

**South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
2021-2022 Public Drawing Waterfowl Hunt**

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021 AT 5:00 PM

HUNT SITE INFORMATION

1. For all hunt sites, **BRING ONLY WHAT YOU CAN CARRY.**
2. Transportation and decoys are furnished on Bear Island East, Bear Island West, Bear Island Springfield - The Cut, Sandy Beach, and Broad River WMAs. Transportation only is furnished at Santee Coastal-The Cape, Santee Coastal-Cedar Island, and Santee Coastal-Murphy Island. Hunters will be limited to one bag of decoys per hunt party. ***Marsh stools are highly recommended.***
3. All sites require moderate physical exertion. Cedar Island, Murphy Island, Cape, Bear Island East, Bear Island West, and Bear Island Springfield - The Cut hunts **are very strenuous hunts which includes long walks in pluff mud, long distance paddling in jon boats, and usually hunting in natural vegetation from marsh stools and not from blinds.**
4. Hunting from banks or dikes is NOT allowed.
5. Chest waders and strong flashlights/headlamps are necessary on all sites.
6. Report Times: Santee Coastal-Cedar Island and Santee Coastal-Murphy Island report to the main office no later than 4:30am E.S.T. All Bear Island hunt locations shall report in no later than 4:30am E.S.T. Beaverdam WMA report to the check station by 5:30 a.m. E.S.T. *All other sites* report to the check station by 5:00 a.m.
7. Shooting hours on all sites are one-half hour before official sunrise to 11:00 a.m.
8. The use of retrievers is strongly recommended. All dogs must be kept on a leash when not hunting. While hunting, retrievers must remain in close proximity to the hunter except during actual retrieving. Hunters are limited to one dog per party.
9. Nontoxic shot (steel, bismuth or other Federally approved shot) is required on all areas. Each hunter will be limited to 25 shells; 10 gauge or larger guns are not allowed.
10. Blinds for mobility impaired hunters may be available. Mobility impaired hunters on all areas where accessible blinds are available are required to call prior to the hunt date and notify area personnel of access needs. Mobility impaired blinds are not available at Bear Island–West, Bear Island–Springfield, Santee Coastal–Cedar Island, and Santee Coastal-Murphy Island,
11. Geese can be taken at all sites on those dates that fall within the established goose season for that area of the state where your selected hunt site is located.
12. 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>HUNT SITE #</u>	<u>HUNT SITE NAME</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>HUNT DATES</u>
Site #1	Bear Island - East Unit	Colleton	11/20, 12/16, 12/22, 12/29, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27
Site #2	Bear Island - Springfield	Colleton	11/27, 12/18, 12/23, 12/31, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29
Site #3	Bear Island - West Unit	Colleton	11/23, 12/17, 12/30, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28
Site #4	Beaverdam	Anderson	12/18, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29
Site #5	Broad River Waterfowl Area	Fairfield	12/18, 12/23, 12/31, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29
Site #6	Sandy Beach	Berkeley	12/15, 12/22, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26
Site #7	Santee Coastal - Cedar Island	Georgetown	11/23, 12/15, 12/22, 12/30, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28
Site #8	Santee Coastal - Murphy Island	Charleston	11/22, 12/16, 12/23, 12/31, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29
Site #9	Santee Coastal - The Cape	Charleston	11/20, 11/27, 12/14, 12/21, 12/29, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27
Site #10	Wateree Heritage Preserve	Richland	11/20, 11/27, 12/15, 12/18, 12/29, 1/1, 1/12, 1/15, 1/26, 1/29

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WHEN FILLING OUT YOUR WATERFOWL HUNT APPLICATION PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

• Applications must be post-marked by the application deadline date. No applications will be accepted without the correct post-mark. Hand delivered applications must be delivered by the deadline date. No hand delivered applications will be accepted after the deadline date. Any application received with the correct post-mark more than one week post-deadline will not be considered for the drawing. The DNR is not responsible for lost or misrouted mail.

* **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 www.dnr.sc.gov to your address book. If you are unsuccessful in the selection process, your notification will indicate the number of preference points.

• If you have questions about your preference points from previous years you may contact us at 803-734-3887.

• Duplicate applicants will void all applications on which they appear and will result in loss of accrued preference points.

• 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.** Do not submit applications that do not have all requested information. The Columbia SCDNR office cannot be responsible for obtaining omitted information. If incomplete applications are submitted, they will be returned.

• 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.*

* 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.

• Always include the correct fee for the number of applicants listed. If a check amount is incorrect the application will be returned. The non-refundable fee is \$20.00 per hunter.

• 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 points are assigned yearly to each unsuccessful hunter.

• All cancellations must be made through the Columbia office. Please contact Emily Kearsse at 803-734-3887.

• 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. See hunt site contact information below:

Bear Island Daniel Barrineau	843-844-8957	Beaverdam Tammy Wactor	864-986-6249
Broad River Barry Kesler	844-238-8369	Santee Coastal Joachim Treptow	843-546-8665
Sandy Beach Will Carlisle	843-825-3387	Wateree Heritage Preserve Travis Bennett	803-609-4522