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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Patuxent River

Subj: HUNTING AND TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR 2017-2018

Ref: (a) NASPAXRIVINST 11015.6K
(b) Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping 2017-2018

Encl: (1) Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits

1. Purpose. To announce dates and bag limits for the 2017-2018 hunting and trapping seasons. References (a) and (b) govern hunting and trapping onboard Naval Air Station (NAS), Patuxent River; Webster Field Annex (WFA), St. Inigoes, Maryland; and Bloodsworth Island Range (BIR), Dorchester County, Maryland. For the purpose of this notice, "NAS complex" refers collectively to NAS, WFA, and BIR. Safety is paramount.

2. Shooting hours. Shooting hours comply with reference (b) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulations for hunting of migratory birds. Doves may be hunted from noon until sunset during the first split season. The discharge of firearms at WFA between the hours of 1130 and 1300, Monday through Friday, is prohibited, exclusive of all federal holidays.

3. Holidays and Sundays. Hunting is permitted on all federal holidays, subject to hunting day restrictions per reference (a). Sunday hunting for deer and spring turkey is allowed only for the following seasons and dates:

a. Archery deer hunting: September 10, 17, and 24; October 01, 08, 15, 22, 29; November 05, 12, 19; December 10 and 31; January 07, 14, 21, and 28.

b. Firearms deer hunting: October 01, 08, 15, and 22; November 12 (youth hunt at Webster Field only), 26; December 03; January 07.

c. Muzzleloader deer hunting: October 22 and December 17 and 21.

d. Spring turkey hunting: April 14 (youth hunt day), 22, and 29; May 06, 13, 20.

4. Permit Prices

a. Regular hunting: \$20.00

1) Hunters over the age of 65: Free of Charge. Contact the Conservation Branch.

b. Junior hunting permit: \$10.00

c. Guest hunting: \$ 10.00/day; \$30.00/week (6 days)

d. Trapping (all ages): \$30.00

5. Significant Changes

a. The start of the archery deer hunting season is September 08, the Friday after Labor Day. This is consistent with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

b. Opening of the deer firearms hunting season in hunting areas 2-13 only on October 07, the first Saturday of October. Archery and muzzleloader hunting will run concurrently during their respective seasons while early firearm hunting season is open. Review specific season dates below.

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HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

The seasons and bag limits listed here may be different from those published in reference (b). Review this notice thoroughly before hunting a particular species to ensure compliance with NAS regulations. All dates are inclusive.

1. DEER HUNTING

Species	Dates	Bag Limits
<i>Deer*</i>	All Seasons	No limit.

NOTE: Two antlerless deer must be harvested between the harvest of each additional antlered deer. A bonus deer tag is NOT required to take a second antlered deer.

Archery	08 SEP - 24 NOV 11 DEC - 16 DEC 01 JAN - 05 JAN 09 JAN - 31 JAN	
Firearm**	07 OCT - 28 OCT 11 NOV - 12 NOV 25 NOV - 09 DEC 05 JAN - 07 JAN	(Areas 2-13 only) (Youth Hunt at Webster Field)
Muzzleloader**	19 OCT - 28 OCT 16 DEC - 30 DEC	

* Deer harvested onboard the NAS complex do not count against a hunter's state Region B bag limit. Hunters are required to check in all deer at the hunter check station. During the October muzzleloader season (19-28 Oct), a hunter may harvest all of his/her season bag limit. For further information, contact Conservation Branch at (301) 342-3670.

** Deer is the only game that may be hunted during the opening day of the firearms deer season, except waterfowl (see paragraph 2). During the rest of the firearm deer seasons, waterfowl may be hunted from any of the NAS complex's Bay and River shoreline. During the second week, the first Monday after the second Saturday, of the firearm and muzzleloader deer season, rabbit may be hunted between 1000 and 1400. During the late muzzleloader deer season, waterfowl hunters may hunt from any of the NAS complex's Bay and River shoreline, or from any of the numbered stakes or points. Hunting areas 10 and 11 are currently closed, but when these areas are open and when waterfowl seasons overlap with the firearms or muzzleloader deer hunting seasons, waterfowl hunters may request a one-half day restriction for areas 10 or 11 to allow waterfowl hunters to hunt these areas. See reference (a) for specific details.

a. DEER TAGGING

During the October deer hunting season, there are specific tagging requirements when the archery, muzzleloader, and firearm seasons overlap.

1) Shotgun deer hunters, October 07-28:

- must sign out to hunt only in areas 2-13
- must tag any deer harvested under your shotgun tag
- can hunt on Sunday, October 08, 15, and 22

2) Muzzleloader deer hunters, October 19-28:

- must sign out to hunt in any firearm hunting area, 2-17, and the firearm portion of area 18
- can tag any deer harvested under either your muzzleloader tag or your shotgun tag
- can hunt on Sunday, October 22

3) Archery deer hunters, October 07-28:

- must sign out to hunt in any available hunting area, 1-31
- can tag any deer harvested under either your archery, muzzleloader, or shotgun tag
- can hunt on Sunday October 08, 15, and 22
- the archery season WILL remain open on October 19, 20, and 21.

b. TURKEY TAGGING

- (1) All turkey harvested on station must be checked in at the hunter check station.

2. WEBLESS MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING

<u>Species</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Bag Limits</u>
Clapper and King Rail	01 SEP - 06 OCT 30 OCT - 09 NOV	10 per day (no more than 1 King)
Mourning Dove	01 SEP – 06 OCT 30 OCT - 18 NOV 01 JAN - 04 JAN	15 per day

<u>Species</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Bag Limits</u>
Common Snipe	26 SEP - 06 OCT 30 OCT - 24 NOV 11 DEC - 15 DEC 01 JAN - 04 JAN 08 JAN - 27 JAN	8 per day
Virginia Rail and Sora	01 SEP - 06 OCT 30 OCT - 09 NOV	25 per day (in aggregate or individually)
Woodcock	30 OCT - 24 NOV 12 JAN - 27 JAN	3 per day
Canada Goose (resident)	01 SEP - 15 SEP	8 per day
Teal	16 SEP - 30 SEP	6 Blue-winged or Green-winged, singly or in aggregate

Waterfowl[#] - Same as State of Maryland - subject to NAS hunting day restrictions.

[#] During the opening day of the firearm deer season, waterfowl may be hunted from any of the NAS complex's shoreline (Bay and River proper), except that which occurs inside Area 2 and 5. During the rest of the firearm deer seasons, waterfowl may be hunted from any of the NAS complex's Bay and River shoreline. During the second week (the first Monday after the second Saturday) of the firearm or muzzleloader deer season, rabbit may be hunted between 1000 and 1400. During the late muzzleloader deer season, waterfowl hunters may hunt from any of the NAS complex's Bay and River shoreline, or from any of the numbered stakes or points. Hunting areas 10 and 11 are currently closed, but when these areas are open and when waterfowl seasons overlap with the firearms or muzzleloader deer hunting seasons, waterfowl hunters may request a one-half day restriction for areas 10 or 11 to allow waterfowl hunters to hunt these areas.

3. SMALL GAME HUNTING

<u>Species</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Bag Limits</u>
Turkey	18 JAN - 20 JAN	1 bird either sex
	14 APR - 15 APR (Youth Hunt)	1 bearded bird
	18 APR - 23 MAY	
Crow	01 SEP - 06 OCT 01 NOV - 24 NOV 13 DEC - 15 DEC 03 JAN - 04 JAN 10 JAN - 15 MAR	No Limit (Wed-Sat only)
Rabbit	04 NOV - 24 NOV 04 DEC - 09 DEC ^{##} 11 DEC - 15 DEC 25 DEC - 30 DEC ^{##} 01 JAN - 04 JAN 08 JAN - 28 FEB	4 per day
^{##} During these firearms and muzzleloader deer seasons, hunting hours for rabbits are from 1000-1400 only.		
Quail	CLOSED onboard the NAS complex	
Gray Squirrel	02 SEP - 06 OCT 30 OCT - 24 NOV 11 DEC - 15 DEC 01 JAN - 04 JAN 08 JAN - 28 FEB	6 per day
Woodchuck	01 SEP - 06 OCT 30 OCT - 24 NOV 11 DEC - 15 DEC 01 JAN - 04 JAN 08 JAN - 15 MAR	No Limit

4. FURBEARER HUNTING/TRAPPING. Checking traps is prohibited during legal hunting hours in these firearm deer seasons.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Bag Limits</u>
Beaver (trapping only)	15 DEC - 15 MAR	No Limit
Long-tail Weasel	01 NOV - 01 FEB	No Limit (trapping)
Coyote	01 NOV - 01 FEB	No Limit (trapping; areas 14-29 only)
Coyote (day or night)	30 OCT - 24 NOV 11 DEC - 15 DEC 01 JAN - 04 JAN 08 JAN - 15 MAR	No Limit (hunting; areas 14-29 only)
Fox (Red & Gray)	01 NOV - 01 FEB	No Limit (trapping)
	30 OCT - 24 NOV 11 DEC - 15 DEC 01 JAN - 04 JAN 08 JAN - 01 FEB	No Limit (hunting)
Mink and Muskrat	01 JAN - 15 MAR	No Limit (trapping only)
Nutria	01 AUG - 31 JUL	No Limit (trapping)
Otter (trapping only)	15 DEC - 15 MAR	1 per season
Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum	01 NOV - 15 MAR	No Limit (trapping)
Raccoon, Opossum	30 OCT - 24 NOV 11 DEC - 15 DEC 01 JAN - 04 JAN 08 JAN - 15 MAR	No Limit (hunting)