalities: Apex, Cary (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Chatham

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 33' 1" N 79° 1' 28.2" W

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: There is one Commission boating access area located on the Cape Fear River (Refer to game land map).

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Bottomland hardwoods, mixed pine-and-hardwood.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, binoculars, compass, topographical map, blind, bicycle.

Game Land: **Harris**

Acreage: 12,247

Tracts: N/A

General Location: East of Sanford, west of Holly Springs.

Closest Municipalities: Apex, Cary (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Chatham, Harnett, and Wake

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 36' 29.1" N 78° 56' 20.6" W

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: There are two Commission boating access areas located on Harris Reservoir (Refer to game land map).

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Bottomland hardwoods, mixed pine-and-hardwood, open fields.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, binoculars, compass, topographical map, blind, bicycle.

Game Land: Jordan

Acreage: 40,618

Tracts: N/A

General Location: Southwest of Durham, southeast of Chapel Hill, west of Cary, east of Pittsboro.

Closest Municipalities: Chapel Hill, Durham, and Cary (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Wake, Durham, and Chatham

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 47' 59.9" N 79° 0' 59.5" W

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: There is one Commission boating access area located on Jordan Lake (Refer to game land map).

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Bottomland hardwoods, mixed pine-and-hardwood, open fields.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, binoculars, compass, topographical map, blind, bicycle.

County Land: Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation **Acreage:** Listed Below

Tracts (acreage): Cowan's Ford Refuge (800) A + B, Rural Hills
Latta Plantation Nature Preserve (1,400) A, B, C
McDowell Nature Preserve (1,082) A, B, C

General Location: Cowan's Ford Refuge and Latta Plantation NP, northwestern Mecklenburg Co., McDowell NP, southwestern Mecklenburg Co.

Closest Municipalities: Cowan's Ford Refuge and Latta Plantation NP, Huntersville and Charlotte. MCDowell NP, Lake Wylie, S.C. and Charlotte, N.C. (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Mecklenburg

GPS Coordinates: N/A

Camping Allowed: No. This applies to each hunt area.

Closest Boat Access Area: Cowan's Ford Refuge and Latta Plantation NP, Neck Rd. Boat Access on Mountain Island Lake. MCDowell NP, Copperhead Island Boat Access on Lake Wylie.

Mandatory: There is a mandatory orientation the Sunday prior to the hunt date for each hunt area.

- General Terrain Characteristics:**
- **Cowan's Ford Refuge:** Habitat includes pine, hardwoods, and mixed forest, fields of prairie grasses and utility corridors. Terrain is rolling, and in some areas is quite steep. The deer population is high. Other than for the deer hunt and special tours, traffic on Cowan's Ford is restricted to Neck Road and the observation platform that overlooks two waterfowl impoundments and a large field of native prairie grasses. For the deer hunt, Cowan's Ford is divided into two hunt zones. There are also zones at Rural Hills. You must stay within your assigned zone.
 - **Latta Plantation NP:** The habitat at Latta is generally more forested than Cowan's Ford and the terrain is somewhat flatter. In addition to forest, there are utility corridors and a prairie restoration area. Also within the nature preserve are the Carolina Raptor Center and Historic Latta Plantation, a restored 18th-century plantation house. Latta is divided into three hunt zones. You must stay within your assigned zone.
 - **McDowell NP:** Southern portion of about 500 acres is almost entirely forested with mature hardwoods. Although the terrain varies, most of it is very steep. The habitat on the northern portion includes mixed pines and hardwoods, some mature hardwoods, fields of prairie grasses and a utility corridor. Terrain varies from flat to very steep. For the hunt, the preserve is divided into three zones. You must stay within your assigned zone. Vehicles are allowed along Four Horse Rd. and designated areas on the utility corridor.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- Four wheelers are allowed between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and again after dark, for game retrieval only.

- Deer:**
- Limit on antlered deer is one.
 - There is no limit on antlerless deer.

State Forest Land: **Mountain Island** Acreage: 1,050

Tracts: N/A

General Location: Killian Farm Road, Stanley N.C.

Closest Municipalities: Huntersville (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Gaston and Lincoln

GPS Coordinates: N/A

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: N/A

General Terrain Characteristics: Habitat includes bottomland hardwood and upland-pine and mixed-hardwood forests.

Game Land: **Nicholson Creek** Acreage: 1,027

Tracts: N/A

General Location: 2.5 miles northeast of Raeford on Fort Bragg Boundary.

Closest Municipalities: Raeford (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Hoke

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 1' 57.57" N 79° 12' 31.67" W

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: There is one pond with a primitive boat ramp on this property.

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Upland pine ridges, open fields, thick pocosin drainages.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, binoculars, compass, topographical map, blind.

Game Land: **R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell** Acreage: 17,955
(formerly known as Caswell Game Land)

Tracts: R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land

General Location: The game land is spread out to the south and east of Yanceyville.

Closest Municipalities: Yanceyville, N.C. and Danville, Va. (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Caswell

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 36° 21' 36.39" N 79° 20' 07.84" W (R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Depot)

Camping Allowed: Yes, in designated campground area (Refer to game land map).

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Mixed pines and hardwoods, rolling hills, moderately steep slopes, typical of the northern Piedmont.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, hip boots, binoculars, topographical map, portable stand/blind, waders, game hauler or backpack, compass, bicycle.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Do I need a boat to access my hunt area? No, access to the impoundments is by foot travel only.
- How far do I have to walk to get to the impoundments? The Caswell Impoundment is about 0.3 miles from the parking lot. The Brumley Impoundment is approximately 0.8 miles.
- Can I wade within the impoundment? Yes, but wade with caution. There are ditches and holes throughout the area.
- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? Yes, your permit will list your assigned impoundment. You can hunt any location within this impoundment.

Disabled FAQ:

- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? No, your permit allows you to hunt anywhere on R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land, except the Restricted Zone.
- Can I hunt in the Archery Zone with this permit? You may hunt in the Archery Zone; however you may not use anything other than archery equipment in this area.

Restricted Area Disabled FAQ:

- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? Yes, your permit will list your assigned blind. You will also receive a supplemental packet of information with detailed information regarding your hunt.
- Can my companion hunt? Yes, this permit allows both you and your companion to harvest animals on this hunt. (Refer to *Regulations Digest* for legal bag limits)
- Can I hunt outside of the blind? No. For safety reasons, both you and your companion must remain inside the blind at all times during the hunt.

Game Land: Upper Roanoke River Wetlands

Acreage: 10,256

Tracts (acres): Boone (1,925), Cypress Swamp (1,425), Garibaldi (1,053), Odom (890), Pollocks Ferry (2,876), Urquhart (1,200), Woods Island (887)

General Location: Various locations along Roanoke River between Weldon and the Hwy. 11/42 bridge.

Closest Municipalities: Halifax, Jackson, Lewiston, Rich Square, Roanoke Rapids, Scotland Neck, Weldon (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Bertie, Halifax, and Northampton

Access: The following tracts are only accessible by boat via the Roanoke River: Urquhart, Cypress Swamp (lower portion), and Woods Island.

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83):

36° 25' 38.93" N	77° 35' 28.01" W	(Weldon Boating Access Area)
36° 12' 28.75" N	77° 23' 2.03" W	(Edwards Ferry Boating Access Area)
35° 56' 34.94" N	77° 12' 2.55" W	(Hamilton Boating Access Area)
36° 19' 37.58" N	77° 24' 43.15" W	(Odom Tract Entrance)
36° 15' 34.61" N	77° 25' 39.06" W	(Pollocks Ferry Tract Entrance)
36° 13' 22.48" N	77° 22' 3.30" W	(Boone Tract, Northeast Entrance)
36° 15' 34.61" N	77° 25' 39.06" W	(Cypress Swamp Tract, Hart Swamp Rd. Entrance)
36° 13' 5.77" N	77° 18' 4.89" W	(Urquhart Tract, Center of Tract)
36° 08' 15.06" N	77° 15' 16.12" W	(Woods Island Tract Entrance)
36° 20' 3.84" N	77° 27' 42.31" W	(Garibaldi Tract, Center of Tract)

Camping Allowed: Yes, camping is authorized anytime within 100 yards of the Roanoke River on state-owned portions of the Roanoke River Wetlands and on designated and posted camping areas from Sept. 1 to the last day in Feb. and Mar. 31–May 14. Refer to the game land maps at www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps for locations.

Closest Boat Access Area:

Weldon, Edwards Ferry (north of Scotland Neck on N.C. Hwy. 258), Hamilton

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Habitats are a mix of farm fields, wooded swamp, bottomland hardwood, pine and hardwood plantation.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, hip boots, binoculars, topographical map, portable stand/blind, waders, game hauler or backpack, compass, bicycle, boat and outboard motor for access to some tracts.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Do I need a boat to access my hunt area? Some areas require a boat and some areas are accessible on foot or by vehicle.
- Can I harvest a tundra swan on my hunt? Yes, however you must possess a valid tundra swan permit.
- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? No, you may hunt anywhere on the tract(s) listed on your permit.

Small Game FAQ:

- Can I dove hunt on Upper Roanoke River Wetlands? Yes, you can hunt dove on tracts of the Upper Roanoke River Wetlands with a valid Roanoke River Wetlands small game permit. Refer to the Small Game section. All dove hunting regulations apply.
- Are there restrictions on what I can harvest with my small game permit? No.

Game Land: Rockfish Creek

Acreage: 2,685

Tracts: N/A

General Location: 3.8 miles northwest of Raeford.

Closest Municipalities: Raeford (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Hoke

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 1' 0.52" N 79° 18' 39.1" W

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Upland pine ridges, thick pocosin drainages.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, binoculars, compass, topographical map, blind.

Game Land: **Sandhills** Acreage: 62,735

Tracts: N/A

General Location: 12 miles south of Aberdeen and 15 miles north of Rockingham off U.S. Hwy. 1.

Closest Municipalities: Southern Pines, Rockingham (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Moore, Richmond, Scotland, and Hoke

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 0' 50.15" N 79° 33' 57.98" W

Camping Allowed: Yes, in designated campground area (Refer to game land map).

Closest Boat Access Area: Boat access on Sandhills Game Land is available at Broadacres Lake, Crawford Lake, Baggett's Lake, Scotland Lake, Gum Swamp Lake, Kinney-Cameron Lake, and Indian Camp Lake.

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Upland pine ridges, thick pocosin drainages, open fields.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, binoculars, compass, topographical map, blind, game hauler or backpack.

Disabled FAQ:

- Will I be assigned a location to hunt? No, your permit allows you to hunt anywhere on Sandhills Game Land.
- Can I hunt in the Archery Zone with this permit? You may hunt in the Archery Zone, however you may not use anything other than archery equipment in this area.

Game Land: **Second Creek** Acreage: 1,111

Tracts: N/A

General Location: 5 miles west of Salisbury.

Closest Municipalities: Salisbury, Statesville, Mooresville (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Rowan

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 39' 47.32" N 80° 40' 22.93" W

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Upland pine stands, bottomland hardwood, agricultural fields.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, binoculars, compass, topographical map, blind, game hauler or backpack.

Deer FAQ:

- Is dog deer hunting allowed? No.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Do I need to bring a blind? Yes, there is natural cover to hide in; however, you may want to bring a blind for your use.
- Are there restrictions on when I can enter the impoundments and when I must stop hunting? Yes, you cannot enter the impoundments before 4:00 a.m. and must cease hunting at 1:00 p.m. Decoys may not be set out before 4:00 a.m. and must be removed from the area by 3:00 p.m. each day.
- Can I use a motorized decoy? Yes.
- Is there a limit on the number of shotgun shells I can bring on my hunt? No.

Small Game FAQ:

- Are there restrictions on what I can harvest with my permit? No, as long as you abide by open seasons on small game. Refer to the *Regulations Digest* for season dates and bag limits.

Game Land: **Tar River (Upper Tar River Area)** Acreage: 134

Tracts: N/A

General Location: Located on the Tar River, 2 miles southeast of Tarboro adjacent to the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 64 east and N.C. Hwy. 33 South.

Closest Municipalities: Tarboro (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Edgecombe

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 52' 27.96" N 77° 31' 46.66" W (Entrance to game land)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: Bell's Bridge, north of Tarboro on N.C. Hwy. 33

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Habitats include bottomland hardwoods, cutover woodland, natural pine stands and two borrow ponds.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, hip boots, binoculars, topographical map, portable stand/blind, waders, game hauler or backpack, compass.

Deer FAQ:

- Can I deer hunt on the Tar River Game Land? Yes, by permit only, you may hunt deer with legal archery equipment on the Tar River Game Land during open Archery, Blackpowder and Gun seasons.

Small Game/Waterfowl FAQ:

- Can I hunt small game or waterfowl on the Tar River Game Land? Yes, by permit only, during open Small Game Season and open Waterfowl season, Tuesday and Saturday only.

Game Land: Tillery

Acreage: 5,216

Tracts: N/A

General Location: 10 miles northeast of Scotland Neck with access from N.C. Hwy.'s 561, 481 and 125/903.

Closest Municipalities: Tillery, Scotland Neck, Enfield, Halifax, Weldon, Roanoke Rapids (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Halifax

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 36° 14' 39.22" N 77° 29' 43.84" W (Entrance to Tillery Wildlife Depot)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Habitats are a mix of farm fields, wooded swamp and pine plantation.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, hip boots, binoculars, topographical map, portable stand/blind, waders, game hauler or backpack, compass, bicycle.

Mountain Region

Private Land: Belews Creek

Acreage: 880

Tracts: N/A

General Location: Northeast of Winston Salem; edge of Forsyth and Stokes Counties.

Closest Municipalities: Kernersville, Walnut Cove (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Stokes

GPS Coordinates: N/A

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: N/A

General Terrain Characteristics: Upland-pine and hardwood forestland that forms a peninsula in Belews Lake.

Game Land: DuPont State Forest

Acreage: 10,457

Tracts: N/A

General Location: Access from several state roads bordering or traversing the property. Travel from Brevard, N.C. east on U.S. 64 to Penrose, N.C. Take S.R. 1528 to S.R. 1130 and S.R. 1128 (Henderson County) for access to east side of property. Vehicle access is available on S.R. 1114 (Pinnacle Mountain Rd.) out of Hendersonville, N.C. Also from Brevard, N.C. travel south on U.S. 276 to Cedar Mountain, N.C. then take S.R. 1560 (Reasonover Rd.), which borders the property in several areas.

Closest Municipalities: Brevard, Hendersonville (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Henderson and Transylvania

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 11' 27" N 82° 36' 24" W

Camping Allowed: Camping is not allowed on the property, but there are several private campgrounds nearby and National Forest campgrounds (Pisgah Ranger District) in Pisgah Forest, N.C.

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Habitat is southern Appalachian hardwoods intermixed with numerous stands of white pine plantations (Total of 900 acres). Trout fishing is available on several small and medium-sized trout streams. Small lakes located on the property offer panfish and largemouth bass. Terrain is mountainous with extensive hiking, bike, and horseback riding trails on property. Many trails are located on old logging roads making foot access generally good in most areas of the property.

Special Equipment and Planning Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- CAUTION—Extensive biking, hiking, and horseback riding trails and several large safety zones require prior knowledge of heavy public use areas. It is recommended that extensive scouting be completed prior to hunts to avoid high public use areas.
- GPS, binoculars, bicycle, topographical map, waterproof boots with lug soles, compass, game hauler, portable stand/blind.

Deer:

- Good white-tailed deer population for mountainous habitat and terrain. Numbers limited by lack of quality early-successional habitat.

Turkey:

- Good wild turkey population. Numbers limited by lack of quality brood habitat.

Small Game:

- Small game species include ruffed grouse and gray squirrel. Grouse and rabbit/quail numbers limited by lack of early-successional habitat.

Disabled:

- ATV use is prohibited in DuPont State Forest.
- Limited disabled access behind closed gates on the property may be arranged by contacting DuPont State Forest at 828-877-6527. Disabled hunters should contact DuPont State Forest office at least two weeks in advance of the hunt date to obtain access information.

Other Information:

- Hunting on DuPont State Forest is by permit only. Training or using hunting dogs is prohibited, except during scheduled small game permit hunts for squirrel, grouse, rabbit, or quail.
- Hunters may harvest an unlimited number of feral hogs, coyotes, and groundhogs during any of the permit hunting opportunities using the manner of take prescribed for the permitted species being hunted (deer, small game, turkey) as outlined in the *Regulations Digest*.

Game Land: Johns River

Acreage: 3,857

Tracts: Lower Creek and Loop Road

General Location: 2 miles northwest of Morganton on N.C. 18.

Closest Municipalities: Morganton (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Burke

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83):

35° 47' 43" N 81° 39' 30" W (Lower Creek Unit)

35° 48' 20" N 81° 41' 04" W (Loop Road Unit)

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: Johns River

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: The game land contains mixed upland hardwood and pine ridges with hardwood creek bottoms. Some pine plantations of varying age are present. The topography is gentle to moderate.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, hip boots, binoculars, topographical map, portable stand/blind, waders, game hauler or backpack, canoe, boat and outboard motor, compass.

Waterfowl FAQ:

- Can I build or hunt from a permanent blind? No.
- Can non-permitted hunters hunt from a boat or canoe on Johns River or Lower Creek? Yes, these are considered navigable public waters.

Disabled FAQ:

- What areas will I be able to access? Your permit will have the phone number of local wildlife staff that will advise you how to access the game land.

Other Land: Mountain Research Station-Waynesville

Acreage: 384

Tracts: N/A

General Location: 285 Test Farm Rd., Waynesville, N.C.

Closest Municipalities: Waynesville (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Haywood

GPS Coordinates: 35.487122–82.968482

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: N/A

General Terrain Characteristics: Rolling Hills

Game Land: Pisgah

Acreage: 23,990

Tracts: Mount Mitchell Bear Sanctuary

General Location: Approximately 10 miles south of Burnsville and 10 miles west of Marion, located along Curtis Creek and South Toe River. Primary access roads include N.C. 128 and Forest Service Routes (FSR) 482, 482A, 472, and 2074. Contact the U.S.D.A. Forest Service at 828-682-9179 or 828-652-2144 for current FSR road closures and conditions.

Closest Municipalities: Burnsville, Spruce Pine, Marion (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: McDowell and Yancey

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83):

35° 42' 12" N 82° 11' 54" W (McDowell County Portion)

35° 44' 52" N 82° 14' 26" W (Yancey County Portion)

Camping Allowed: Yes, contact U.S.D.A. Forest Service at 828-682-9179 or 828-652-2144 for details.

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: The topography is very steep and rugged across the entire area. Dense spruce/fir forests are located at the highest elevations. Mixed upland hardwoods are predominant on the remainder of the area. Mountain laurel thickets are common on ridges, and a dense understory of rhododendron is typically found along the streams.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, waterproof leather boots with lug soles, binoculars, topographical map, portable stand/blind, compass, game hauler or backpack.

Bear FAQ: Can I hunt bear with dogs? Yes.

Game Land: Pisgah

Acreage: 40,795

Tracts: Daniel Boone Bear Sanctuary

General Location: Approximately 2 miles south of Linville and 8 miles north of Morganton. Primary access roads include N.C. 181 and Forest Service Routes (FSR) 464, 982, 210, 496, 228. Primary drainages include Lost Cove, Harper, Upper and Steels Creeks. Contact the U.S.D.A. Forest Service at 828-652-2144 for current road closures and conditions.

Closest Municipalities: Morganton, Lenoir, Linville, and Pineola (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Avery, Burke, and Caldwell

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83):

36° 01' 18" N 81° 49' 24" W (Lost Cove Creek)

35° 59' 13" N 81° 47' 40" W (Harper Creek)

35° 56' 20" N 81° 48' 57" W (Upper Creek)

35° 54' 51" N 81° 50' 33" W (Steels Creek)

Camping Allowed: Yes, contact U.S.D.A. Forest Service at 828-652-2144 for details.

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: The topography is very steep and rugged across the entire area. Mixed upland hardwoods are predominant on the entire area. Mountain laurel thickets are common on ridges, and a dense understory of rhododendron is typically found along the streams.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, waterproof leather boots with lug soles, binoculars, topographical map, portable stand/blind, compass, game hauler or backpack.

Bear FAQ: Can I hunt bear with dogs? Yes.

Game Land: Pond Mountain

Acreage: 1,973

Tracts: Pond Mountain Game Land

General Location: From West Jefferson travel N.C. 88 to Warrentonville. Turn right onto N.C. 194 and travel to Lansing. From Lansing continue straight onto S. Big Horse Creek Rd. and travel the following roads: from S. Big Horse Creek Rd. turn left onto East Little Horse Creek Rd., then turn left onto Joe Hampton Rd. which becomes Stansberry Rd., then turn left onto Little Horse Creek Rd. which becomes Coy Ham Rd., then turn left onto Fairview Church Rd., then turn right onto Rock Fence Rd. Entrance to the tract is provided from Rock Fence Rd.

Closest Municipalities: Jefferson, West Jefferson (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Ashe

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 36° 33' 01.6" N 81° 38' 32.3" W (tract entrance)

Camping Allowed: Yes, in designated campground only.

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Pond Mountain Game Land is located in northwest Ashe County adjacent the Tennessee and Virginia borders. Elevations range from 4,000 to 5,000 ft. above sea level. Approximately 700 acres of the tract is open and not forested. Of these 700 acres, approximately 500 acres is a working Christmas tree farm. The former owners will continue to operate the Christmas tree farm through 2016. The forested portion of the tract is northern hardwood forest which is dominated by sugar maple, beech, buckeye, yellow birch, and northern red oak. The headwaters of Big Horse Creek drain the northerly slope of the game land while the headwaters of Big Laurel Creek drain the southerly slope of the property. The topography ranges from moderate to steep. Due to its high elevation, the climate at Pond Mountain is more characteristic of that typically found at much more northerly latitudes.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, binoculars, topographical map, waterproof boots with lug soles, compass, game hauler, portable stand/blind, clothing suitable for extreme cold, snow, and high winds from late fall through winter.

Other Information:

- An approximately 500 acre Christmas tree farm is located on Pond Mountain Game Land and will be in operation through 2016. Hunters should be aware that farm workers are subject to be working on the property at any time. Hunters should plan to avoid hunting near areas where Christmas trees are being harvested or where any farming operations are taking place.
- The climate at Pond Mountain Game Land is much more like that found in the northern USA or southern Canada and is subject to rapid change. Hunters should be aware of this and should have appropriate clothing on hand at all times. This would include rain gear and/or wind blocking outerware. From late fall through winter, hunters should plan to bring clothing suitable for extreme cold, wind, and snow.
- The access road to the interior of the game land may be impassable due to snow and ice, especially from November through April.
- Black bear are present on the property, but only at light to moderate numbers. Those interested in bear hunting on the property should keep this in mind.

Game Land: Sandy Mush

Acreage: 2,600

Tracts: Sandy Mush Game Land

General Location: Approximately 10 miles north of Asheville.

Closest Municipalities: Asheville (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Buncombe and Madison

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 43' 17" N 82° 39' 45" W

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: The game land borders the French Broad River and encompasses portions of Turkey Creek and Sandy Mush Creek. Most of the terrain is hills with approximately 1,000 acres of the property in fields, old pastures, and brushy shrub early forest successional habitat. Approximately 45 acres are planted each year as dove fields with numerous other areas seeded on a periodic basis to both annuals and perennials beneficial to wildlife. Scattered woodlots consisting of oak, cherry, and southern pine types occupy the rest of the property. One area of the property is a very steep gorge surrounding the mouth of Sandy Mush Creek where it empties into the French Broad River.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, waterproof leather boots with lug soles, binoculars, topographical map, portable stand/blind, compass, game hauler or backpack.

Game Land: Thurmond Chatham

Acreage: 6,403

Tracts: N/A

General Location: Approximately 12 miles north of Wilkesboro.

Closest Municipalities: Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro, Elkin (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Wilkes and Alleghany

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 36° 22' 14" N 81° 12' 06" W

Camping Allowed: Yes, in designated campground area (Refer to game land map).

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: The game land is located along the Blue Ridge escarpment. The predominant forest cover type is mixed hardwood containing several species of oaks. Scattered stands of pine and mixed pine hardwood also occur. The understory ranges from open to dense thickets of mountain laurel and/or rhododendron. The topography is steep and rugged.

Special Equipment Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- GPS, waterproof leather boots with lug soles, binoculars, topographical map, portable stand/blind, compass, game hauler or backpack.

Disabled FAQ:

- What areas will I be able to access? Refer to game land map at www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps.

Game Land: Toxaway

Acreage: 11,650

Tracts: N/A

General Location: Access is available from Brevard, N.C. by traveling U.S. 64 to Sapphire N.C.

Information on access to Toxaway Game Land is available from the Gorges State Park at 828-966-9099 located in Sapphire, N.C. Portions of the property may be accessed by foot travel only from N.C. Hwy. 281 and Whitewater Falls Rd. (S.R. 1149) traveling south from Sapphire to South Carolina. Road access is provided by traveling through the main entrance to Gorges State Park located off N.C. Hwy. 281. Travel through main entrance and enter through an electronic gate and drive south down Chestnut Mountain Rd. to Turkey Pen Gap located at the intersection with the Auger Hole Rd. Turn right on the Auger Hole Rd. to the Toxaway Game Land.

Closest Municipalities: Brevard, Sapphire, Cashiers (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Transylvania and Jackson

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 03' 26" N 82° 57' 06" W

Camping Allowed: Primitive camping is allowed at designated sites on Toxaway Game Land. Local private camping may also be available.

Game Land Map: Refer to www.ncwildlife.org/gamelandmaps

General Terrain Characteristics: Habitat is southern Appalachian hardwoods with natural white pine stands. Several good trout streams on property. Toxaway Game Land is very rugged and steep property with limited road access.

Special Equipment and Planning Needs: In addition to normal hunting gear, the following items may be helpful:

- The area is bordered by Gorges State Park and access to the main Auger Hole Rd. is available only by traveling on Chestnut Mountain Rd. through the state park to Turkey Pen Gap. Access is available to Toxaway Game Land and the South Carolina Crossroads Wildlife Management Area through the main entrance to Gorges State Park off N.C. Hwy. 281.
- GPS, waterproof leather boots with lug soles, binoculars, topographical map, compass, game hauler or backpack.

Deer:

- White-tailed deer population is fair to poor. Numbers limited by lack of quality early-successional habitat.
- Coyotes, bobcats, and feral hogs can be taken during permit deer hunts.

Disabled:

- Contact Gorges State Park at 828-966-9099 several days ahead of the scheduled hunt to obtain updated information on the condition of the Chestnut Mountain Access Rd.

State Forest Land: Tuttle

Acreage: 300

Tracts: Tracts/Zones will be clearly posted on orientation day.

General Location: Playmore Beach Rd.—2 miles west of Hwy. 18 near Burke/Caldwell County line.

Closest Municipalities: Lenoir, Morganton (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Caldwell

GPS Coordinates (NAD 83): 35° 50' 98" N 81° 38' 39" W

Camping Allowed: N/A

Closest Boat Access Area: John's River Access Hwy. 18

General Terrain Characteristics: Rolling foothills with upland mature hardwood/pine mixture and 10–15 year old pine regeneration.

Other Land: Warrior Creek Recreational Area

Acreage: 850

Tracts: N/A

General Location: Approximately 5 miles west of Wilkesboro.

Closest Municipalities: Wilkesboro (Lodging available in municipalities)

County: Wilkes

GPS Coordinates: N/A

Camping Allowed: No

Closest Boat Access Area: N/A

Game Land Map: N/A

General Terrain Characteristics: Upland hardwoods, mixed pines and hardwoods, pines and open habitats with excellent road access throughout the designated hunting area.