

Virginia State Parks and Natural Areas Hunting Opportunities 2011-12 Season

Location	Hunting Dates	Reservation Hunts	Lottery Hunts	Lottery Deadline	Reservation Period Begins	Number of Hunters/Day	Weapons Allowed	Application Fee	Hunting Fee	Reservation Fee	Hunter Education Required
Belle Isle Lancaster County 804-462-5030	11/14-15	✓			9/23	12	M			\$15	✓
	1/3-4	✓			9/23	12	G			\$15	✓
Caledon Natural Area King George County 540-663-3861	11/9-10 11/16-17	✓			9/9	20	M			\$15	✓
Chippokes Plantation Surry County 757-294-3728	12/17	✓			10/13	30	M, S			\$15	✓
Claytor Lake Pulaski County 540-643-2500	1/6-7	✓			10/14	20	M, Ss			\$15	✓
Douthat Bath County 540-862-8100	11/14-17	✓			9/2	45	M			\$15	✓
Grayson Highlands Grayson County 276-579-7092	11/7-8		✓	9/30		30	M	\$5	\$10		✓
	11/19		✓	9/30		30	YG	\$5	\$10		✓
	11/28-29		✓	9/30		30	G	\$5	\$10		✓
James River Buckingham County 434-933-4355	11/7-10 12/5-8	✓			9/16	15	A, M			\$15	✓
	12/12-15	✓			9/16	15	S			\$15	✓
Kiptopeke Northampton County 757-331-2267	11/5, 11/18		✓	9/28		4	A, M	\$5	\$10		✓
	11/19, 12/2-3		✓	9/28		4	S	\$5	\$10		✓
Lake Anna Spotsylvania County 540-854-5503	11/16	✓			9/29	20	M			\$15	✓
	11/29-30	✓			9/29	20	M, S			\$15	✓
Leesylvania Prince William County 703-730-8205	1/18		✓	11/4		15	S*	\$5	\$10		✓
Natural Tunnel Scott County 276-940-2674	12/17		✓	10/28		12	YM	\$5	\$10		✓
	12/19-20		✓	10/28		12	M	\$5	\$10		✓
Pocahontas Chesterfield County 804-796-4255	11/7- 12	✓			9/15	10	A, M			\$15	✓
	12/5-7 12/15-17	✓			9/15	25	M, S			\$15	✓
Shenandoah River Warren County 540-622-6840	11/14	✓			9/30	7	YM			\$15	✓
Smith Mountain Lake Bedford County 540-297-6066	11/7-8 11/14-15	✓			9/8	30	A, M			\$15	✓
Staunton River Halifax County 434-572-4623	11/9-10	✓			9/1	17	A, M			\$15	✓
York River James City County 757-566-3036	11/7-8	✓			9/22	6,37	A, M			\$15	✓
	12/12-13	✓			9/22	37	S			\$15	✓

Key: A=Archery M=Muzzleloading firearms S=Shotgun bs=buckshot only s=slugs only G=General Firearms YG=Youth General Firearms
YM=Youth Muzzleloading firearms *=special qualification required

Call the **State Parks Reservation Center at 1-800-933-PARK** to participate. All hunts have special regulations.
Contact the individual park or the reservation center to obtain the hunt specific rules.

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Virginia State Parks offer a wide variety of hunting opportunities as well as countless other outdoor activities for the entire family. Hunting opportunities range from open hunting in designated areas to managed deer hunts where individuals participate through a reservation or lottery system. Specific sites that offer hunting may change from year to year. Managed deer hunts are a tool in Virginia State Parks' overall deer management program. Participating hunters are asked to support our management efforts by following harvest guidelines associated with each hunt. **Detailed hunting opportunities are listed on the reverse page.**

Lottery Hunts: Hunting opportunities by lottery in 2011 are offered at Grayson Highlands State Park, Kiptopeke State Park, Leesylvania State Park and Natural Tunnel State Park. A separate lottery application is required for each hunt. A \$5 non-refundable application fee is required with each completed application and a \$10 hunting fee will be collected at the site. Proof of hunter education certification and required licenses must be presented at check-in.

Reservation Hunts: Belle Isle State Park, Caledon Natural Area, Chippokes Plantation State Park, Claytor Lake State Park, Douthat State Park, James River State Park, Lake Anna State Park, Pocahontas State Park, Shenandoah River State Park, Smith Mountain Lake State Park, Staunton River State Park and York River State Park offer hunting opportunities by reservation. Hunters may reserve a preferred day and at some sites, a preferred stand or zone. There is a non-refundable reservation fee of \$15 per day; there may be limits to the number of reservations allowed per call. Proof of hunter education certification and required licenses must be presented at check-in.

Special Youth Hunts: Three special Youth Hunts are planned: Saturday, November 19 at Grayson Highlands State Park (general firearms); Monday, November 14 at Shenandoah River State Park (muzzleloader); and Saturday, December 17 at Natural Tunnel State Park (muzzleloader). To participate, youth ages 12 – 17 should follow the same process as for our other hunts. Note that youth ages 16-17 may hunt alone, youth ages 12 – 15 must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult (with valid hunter safety certification).

Southern Heritage Deer Hunt: Chippokes Plantation State Park hosts a traditional hunting experience on Saturday, December 3. This is an old-fashioned hunt featuring three traditional meals, a blessing of the hounds, rides to and from the hunt stands and a butchering service. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance. Fee: \$325/adult or youth 16 and older; \$200/child, ages 12-17, if stand is shared with a paying adult; \$50 per non-hunting companion.

Cooperative Hunts

Wheelin' Sportsmen Hunt: There are three special opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in hunts. Special Muzzleloader hunts will be held at Shenandoah River State Park on Monday, Nov. 7, and at Lake Anna State Park on Tuesday, Nov. 15. Contact Gene Hayden at 540-241-3502 or Mike Deane 434-996-8508 or "www.vanwtf.com" for more information. A special General Firearms hunt will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Staunton River State Park; contact Randy Williams at 434-470-4750 for more information.

False Cape State Park Deer and Feral Hog Lottery Hunt: This hunt is run in conjunction with the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Legal harvest is deer and feral hogs using shotguns. Hunt dates are October 1, 21, 28 and 29 with a lottery application deadline of August 19. A separate lottery hunt for Hogs only will be held on February 3-4, 2012 with applications due by September 30, 2011. There is an application and hunt fee. Application information is available online "<http://www.vaquotahunts.com>" or by phone at 1-877-VAHUNTS Monday-Friday 9:30 – 4:30 EST. Additional information is available at <http://www.fws.gov/backbay/hunting.htm>.

Mason Neck State Park: This hunt is run in conjunction with the Potomac River National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Lottery information and applications are available by calling the Refuge office at 703-490-4979 or online at <http://www.fws.gov/occoquanbay/pdf/Hunting%20Opportunities.pdf>. Hunt dates are Dec. 1, 2 and 16. Selected hunters must attend an orientation and show proof of weapons qualification in order to participate. There is an application and hunt fee. Lottery deadline is Sept. 24.

Claytor Lake State Park Youth Deer Hunting Workshop: This workshop and hunt for youth (ages 12-17) is held in conjunction with the VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries on Dec. 9-10, 2011. Workshop includes a Friday evening seminar on deer biology/management, hunting safety/ethics and muzzleloader safety, and a Saturday either-sex guided hunt. Participants must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, and meet all hunter education and licensing requirements. For more information and to register contact Jimmy Mootz 804-367-0656, jimmy.mootz@dgif.virginia.gov.

Hunters Helping Kids Hunt: A special hunt will be held at Staunton River State Park on December 10 by Hunters Helping Kids. Contact David Rather at 434-476-9073 for more information.