

Virginia State Parks and Natural Areas Hunting Opportunities 2020-21 Season

Location	Hunting Dates	Reservation Period Begins	Number of Hunters/Day	Weapons Allowed	Reservation Fee	Hunter Education Required
Belle Isle Lancaster County 804-462-5030	11/10-11	9/18	12	M	\$15	✓
	12/8-9	9/18	12	M, S	\$15	✓
Caledon King George County 540-663-3861	11/12	9/2	10	M	\$15	✓
Claytor Lake Pulaski County 540-643-2500	1/8-9	10/1	20	M, Ss	\$15	✓
Grayson Highlands Grayson County 276-579-7092	11/2-3	9/4	30	M	\$15	✓
	11/16-17	9/4	30	G	\$15	✓
James River Buckingham County 434-933-4355	11/9-10	9/11	15	M	\$15	✓
	12/7-8	9/11	15	M, S	\$15	✓
Kiptopeke Northampton County 757-331-2267	12/1-3	9/9	12+	A, M, S	\$15	✓
Lake Anna Spotsylvania County 540-854-5503	11/11	9/24	27	M	\$15	✓
	12/1-2, 12/8-9	9/24	27	M, Ss	\$15	✓
Leesylvania Prince William County 703-730-8205	12/2, 12/9	10/2	15	Ss*	\$15	✓
Loudoun County Property 540-288-1400	Cancelled					
Natural Tunnel Scott County 276-940-2674	11/9-10	9/25	15	M	\$15	✓
	1/12-13	9/25	15	M, Ss	\$15	✓
Pocahontas Chesterfield County 804-796-4255	11/2-4, 11/9-11	9/23	10 ⁺	A, M	\$15	✓
	11/30, 12/1-2	9/23	25 ⁺	A, M, S	\$15	✓
Shenandoah River Warren County 540-622-6840	11/10	9/16	7	YG	\$15	✓
Smith Mountain Lake Bedford County 540-297-6066	11/2-3 11/9-10	9/10	30	A, M	\$15	✓
Widewater Stafford County 540-288-1400	12/3, 12/10	9/30	10	Ss*	\$15	✓
York River James City County 757-566-3036	11/9-10	9/17	5, 35	A, M	\$15	✓
	12/7-8	9/17	5, 35	A, M, S	\$15	✓

Key:

A=Archery M=Muzzleloading firearms S=Shotgun s=Slugs Only G=General Firearms YM=Youth Muzzleloading Firearms YG=Youth General Firearms *=special qualification required ^=some slots allow for hunting buddy

Call the **State Parks Customer Service Center at 1-800-933-PARK** to participate.

All hunts have special regulations.

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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.**

All of our managed hunts will be filled by reservation, except cooperative hunts listed below.

Reservation Hunts: 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. To make a reservation call the State Parks Customer Service Center at 1-800-933-PARK (7275) to participate.

Special Youth Hunts: A special Youth Hunt is planned for Tuesday, November 10 at Shenandoah River State Park (general firearms). 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).

Pocahontas Archery Hunt by Permit: Pocahontas State Park offers an opportunity for archery hunters to obtain a permit for archery hunting in special designated areas. Approximately 3,000 acres is open Monday through Thursday only to archery hunters who obtain a permit through the main park office. Permits are valid from October 5 through December 31 and are limited to a total of 100 permits. All normal VDGIF regulations and bag limits apply to this hunt. Proof of hunter safety education course completion is required to obtain a permit.

Special Southern Heritage Hunt: Chippokes Plantation State Park hosts a traditional hunting experience on Saturday, December 5. 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: \$350/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 Hunts: 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. 9, and at Lake Anna State Park on Tuesday, Nov. 10. A special General Firearms hunt will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21 at Staunton River State Park. Applications will be available Aug. 1, and the deadline is Sep. 30. Apply or download the application at www.vanwtf.org. Contact Robin Clark, 434-249-6154, huntvaws@gmail.com for more info.

Mason Neck State Park: This hunt is run in conjunction with the Potomac River National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Hunt dates are Nov. 17, Dec. 1, and a bonus hunt day and youth hunt day on Dec. 8. All selected hunters must attend an orientation and show proof of weapons qualification in order to participate. There is an application and hunt fee. Applications will be accepted from Aug. 1 to Sep. 15. Lottery information and applications are available by calling the Refuge office at 703-490-4979 or online at "www.fws.gov/refuge/Mason_Neck/visit/deerhunt.html".

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 and Inland Fisheries on Dec. 11-12. Workshop includes a Friday evening seminar on deer biology/management, hunting safety/ethics and muzzleloader safety, and a Saturday guided muzzleloader 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 Tracy Howard at (540) 731-3639, tracy.howard@radford.va.gov.

Widewater State Park Novice Hunter Workshop: This workshop is held in cooperation with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries on Saturday, Oct. 3 while the hunt will take place on Dec. 3 and Dec. 10. This workshop for novice hunters (ages 18 and over) will consist of two classroom sessions that cover a variety of topics beyond the required hunter education course, such as hunter safety, hunting laws, deer biology and habitat, and hunting techniques. The classroom sessions will be followed by two days of shotgun hunting with an assigned mentor. Any interested novice must mail a completed application with the non-refundable processing fee of \$5 by Aug. 21 to Widewater State Park at 101 Widewater State Park Road, Stafford, VA 22554. Notifications will be sent out by Aug. 28 and upon being selected the final payment of \$45 for the workshop and State Park hunting permit must be paid by Sep. 18. The final payment for the workshop can be made with the Customer Service Center at 800-933-PARK.