Hunting in NC Coastal Reserves

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Reserve Locations

Currituck Banks Reserve
Kitty Hawk Woods Reserve
Buckridge Reserve
Buxton Woods Reserve
Rachel Carson Reserve
Permuda Island Reserve
Masonboro Island Reserve
Zeke’s Island Reserve
Bird Island Reserve

N.C. Coastal Reserve and National Estuarine Research Reserve

- National Reserves
- State Reserves
The N.C. Coastal Reserve & National Estuarine Research Reserve is a program of the N.C. Division of Coastal Management, a division of the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality. The N.C. National Estuarine Research Reserve is managed through a federal-state partnership between NOAA and the N.C. Division of Coastal Management. The Reserve is a network of 10 protected sites established for long-term research, education and stewardship. This program protects more than 44,000 acres of estuarine land and water, which provides essential habitat for wildlife; offers educational opportunities for students, teachers and the public; and serves as living laboratories for scientists.
Online Hunting Permit System

deq.nc.gov/coastalreserve
• All hunters must have a valid North Carolina Hunting License and a valid Reserve Hunting permit for the current hunting season. Valid permit must be carried on person while hunting.

• Hunt according to NC Wildlife Commission, local government, and Reserve rules and regulations.

• Hunters are responsible for knowing these regulations and Reserve boundaries.

• Refer to the maps on hunting permits for weapon restrictions.

• Be AWARE trails are used by hikers and horseback riders.

• Where rifles are allowed (EAST OF THE WOODS RD) they MUST be discharged from a stand or a position 8 or more feet above the ground.

**HUNTERS WALKING WITH RIFLES MUST NOT HAVE ROUNDS CHAMBERED.**

No exceptions.
Rules and Regulations for both Reserve Sites

• You may NOT construct or use permanent blinds, tree stands, platforms or ladders. Tree stands must be removed from the Reserve after each day’s hunt. The Reserve will not be responsible for their loss or theft. Placement of a tree stand does not claim a hunting location.

• NO personal property may remain on the Reserve overnight. No BAITING is allowed on the Reserve Sites.

• A fine up to $500 may apply for discharge of a firearm within 300 yards of any building.

• NO ATVs, dirt bikes or motorized vehicles are allowed in the Reserve. This includes Covered Bridge Road.

• Access the Reserve at designated access points unless you have obtained permission from other property owners.
• Rifles not allowed.

• Target shooting is not allowed.

• No hunting near hiking trails (see map)

• No hunting north of firebreak or along USFWS portion of firebreak. Easiest to consider firebreak off limits due to limited portion of gamelands in fire break.

• NO LITTERING (Carry-out anything you Carry-In)
• No duck hunting on waters or shoreline that connects to Currituck Sound or falls within 500 yards of a hunting blind. (This means there is no viable duck hunting area except a couple ponds deep in the interior)

• All hunters are REQUIRED to report any harvest within the Reserve by online reporting (deq.nc.gov/coastalreserve). This is in addition to NC Wildlife Resources Commission reporting requirements.
Currituck Banks
Hunting Zones Map
Rules and Regulations for Kitty Hawk Woods

• Rifles are allowed only east of The Woods Road.

• Know and abide by hunting buffers.

• No permanent tree stands; orient temporary tree stands away from hiking trails.

• No duck hunting from the sound or bay waters unless you have a valid float blind license. Interior ponds can be hunted. Be aware of current Dare County Game Commission rules and regulations.
Town of Kitty Hawk
Firearms Ordinance
(Buffer maps on following pages)
Kitty Hawk Woods Hunting Zones Map

This map is a working reference. It is the hunter's responsibility to know and follow all hunting regulations including Kitty Hawk Ordinances. Sec. 18-6.