

Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge

Hunters should read the regulations below when applying for permit hunts on Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge because regulations vary between state and federally owned areas. The regulations below supplement the general regulations that govern hunting on federal wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable state regulations and the following special refuge regulations are conditions of the permit:

- All refuge hunters under 16 years of age must have successfully completed a hunter safety course and must be supervised by an adult at least 21 years of age. The adult must remain within sight and easy voice contact of the underage hunter.
- Adults may supervise up to 2 youths on Small Game and Waterfowl Hunts and only one youth on Big Game Hunts.
- The supervising adult cannot carry or possess a gun during the Youth Hunts.
- All campfires must be controlled and attended.
- All refuge users must practice a “pack-it-in, pack-it-out” litter policy.
- All personal property including camping gear must be removed after each hunt.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- No motorized equipment, except a boat is permitted; all-terrain vehicles are not permitted.
- The use of dogs to run deer is prohibited.
- Human driving of deer is prohibited.
- The use of flagging or reflective tape, paint, tacks, or other trail markers is prohibited. Painted clothespins, or clothespins with reflective tape or tacks attached may be used, but must be removed at the end of each hunt.
- Only portable stands are permitted and must be removed after each hunt.
- It is unlawful to drive a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or hunt from a tree into which a metal object has been driven, including screw-in steps.
- Nontoxic shot is required in taking all small game with shotguns.
- There are no additional refuge application or permit fees required.