



2016

Hunter Protocol for Conway Robinson State Forest Hunt

Hunting Dates and Lottery

- Hunting will take place on two days only:
 - Monday, November 21th
 - Monday, December 12th
- Hunters will be selected using a lottery system (application deadline is 11:59pm, Sunday October 2).
- Selected hunters will be notified by mail and email on or before Thursday October 6.
- 22 hunters will be selected to hunt both days. Selected hunter spots are non-transferable. 20 alternate hunters will be given the opportunity to hunt as space becomes available on each day.

Participant Requirements

All hunters selected by the lottery must fulfill the following requirements in order to participate:

- Hunters must be 18 years old on the hunt days to participate.
- All participants must possess all valid licenses and permits as regulated by Virginia State Law, including a valid State Forest Use Permit.
- Qualification cards from other area hunts with identical or stricter standards are accepted. Qualification cards from 2014 or 2015 remain valid this year.
- All hunters must qualify their guns and certify themselves by Sunday, November 6th. **All participants must qualify in order to hunt.**
- Qualify on an approved range (listed below) and limit gun use to **shotguns** only. 20 gauge or larger and #1 or larger buckshot (20 gauge may use #2 buckshot, or #3 buckshot).
 - **Certification consists of:** firing from an off-hand position, one shot at a 14" square target at 25 yards, with a passing score of at least 3 pellets for 000, 4 for 00 or 0, 5 for #1, 6 for #2 and 7 for #3. Each hunter will be allowed 2 attempts per weapon.
 - Weapons and ammo may be added to the certification card any time before Sunday, November 6th.
 - Only weapons and ammunition qualified with and listed on the certification card may be used or possessed during the hunt.
 - Hunters who fail to certify on an approved range will be disqualified from participating.
- Participants are *required* to attend a pre-hunt orientation and safety meeting on Wednesday November 9. Location TBD in the Nokesville/Gainesville area. Attendance is mandatory. Failure to attend forfeits eligibility to participate. Bring

photo ID, qualification card, hunting license, and state forest use permit to the meeting.

Prior To Hunt

- No dogs permitted.
- All hunting must be conducted using a portable tree stand provided by the hunter.
 - Stands must be self climbing, or free standing ladder type. Tree stands must be a minimum of 10 feet high in trees. No intrusions are to be made into selected climbing trees (e.g. No screw-in tree steps, or permanent stands are to be constructed).
 - Stands are to be removed at the end of each day.
 - Safety harness must be used at all times.
 - Firearms must be unloaded while entering, exiting or climbing with stand.
 - Stands must be located within 50 yards of stake (see map).
 - Cutting or removal of vegetation in the State Forest is prohibited.
- Scouting of the area is allowed during normal operating hours. No weapons are to be carried during scouting.
- Firearms are only permitted on the Forest on the designated days of the hunt.

Day of the Hunt

- Participants are *required* to wear blaze orange on the day of the hunt as required in State Law.
- Participants are *required* to possess all required licenses and permits on their person when they arrive at check-in.
- The use of deer urine based attractants is now prohibited by State Law.
- All participants are *required* to check in and out at the designated area on the days of the hunt. Selected hunters that are not present by 15 minutes after check in time will be considered as an “alternate” and will be allowed entrance as space becomes available.
 - November 21th - Check-in time: 5:00 am.
 - December 12th - Check-in time: 5:00 am.
 - Check-out time: 4:00 pm each afternoon.

Legal Species

- White-tailed deer is the only legal species to be hunted. The hunt is enrolled in the DMAP program, so tags will be provided for all antlerless deer harvested.
- There are no antler restrictions beyond the EAB rules already in place through DGIF game regulations. Hunters will have to use their own either sex tags for any antlered deer harvested.
- If a hunter needs to track wounded deer or dispatch wounded deer from the ground, the hunter must contact a hunt manager for permission or be accompanied by a manager.

Field Dressing

- Deer are to be field dressed by the hunter prior to being taken to the check station. Further processing is not permitted before delivering the deer to the check station. Entrails are to be buried or covered by forest litter. Field dressing is not permitted within 35 yards of any trail or road.

Restricted Areas

- Hunting is not permitted within 100 yards of any property boundary.
- Discharge of weapons is not permitted along roads, gas line right-of-way, across roads or gas line right-of-way, or within 100 yards of parking area and pavilion.
- Weapons must be unloaded and cased or broken down except when in designated hunting area.

Qualifying Ranges

Range	Details
Bull Run Reg. Park Shooting Center 7700 Bull Run Dr Centreville, VA 20121 Phone: 703-830-2344	Cost: \$6.00 When: Wednesday – Friday 11:45am – noon, Saturday & Sunday 8:45am- 9:00am by appointment. Please call ahead. Range Masters: Laurelyn Rawson, Brent Hodnett
Clark Brothers 10016 James Madison Highway Warrenton, VA 20186 Phone: 540-439-8988	Cost: Free (must buy ammo on site in order to use) When: Every day 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Range Masters: Ken, Don, and Joe

Timeline:

October 2 (Sunday)- Lottery Application Deadline

October 6 (Thursday)- Notification of selected hunters and alternates

November 6 (Sunday)- Range qualification deadline

November 9 (Wednesday)- Pre-hunt Orientation and Safety meeting (Required) Location in Nokesville/Gainesville Area TBD

November 21 (Monday)- First hunt day

December 12 (Monday)- Second hunt day