

**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> |
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| 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 |

HUNT SITE INFORMATION (continued)

- **WMA PERMIT:** All successful applicants must possess a WMA permit. If selected, the notification on the licensing portal 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, Senior License, or are under the age of 16. *Non-residents are not eligible for temporary WMA permit.*
- **All cancellations** must be made through the Columbia office. DNR may cancel hunts at their discretion Please contact Emily Kearse at 803-734-3887.
- **There are no transfers!** All slots are filled by the computer drawn program. Any alternates have been pre-selected by the computer lottery system to fill slots which may become available.
- **Only those selected can attend the hunt.** Extra youth or adults are not permitted.
- **Any questions regarding site-specific information** should be addressed by the staff at your hunt site. See hunt site contact information below:

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Tammy Wactor **864-986-6249**

Broad River Waterfowl Area
Barry Kesler **864-238-8369**

Santee Coastal
Joachim Treptow **843-546-8665**

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