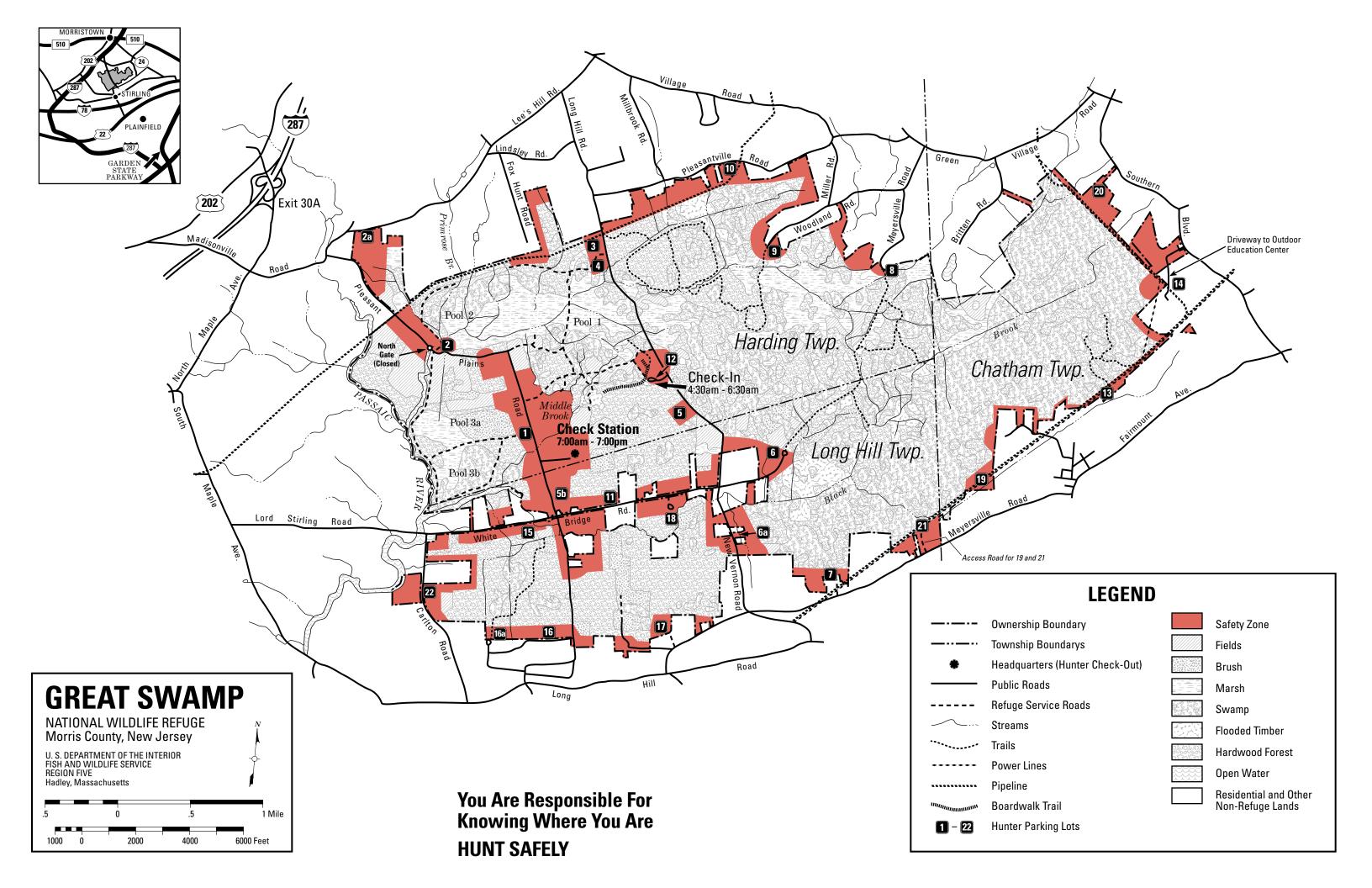
Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Public Deer Hunt





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Regulations Summary: Public Deer Hunt

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges whose primary purpose is the protection, propagation, and management of migratory birds, and many other forms of wildlife and plants, for people to enjoy. One of the management techniques involves the harvesting of surplus deer, to maintain wildlife populations in harmony with the environment and also provide wholesome recreational opportunities.

Public hunting of white-tailed deer will be permitted this year in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations subject to the following special conditions:

- Only deer may be taken; all other wildlife and plant species are protected.
- 2. Only shotguns, muzzle loading rifles, and loads authorized by State law for deer hunting are permitted.
- 3. All deer must be brought in to the refuge check station.
- 4. Daily check-in and check-out is mandatory.
- 5. Target practice is prohibited.
- 6. Guns must be unloaded when on public roads, in safety zones and parking areas (many are delineated by signs and/or *pink fluorescent ribbon*). Safety zone flagging shall not be moved.
- 7. Do not trespass off the refuge for *any* reason. You are only authorized to be on the refuge and are responsible for knowing where you are at all times.
- 8. Fires and camping are not permitted.
- 9. Vehicles are restricted to public roads and designated parking areas.

- 10. Hunters must wear in a conspicuous manner on head, chest, and back a minimum of 400 square inches of solid-color hunter orange clothing or material. Camouflage orange *does* not qualify.
- 11. It is unlawful to use or construct a permanent tree stand or install a nail, spike, or other metal object into any tree. Portable stands must be removed each day. Marking a route to your stand using reflective tacks or flagging is not permitted.
- 12. Other than during the hunt period as specified, entry into the refuge is permitted only in approved public use areas as designated by signs and the refuge manager.
- 13. Parking lot assignment sheets must be displayed face up on your vehicle dashboard while hunting.
- 14. Violation of Federal, State, or refuge regulations shall be cause for immediate revocation of hunting permits.
- 15. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- 16. Distribution of bait and the hunting over bait is prohibited.
- 17. Permits to harvest antlered deer will be issued only to hunters whose *first* deer is an adult doe.

We earnestly request your cooperation to ensure a safe, well-managed hunt.

These regulations supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 32. You are responsible for knowing all refuge regulations. Detailed information is available at refuge headquarters Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.