

### 2004 Back Bay NWR Hunting Regulations

- \* Bag Limits: Deer - Two per day and per season in accordance to Virginia state regulations.  
\*Using DMAP tags, you will be allowed to take antlerless deer (does and fawns [buttons on males must be below the fur]) without using your Big Game tags. If you take Bucks with buttons or antlers above the fur, Big Game license tags will be required.  
  
Feral Hogs - no daily limit, no season limit
- \* Hunting Dates: October 2 and 4 - 9 -- shotgun only (20 gauge or larger loaded with only buckshot or slugs). Bow and arrow are also permitted.
- \* Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to **6:00pm**.
- \* Age Requirements: Hunters must be at least 18 years of age to hunt alone. Youths between the ages of 12 and 18 may hunt **ONLY** when accompanied by an adult. No one under the age of 12 is permitted within a hunting unit.
- \* All hunters must check in and out at the Refuge deer-check station.
- \* The use of nails, screws, or bolts to attach stands to trees is prohibited.
- \* Dogs are prohibited.
- \* Possession of loaded firearms or nocked arrows in or on a vehicle/boat or shooting from a vehicle/boat is prohibited.
- \* Unauthorized entry outside of the assigned hunt area and/or driving motorized vehicles off designated roads is prohibited.
- \* Camping and fires on the Refuge are prohibited.
- \* Shooting at animals (i.e. snakes, turtles, birds, rabbits, squirrels, etc.) other than deer or feral hogs is prohibited.
- \* Hunters must conspicuously wear a minimum of 400 square inches of solid colored "hunter blaze orange" clothing or material, on their head, chest and back (the equivalent of a hat and vest).
- \* Transportation from the check station to and from Zones 1 through 6, will be provided by Back Bay Refuge.
- \* Transportation to Zone 7 (Long Island) must be provided by the hunter in the form of a portable, hand-launched boat (punt, canoe, row-boat, etc., without a boat trailer). Coast Guard regulations governing boat-loading capacities, proper use of personal flotation devices (life jackets), storm warnings, etc., are in effect for all watercraft users. Severe weather can result in cancellation of boat access to Long Island. For emergency purposes, cell phones are recommended.
- \* Transportation from the check station to and from Zone 8 will be provided by the hunter; those hunters must park in designated parking areas.
- \* Transportation to the non-ambulatory hunt area (Zone 5) must be provided by the hunter.

- \* All game must be dressed in the field at least 100 feet from any road or trail.
- \* The Hacking Tower in Zone 3 is closed. No one is permitted to climb it.
- \* Once hunters have checked in, they may not leave the Refuge until the end of their hunt day. Once they have left they cannot return, since the exit gate automatically closes behind them.
- \* Zone 7 hunters must be off Long Island by 4:45 p.m.
- \* Possession of other weapons (rifles, handguns, crossbows, etc.) or ammunition other than shotgun slugs and buckshot, and long-shafted arrows, is prohibited.
- \* The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- \* All weapons must comply with Virginia State Laws and Regulations.
- \* Any violation of the above Refuge and/or State regulations can result in immediate loss of your hunting permit and hunting privileges for the year.
- \* **Unless otherwise stated all other Virginia State and federal regulations apply.**