

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 5:00 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017

**South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
2017-2018 Public Drawing Waterfowl Hunt
HUNT SITE INFORMATION**

1. Transportation, blinds and decoys are furnished on Bear Island - East, Bear Island-Springfield/The Cut, Sandy Beach, Broad River and Wateree River WMAs. Only transportation and blinds are provided at Samworth, Santee Coastal-The Cape, Cedar Island, Murphy Island and Bear Island West. Transportation, layout boats or sleds, and marsh stools are provided at Santee-Delta East and West. Hunters will be limited to one bag of decoys per blind.
2. All sites require moderate physical exertion.
3. Hunting from banks or dikes is NOT allowed.
4. Chest waders and flashlights are necessary on all sites.
5. Hunters must report to the check station at 5:00 a.m. E.S.T. on all areas except for Santee Coastal – Cedar Island and Murphy Island where hunters must report to the check station at 4:30 a.m. E.S.T.
6. The use of retrievers is strongly recommended. All dogs must be kept on a leash. While hunting, retrievers must remain in close proximity to the hunter except during actual retrieving. Hunters are limited to one dog per blind.
7. Nontoxic shot (steel, bismuth or other Federally approved shot) is required on all areas.
8. Blinds for mobility impaired hunters are available on each hunt site except Bear Island – West, Bear Island – Springfield/The Cut, Santee Coastal – Cedar Island and Murphy Island, Samworth and Santee-Delta East and West. Mobility impaired hunters on all areas where sites are available are required to call prior to the hunt date and notify area personnel of special needs.
9. Geese can be taken at all sites on those dates that fall within the established goose season for that area of the state.
10. The hunt period on all areas is one-half hour before sunrise to 11:00 a.m.
11. Each hunter will be limited to 25 shells, 10 gauge or larger guns are not allowed. Alcohol is prohibited. Participation in the hunt constitutes consent to search of persons and their belongings. ***Any violation of any law or WMA regulation may result in immediate dismissal from the hunt.***

<u>WATERFOWL AREAS</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>HUNT DATES</u>
Bear Island - East Unit	Colleton	11/18, 11/25, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25
Bear Island - Springfield/The Cut	Colleton	12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27
Bear Island - West Unit	Colleton	11/21, 12/12, 12/19, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23
Beaverdam	Anderson	12/16, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27
Broad River Waterfowl Area	Fairfield	12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27
Sandy Beach	Berkeley	12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24
Santee Coastal - Cedar Island	Georgetown	11/20, 12/14, 12/18, 12/28, 1/3, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25
Santee Coastal - Murphy Island	Charleston	11/21, 12/13, 12/19, 12/29, 1/4, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24
Santee Coastal - The Cape	Charleston	11/18, 12/15, 12/20, 12/27, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26
Santee-Delta - East Unit	Georgetown	12/9, 12/16, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27
Santee-Delta - West Unit	Georgetown	12/9, 12/16, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27
Wateree River Heritage Preserve	Richland	11/18, 12/16, 12/20, 1/3, 1/17

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2017-2018 WATERFOWL HUNT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**WHEN COMPLETING YOUR WATERFOWL HUNT APPLICATION
PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

• An email address is mandatory. Notifications will be e-mailed only to the primary applicant after the completion of the drawing. **PLEASE BE PATIENT AND WAIT FOR YOUR NOTIFICATION.** Make sure that any anti-spam software does not block receipt of your notification. This can be avoided by adding castinep@dnr.sc.gov to your address book.

• Include a customer ID number, and if applicable, a drivers license number for all applicants. The customer ID number can be located on your SCDNR hunting license. **If the applicant is a new hunter or a youth hunter who has not been established in our database, you must provide a SSN.**

*** NOTE: Your preference points are associated with the customer ID number you used the previous year. If you are unsure if you have the correct customer ID number or if you have questions about your preference points, please contact Patty Castine at 803-734-3609.**

• If you are successful in the lottery, anyone 16 years of age or older must present a valid hunting license at the hunt site. They must also possess a Federal Migratory Bird Permit (Federal Duck Stamp), Migratory Waterfowl Permit (State Duck Stamp), and a free Migratory Bird (HIP) Permit. Youth hunters must be at least 10 years of age to apply.

• WMA PERMIT: All successful applicants must possess a WMA permit. If selected, the notification slip will indicate how to obtain a temporary \$5.50 WMA permit, good only for the hunt you are selected for. A temporary WMA permit is not needed if you possess a Sportsman License, Junior Sportsman License, a regular WMA permit, a Gratis Over 64 License or are under the age of 16. Non-residents are not eligible for temporary WMA permit.

• There is a non-refundable fee of \$20.00 per hunter.

* The non selection option is for applicants who know they will be unable to hunt during the scheduled hunt periods. This option allows the applicant to be excluded from the lottery yet acquire a preference point which will be added to any accumulated points for the following year's lottery.

• The order of individuals listed on the application does not affect the draw (i.e. Last year I was first and this year I am last on the application). The only thing that will affect your selection is the number of preference points for persons on the application. The process automatically defaults to the lowest number for individual applicants. Preference is assigned yearly to each unsuccessful hunter.

• All cancellations must be made through the Columbia office. Please contact Patty Castine at 803-734-3609. If you request a refund because of cancellation due to illness, work, or death, it must be made in writing and sent to Patty Castine at P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, for review.

• There are no transfers! All slots are filled by the computer selection process. Alternates are pre-selected by the computer to fill slots which may become available.

• Any questions regarding site information, directions, child participation, scouting, or arrival/departure schedules should be addressed by the staff at your hunt site.

Bear Island **843-844-8957**
Daniel Barrineau / Cathy Bazzel

Beaverdam
Tammy Wactor

864-654-1671 ext 19

Broad River **843-661-4768**
Sam Stokes, Jr.

Samworth, Santee-Delta, Santee Coastal
Joachim Treptow **843-546-8665**

Sandy Beach **843-825-3388**
Will Carlisle

Wateree River Heritage Preserve
Willie Simmons **803-734-3898**