

Hunting in NC Coastal Reserves

Currituck Banks Reserve



Kitty Hawk Woods Reserve



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NC Coastal Reserves

A program of 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.

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

Bald Head Woods Reserve

Bird Island Reserve

N.C. Coastal Reserve and
National Estuarine Research Reserve

National Reserves

State Reserves

ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

There is no registration fee to hunt Kitty Hawk Woods or Currituck Banks Reserves, but all hunters must register online to receive a registration number. After you receive an emailed registration number, print the appropriate authorization form from our website.

Fill out the form including your registration number and keep the completed authorization on your person whenever you hunt these properties.



General Rules and Regulations



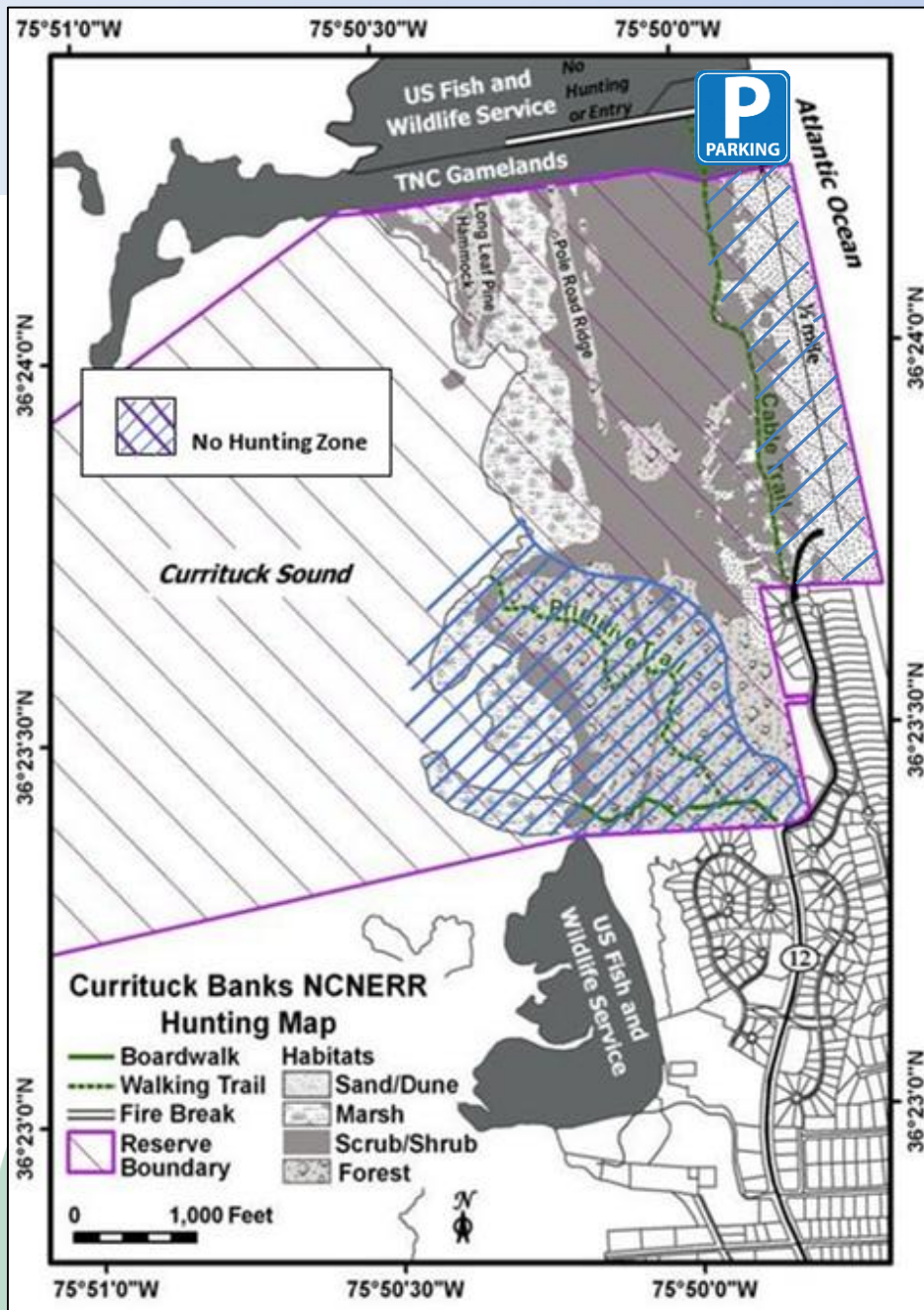
- Hunt according to federal, state, and local rules and regulations.
- All hunters must have a valid North Carolina hunting license and receive authorization from North Carolina Coastal Reserve for the current hunting season. Valid authorization must be carried while hunting.
- Hunters are responsible for knowing all current regulations and property lines.
- Do not damage trees. Do not permanently attach items to trees.
- No personal property may remain within the Reserve overnight- this includes stands. Tree stands and all personal belongings must be removed from the Reserve each day. The Reserve will not be responsible for their loss, theft, or damage. Placement of a stand does not claim a hunting location.
- Prohibited activities include: Target shooting, littering, baiting, and construction or use of permanent blinds, tree stands, platforms or ladders.
- Access the Reserve at designated access points unless you have obtained permission from private property owners. Property lines are not always marked.
- No ATVs, dirt bikes, or other motorized vehicles are allowed in the Reserve. This includes the roads and right-of-way where authorized vehicles may travel.

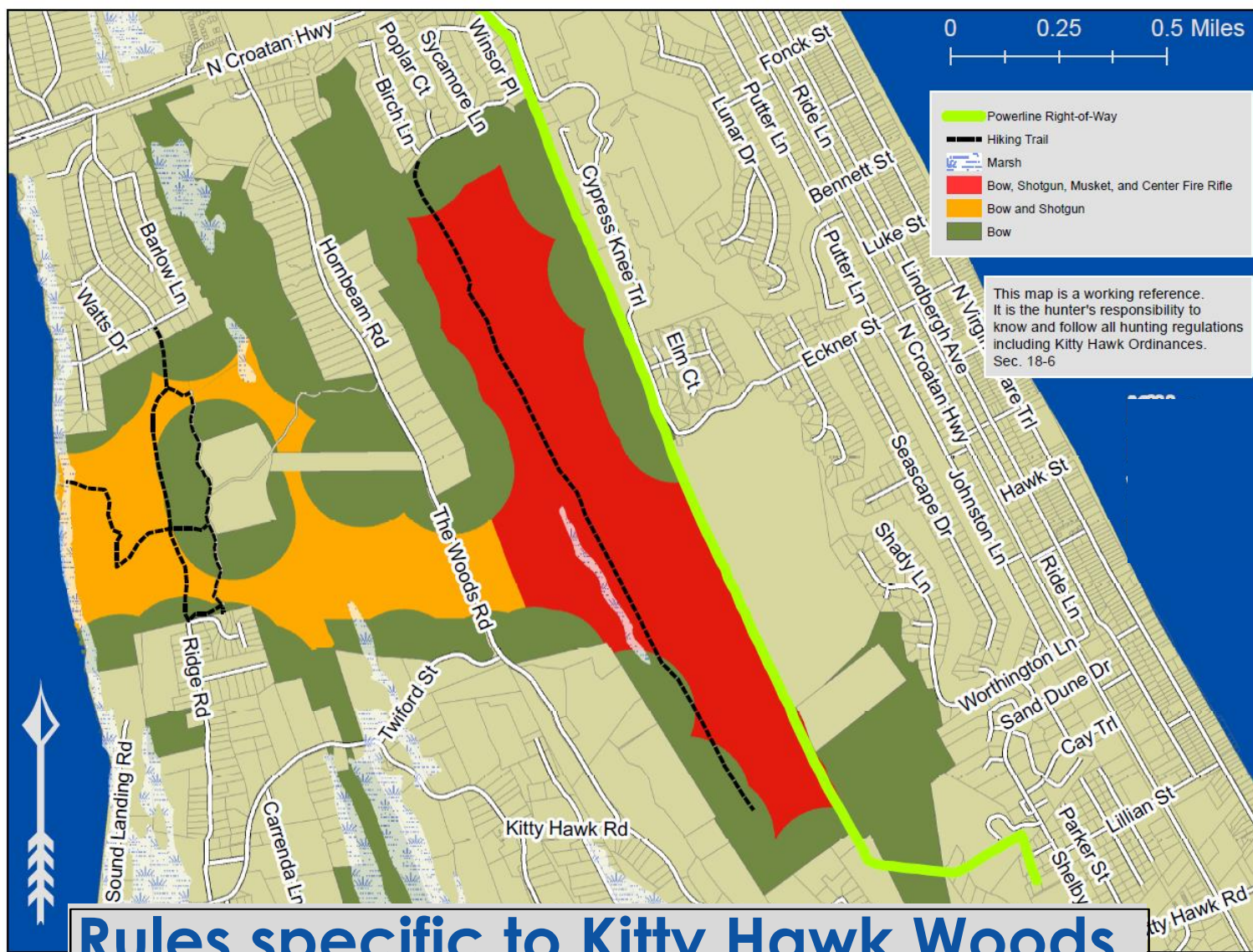




Rules specific to Currituck Banks Reserve

- Rifles are prohibited.
- Hunting is prohibited near the boardwalk and Maritime Forest Trail (see map).
- Hunting is prohibited east of the underground power line that is located landward of the ocean and dunes (see map).
- No hunting North of Firebreak or along USFWS portion of firebreak.
- Hunters may only access the Reserve from the four wheel drive beach. There is no access for hunting from the boardwalk parking lot. Hunters must park at the northern boundary of the Reserve on the four wheel drive beach. You must **print** and **display** a **parking pass** on the dash of your vehicle. All unauthorized beach parking is subject to a ticket and fine from the Currituck County Sheriff.
- No duck hunting on waters or shoreline that connect to Currituck Sound, or in areas located within 500 yards of a duck blind.
- Hog hunting is only allowed during the dates of this authorization.
- No hunting with dogs.





- You must print and display a parking pass on the dash of your vehicle.
- Rifles are allowed only on Reserve property owned by Town of Kitty Hawk east of The Woods Road (red on map).
- When using rifles in this area, hunting must occur from a stand or other position at least 8 feet above the ground.
- Slug ammunition has the same restrictions as a rifle.
- The minimum distance from buildings for lawful firearm discharge in Kitty Hawk is 300 yards.
- All hunters should allow for a safe buffer away from trails. Orient tree stands away from hiking trails.

Reporting Game



Reporting of all game taken on reserve property is required. This is in addition to NC Wildlife Resources Commission reporting:

- **Small Game** can be reported once at the end of the season
- **Large Game** such as Deer and Feral Pigs should be reported immediately. All reporting may be done via the Reserve website.



N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

<https://www.ncwildlife.org/>

Wildlife Helpline: 866.318.2401

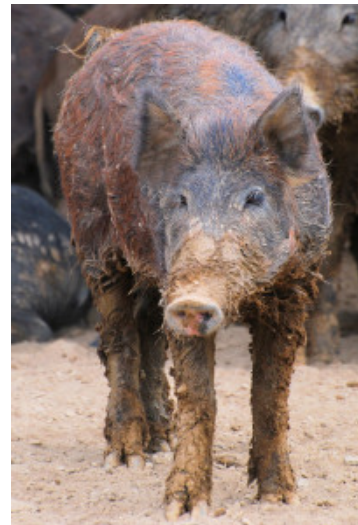
Big Game Harvest Reporting: 800.446.8663

Report Wildlife Violations: 800.662.7137

Nutria & Feral Swine



Nutria and feral swine are invasive to North Carolina and cause damage to Kitty Hawk Woods and Currituck Banks Reserves. There is no closed season or bag limit on nutria and feral swine. Hunters are encouraged to take nutria or feral swine if they are observed during a hunt. Hunters are restricted to the dates listed on the authorization.



Have a safe Hunt!



Questions?

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