

Virginia State Parks and Natural Areas Hunting Opportunities: 2011-2012 Season

State Park or Natural Area	Hunting Dates	Reservation Hunts	Lottery Hunts	Lottery Deadlines	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	G			\$15	✓
Grayson Highlands Grayson County 276-579-7092	11/12		✓	9/30		30	YG	\$5	\$10		✓
	11/14-15		✓	9/30		30	G	\$5	\$10		✓
	10/31, 11/1		✓	9/30		30	M	\$5	\$10		✓
James River Buckingham County 434-933-4355	11/7-10	✓			9/16						
	12/5-8					15	A, M			\$15	✓
	12/12-15	✓			9/16	15	S			\$15	✓
Kiptopeke Northampton County 757-331-2267	11/4-5		✓	9/28		4	A, M	\$5	\$10		✓
	11/18-19		✓	9/28		4	S	\$5	\$10		✓
	12/2-3										
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	12/10		✓	10/28		12	YM	\$5	\$10		✓
	12/12-13		✓	10/28		12	M	\$5	\$10		✓
Pocahontas Chesterfield County 804-796-4255	11/7-12	✓			9/15	10	A, M			\$15	✓
	12/5-7	✓			9/15	25	M, S			\$15	✓
	12/15-17										

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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Shenandoah River Warren County 540-622-6840	11/14	✓			9/30	7	YG			\$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	✓

Lottery Hunts

Hunting opportunities by lottery in 2011 are offered at Grayson Highlands State Park, Kiptopeke State Park, Leesylvania State Park, and at 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 12 at Grayson Highlands State Park (general firearms); Monday, November 14 at Shenandoah River State Park (general firearms); and Saturday, December 10 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, November 7, and at Lake Anna State Park on Tuesday, November 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, November 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 at <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>.

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