

RAPIDAN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

LOCATION: Access to the area is mostly by way of route 649 west from Crigglesville and by route 615 west from the Graves Mill. Route 667 north from Kinderhook follows the Conway River into the central tract between 3250-foot Bluff Mountain and the Devils Ditch area. The South River tract can be reached off route 642 west from Kinderhook.

Except for the limited extent that these roads traverse the area, the majority of the land is completely inaccessible by vehicle. The few jeep trails and logging roads that penetrate the backwoods are closed both to protect them from the damage of heavy traffic and to give the wildlife some sanctuary from hunters in 4-wheeled pursuit.

DESCRIPTION: The Rapidan Wildlife Management Area lies largely in steep mountainous terrain on the East slope of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There are ten separate tracts, four of which are mortised into Shenandoah National Park with some smaller parcels in the foothills. The Rapidan and Conway Middle Rivers dash through steep sided valleys on their way down the Blue Ridge. The smaller South River and Garth Run also cross the property. The Rapidan lands comprise the largest Commission area East of the Blue Ridge. The area was purchased in 1963 from the Ward Rue Lumber Company after a cooperative management plan had been in effect for several years.

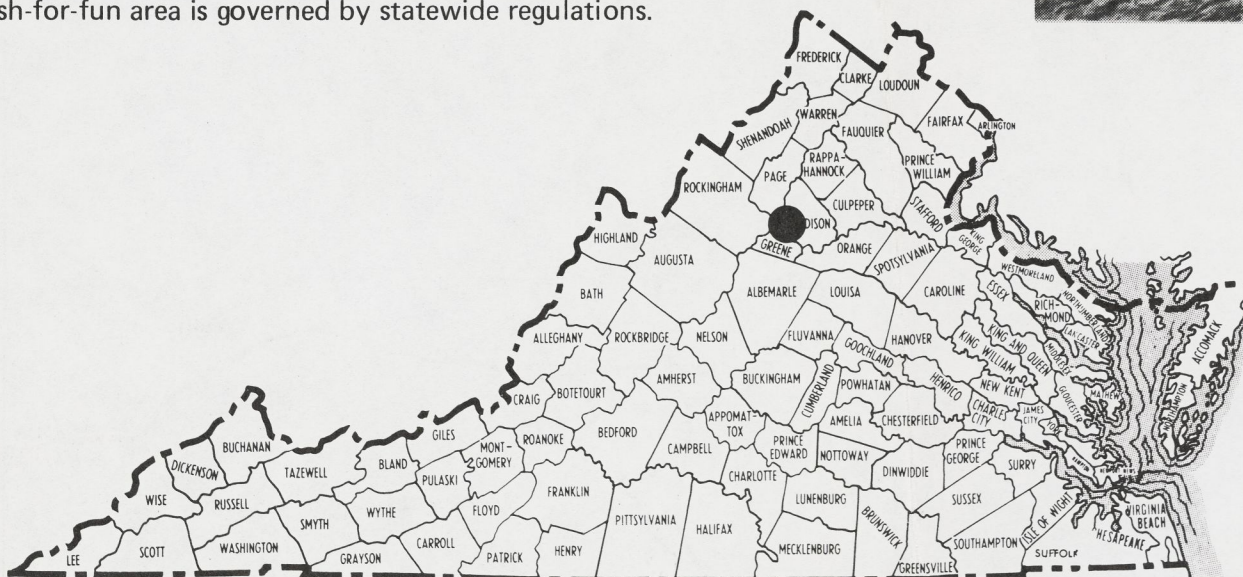
Due to the close proximity to the Washington metropolitan area, the Rapidan tracts receive rather heavy use. The rugged terrain makes access and management procedures difficult, so complete development of the area may take many years to achieve.

HUNTING: Bear hunting is one of the biggest attractions of the area. Since most of the mountains in this section are protected within the confines of Shenandoah National Park, the Rapidan area provides one of the few spots open to bear hunters. Since dogs are allowed here during deer season the area attracts a large number of hunters from the west during the two week period when western mountains are off limits to the hounds.

Deer are not plentiful and deer hunting in the steep and roadless country is rather difficult and unrewarding. With the logging now going on plus protection the deer herd is expected to build over the next several years. Squirrel and grouse are the most popular small game species. There still remains some mature timber harboring excellent squirrel populations and the cut over ridges plus abandoned farms in the river valleys are ideal for grouse. The Conway River tract has extensive abandoned apple orchards which are a grouse hunters delight.

FISHING: In spite of its impressive land expanses, the Rapidan Area is most widely known for its two fish-for-fun streams which include designated portions of the Rapidan and Staunton Rivers. Here 20 inch rainbow trout and brook trout in the 8 to 12 inch range are found under quite natural conditions giving the dedicated fly fisherman an opportunity to test his lures and fishing skill on a worthy trophy. No fish may be kept in the area and all lures must have single barbless hooks so the trout can be released with minimum injury. Part of these streams are on National Park property and part on Game Commission land. The special park license is good only on the park property and a regular state license is required on the management area.

A portion of Garth Run and South River are stocked trout streams but other streams in the area have only small native trout. Fishing outside the fish-for-fun area is governed by statewide regulations.

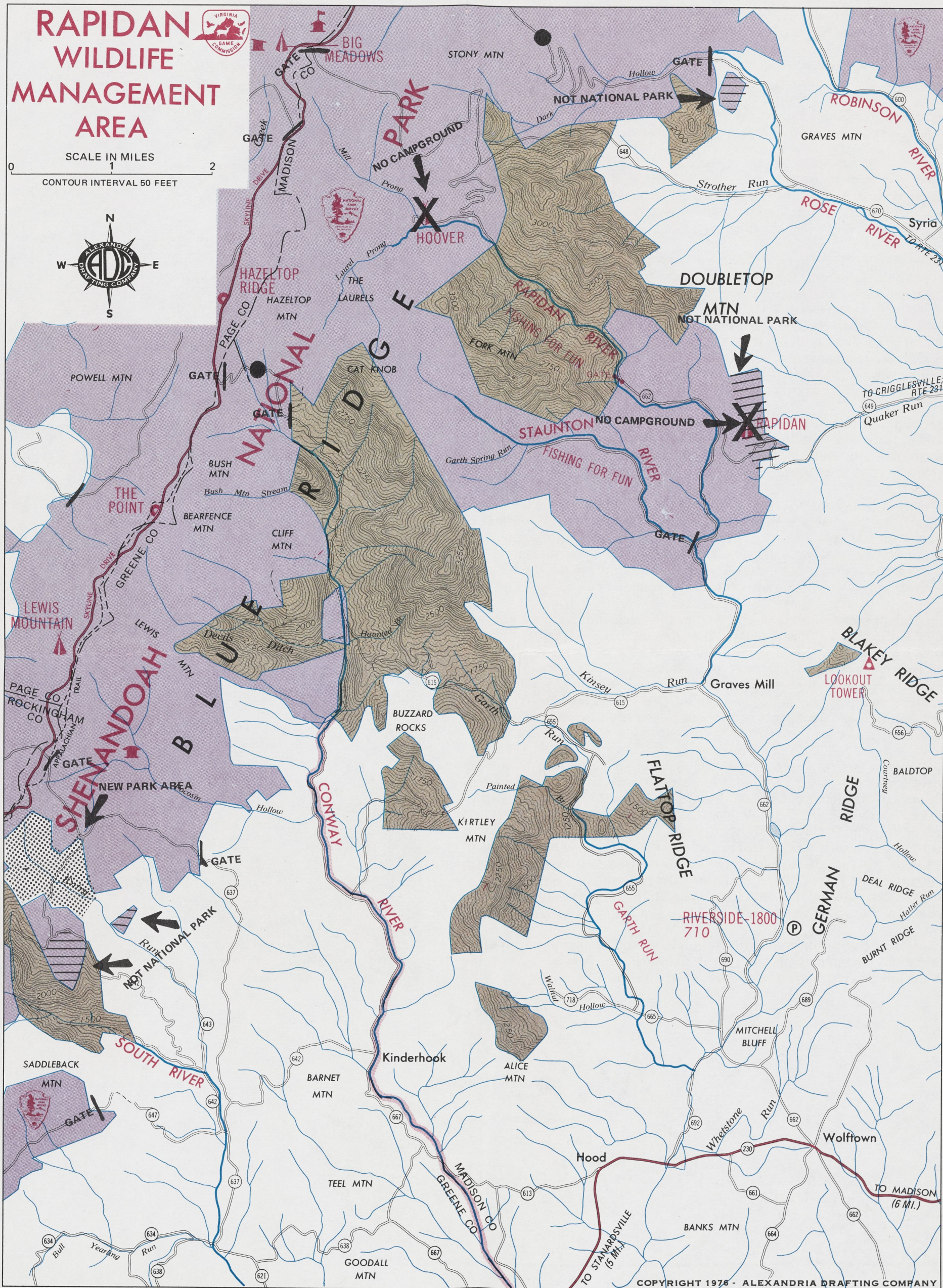
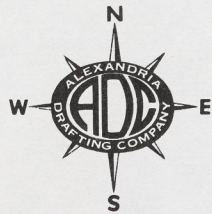


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SCALE IN MILES

CONTOUR INTERVAL 50 FEET



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
Edinburg, VA 22824

REPLY TO: 1600 Information Services

December 30, 1976

SUBJECT: Sportsman's Guide

TO: Mr. Datus C. Proper
1914 N. Johnson St.
Arlington, VA 22207



We're sending you a "Sportsman's Guide" map with recent "clear cuts" outlined. Some of these cuts are known to be good grouse habitats, others are not. We would suggest you to try different areas. Laurel Run, Little Stoney Creek, and Mudhole Gap areas might be the best.

We wish you luck and a safe hunt. We know you'll observe all the rules for the use of matches and smokes while in the forest.

CHARLES D. HUPPUCH
District Ranger

Enclosure

Veatch Map -

1) Front Royal,

Rte 55 (?) to Strasburg

5 miles after FR - left at waterhole.

10 miles - dirt road sharp to left.

(do not go into fountain -
1/2 mile too far)

Front Royal to North-- Horseshoe Yellow House.

2) Turn ^{East} ~~South~~ at Hatchery.

1st dirt road to right (fourth)

maybe another turn to right.

Indian Grave Ridge has some good core
improvements - in some area.

Clearcut on Flat mtn.

Route 42 W to Columbia Furnace

Right on 675-

Left on 717

Right on 701

Park Near End of good road

Hike to right for $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ mile

Hunt off to left.

Then back to jeep trail + into little pond near Bear Creek.

Drive to For. Service boundary along Laurel Creek
Park.

Hunt mountainside to left.

(good grape angles in old pasture)

USE OF BEAR—DEER—TURKEY LICENSE

Upon killing a bear, deer or turkey, all hunters (of whom a big game license is required) must detach the appropriate tab from his bear-deer-turkey license and attach it to the kill before moving it from the place of kill, then without unnecessary delay take the kill to an official checking station in that county or in an adjoining county where the license tab will be changed for an official game tag. It is unlawful to detach the big game license tab until a kill is made. Loose license tabs may be confiscated.

Upon killing a bear, deer or turkey, all hunters not requiring a big game license shall, without unnecessary delay, present the carcass of his kill to an official checking station in that county or in an adjoining county where the hunter will be given an official game tag.

HUNTING HOURS

Nonmigratory birds and game animals may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, except during spring gobbler season when hunting will be permitted from one-half hour before sunrise until 11 a.m., prevailing local time each day. Foxes, raccoons, and opossums may be hunted by day or night during authorized seasons.

DEER OR BEAR KILLED BY CAR

Any person who, while driving a motor vehicle, is involved in a collision with a deer or bear and thereby kills it must immediately contact a game warden, or other law enforcement officer.

This pamphlet is for general information. Specific laws are found in the Code of Virginia or the Game Commission Regulation Manual. For answers to specific questions about hunting contact your local game warden or write to:

COMMISSION OF GAME AND
INLAND FISHERIES
P.O. BOX 11104

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23230-1104

Game Comm. Form (6-1-83) 900M

All bucks must have antlers visible above the hair line.

Deer

One per day, two per license year, either sex on the last two hunting days only. *The third Monday in November and for eleven consecutive hunting days.* In the counties of Franklin (except on Philpott Reservoir), Henry (except on Fairystone Wildlife Management Area and Philpott Reservoir) and Patrick (except on Fairystone Park, Fairystone Wildlife Management Area and Philpott Reservoir).

One per day, two per license year, either sex on the last six hunting days only. *The third Monday in November through January 5.* In the counties of Accomack (except on Chicoteague National Wildlife Refuge and Parramore Island), Albemarle, Buckingham (except on Buckingham-Appomattox State Forest), Caroline (except on Ft. A.P. Hill), Charles City, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland (except on Cumberland State Forest), Dinwiddie (except Fort Pickett), Fluvanna, Gloucester, Goochland, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, James City, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Montgomery, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Powhatan, Prince Edward (except on Prince Edward State Forest), Prince William (except on Harry Diamond Laboratory and Quantico Marine Reservation), Spotsylvania, Stafford

(except on Quantico Marine Reservation), and York (except on Camp Peary, Cheatham Annex and Naval Weapons Station), in the cities of Hampton (except on Langley Air Force Base), Newport News (except on Fort Eustis).

One per day, two per license year, either sex last three hunting days only. *The third Monday in November and for eleven consecutive hunting days.* In the counties of Amherst (west of Rt. 29), Bedford, Campbell (west of Southern Railroad), Nelson (west of Route 151), and Pittsylvania (west of Southern Railroad).

One per day, two per license year, either sex the last day only. *The third Monday in November and for eleven consecutive hunting days.* In the counties of Alleghany, Augusta, Bath, Bland, Botetourt, Carroll, Clarke, Craig, Floyd, Frederick, Giles, Grayson, Highland, Montgomery, Page, Pulaski, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Smyth (except Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area), Warren and Wythe.

One per day, two per license year, either sex during the last 12 hunting days only. *A—October 1-November 30.* Suffolk-east of the Dismal Swamp line (except in Dismal Swamp NWR). *B—November 10-January 5.* In Isle of Wight and Suffolk west of the Dismal Swamp line. *C—The third Monday in November through January 5.* In Amelia, Brunswick, Chesterfield, Essex, Fauquier, Greenville, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Loudoun, Mecklenburg, Northumberland, Rappahannock, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland.

One per day, two per license year, either sex. *The third Monday in November through January 5.* In the county of Fairfax, and on Parramore Island.

One per day, one per license year, bucks only. *The third Monday in November and for eleven consecutive hunting days.* In Lee, Russell, Scott, Tazewell, Washington and Wise.

Season closed. It shall be unlawful to hunt deer at any time in the counties of Arlington, Buchanan, Dickenson and Fairfax* (in that section closed to all hunting).

One per day, two per license year, either sex the last hunting day only. *The third Monday in November through January 5.* In the counties of Greene, Madison, Mathews, Middlesex, Prince George. (No dogs during the first 12 days in Madison and Greene).

One per day, two per license year, either sex on the last three hunting days. *The third Monday in November through January 5.* In Amherst (east of Rt. 29), Appomattox, Campbell (east of the Southern Railroad), Pittsylvania (east of the Southern Railroad), Fort Pickett and Fort A.P. Hill (non-impact area).

One per day, two per license year, either sex during last six hunting days only. *October 1-November 30,* in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach (except Dismal Swamp NWR).

*HUNTING IN FAIRFAX COUNTY RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND BY POLICE PERMIT ONLY.

Turkeys are to be hunted with nonelectric callers.

Dogs and organized drives are prohibited in spring season.

Turkey

The first Monday in November through December 31. One per day, two per license year, either sex in the fall. In Albemarle, Alleghany, Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Caroline, Carroll, Charlotte, Clarke, Craig, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Essex, Fairfax, Fauquier, Floyd, Fluvanna, Franklin, Frederick, Grayson, Giles, Goochland, Greene, Halifax, Hanover, Henry, Highland, King & Queen, King William, Loudoun, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Montgomery, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Page, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince William, Pulaski, Rappahannock, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Smyth, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Tazewell, Warren, Washington, and Wythe Counties.

The first Monday in November and for eleven consecutive hunting days. One per day, two per license year, either sex in the fall. Charles City, Chesterfield, Greenville, Henrico, Lee, Mecklenburg, Middlesex, New Kent, Prince George, Russell, Scott, Sussex, Wise, and York Counties.

Closed to Fall Turkey Hunting. In Accomack, Arlington, Buchanan, Dickenson, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, King George, Lancaster, Mathews, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Westmoreland, and Counties, the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.

SPRING GOBBLER SEASON.

Statewide from April 14 through May 12, 1984 and from April 13 through May 11, 1985. One half hour before sunrise until 11 a.m. each day.

Bag Limit. One bearded bird per day, two per license year in all counties. Yearly bag limit to include fall and spring season combined.

Special Seasons

MILITARY AREAS

Fort Pickett. **Deer**—The third Monday in November through January 5. Two per year, either sex on the last three hunting days only. **Squirrel**—October 15-January 31. **Turkey**—First Monday in November through December 31.

Fort A.P. Hill. **Deer on non-impact area**—The third Monday in November through January 5. Two per year, either sex on the last three days only. **Deer on impact areas**—The third Monday in November through January 5. Two deer, either sex on the last 12 hunting days. **Squirrel**—October 15-January 31. **Turkey**—The first Monday in November through December 31.

Quantico Marine Reservation. **Deer**—The third Monday in November through January 5. One per day, two per license year, either sex on the last 12 days. **Squirrel**—October 1-14 and the first Monday in November through January 31. No dogs in hunting areas for training or hunting March 1-September 1. No organized deer drives or dogs for deer hunting. **Turkey**—The first Monday in November through December 31.

EXCEPTIONS FOR STATE AND NATIONAL FOREST LANDS

(All seasons on state lands same as county unless otherwise noted.)

DEER

Buckingham-Appomattox State Forest—The third Monday in November through January 5. One per day, two per license year, either sex on the last day.

Clinch Mountain WMA—The third Monday in November and for eleven consecutive hunting days, one per license year. Bucks only.

Cumberland State Forest—The third Monday in November through January 5. One per day, two per license year, either sex on the last day.

Elm Hill WMA—All game except waterfowl. December 5-January 5. Use Mecklenburg County season dates in fall 1984.

Fairystone Park & WMA—The third Monday in November and for eleven consecutive hunting days. Bucks only.

Philpott Reservoir—The third Monday in November and for eleven consecutive hunting days. Bucks only.

Prince Edward State Forest—The third Monday in November through January 5. One per day, two per license year, either sex on the last day.

NATIONAL FOREST—GAME COMMISSION FIREARMS REGULATIONS

Hunting with a dog or gun or possessing on person or in a vehicle a strung bow, or a gun which is not unloaded and cased or dismantled, in the national forests and on Commission-owned lands, state forests and on other lands managed by the Commission under cooperative agreement is prohibited except during periods when it is lawful to hunt bear, deer, grouse, pheasant, quail, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, turkey, waterfowl in all counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains and migratory game birds in all counties east of the Blue Ridge Mountains, or by permit issued by the Commission.

Special Seasons

PRIMITIVE WEAPONS

Hunters using muzzle loading guns (single shot flint lock or side lock percussion weapons) may hunt deer from the third Monday in December through January 5 in all counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains, in the counties of Amherst (west of U.S. Route 29), Bedford, Campbell (west of Southern Railroad), Franklin, Henry, Nelson (west of Route 151), Patrick and Pittsylvania (west of Southern Railroad). Weapons must be at least 45 caliber, fire a single projectile loaded from the muzzle end, and be propelled by a minimum of 50 grains of black powder. Telescopic sights are prohibited. Only deer with antlers visible above the hair may be taken with a muzzle-loading gun during the special muzzle-loading season. Animals to be counted as part of the

hunter's license year limit. Muzzle loading pistols may not be used.

It shall be unlawful to have in immediate possession any other firearm while hunting with a muzzle loading gun in a special muzzle loading season.

ARCHERY

Archers may take deer, bear, turkey and squirrels from the second Saturday in October through the Saturday prior to the second Monday in November in all counties open to fall hunting; and deer west of the Blue Ridge and in the counties of Amherst (west of U.S. Route 29), Bedford, Campbell (west of Southern Railroad), Franklin, Henry, Nelson (west of Route 151), Patrick and Pittsylvania (west of Southern Railroad) from the Monday following the close of the regular firearms season on deer west of the Blue Ridge Mountains through January 5. The bag limit for deer is one per day, one per license year (either sex) in open counties with a one-deer limit, and one per day, two per year (either sex) in open counties with a two deer limit. Game taken during the archery season is to be included in the total permitted for the license year. Regular bag limits apply on bear, turkey and squirrel. No bow and arrow on Quantico after sunset.

Bow and arrow is a legal weapon for all species including migratory game birds and may be used during regular season as well as the special archery season for deer, bear, turkey and squirrel. When hunting deer bear, and turkey archers must use broadhead arrows with blades at least 3/4 inch wide and bows capable of propelling any arrow in their possession 125 yards. Crossbows and poison arrows may not be used. Firearms may not be carried when hunting with bow and arrow during the special season. Bowhunters hunting during the regular seasons must abide by all rules and regulations affecting gun hunters.

Hunting Licenses and Permits

LICENSES

All persons, with the following exceptions, must purchase the proper licenses before hunting. Land owners, their husband or wife, children and minor grandchildren do not need a license to hunt, trap or fish within the boundaries of their own lands and inland waters. Tenants, on the land they rent and occupy, are not required to have a license, but must have the written permission of the landowner. Residents 65 years of age and over do not need a license to hunt or trap on private property in their county of residence. A lifetime license is available to residents over 65 (for details, see "Fees").

Every person of whom license is required must carry such license and shall show the same immediately upon demand of any officer whose duty it is to enforce the game and inland fish laws, or upon the demand of any owner or lessee, or of any employee or representative of such owner or lessee, upon whose land or waters such person may be hunting, trapping or fishing.

Those entitled to buy resident licenses are (1) persons who have physically resided in the city, county or state for six consecutive months immediately preceding the date of application for license; (2) persons who have been domiciliary residents of the state for at least two months upon approval of a completed affidavit to be furnished by the Game Commission. Legal voters, members of the armed forces on active duty stationed in Virginia, and students residing in Virginia who are enrolled in bona-fide Virginia schools also qualify. Unnaturalized owners of real property in Virginia who have resided in a county for 5 years immediately prior to making application for a license may apply for resident licenses only in the county where they qualify.

WHERE TO GET THEM

Licenses are sold by clerks of Circuit Courts and other authorized agents.

LICENSE YEAR

Licenses and permits are good from July 1, through June 30. This period constitutes a "license year" as referred to in seasons and bag limits.

FEES

County or city resident to hunt in county or city of residence \$ 3.00
State resident to hunt statewide 7.50
Nonresident to hunt statewide 30.00
State resident big game license to hunt bear, deer and turkey statewide required in addition to county or state hunting license (holders of lifetime licenses excepted) 7.50
Nonresident big game license to hunt bear, deer and turkey statewide, required in addition to hunting license 30.00
Special stamp to hunt deer, bear in Alleghany, Bath, Bland, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Grayson, Highland, Patrick, Rockbridge, Russell, Smyth, Washington and Wythe* counties, in addition to other licenses, and sold only by the clerks of those counties (holders of lifetime licenses excepted) 1.00
Nonresident in Bath, Bland, Grayson, Highland, Rockbridge, Smyth and Wythe counties (holders of lifetime licenses excepted) 5.00
Lifetime hunting, and fishing license for residents 65 years of age and over available from the Commission's Richmond office only 5.00
National forest permit (stamp) to hunt, fish or trap on national forests, required in addition to hunting license (holders of lifetime licenses excepted) 2.00
Permit to hunt or trap on Appomattox-Buckingham-Cumberland-Prince Edward and Pocahontas State (sold by the Division of Forestry) may be obtained from Forest Headquarters or Clerk of Court in local counties 1.00
Federal migratory bird hunting stamp to take migratory waterfowl, required of persons 16 years of age and over in addition to hunting license and sold at U.S. Post Offices 7.50
Nonresident to hunt on shooting preserves only obtainable in counties in which preserves are located 7.50
County resident to trap in county of residence 7.50
State resident to trap statewide 25.00
Nonresident permit to trap on private land only 100.00

DISMAL SWAMP LINE

Beginning at a point on Rt. 10 where it intersects the Isle of Wight county line, thence along this highway to its intersection with the corporate limits of Suffolk, thence through Suffolk to its intersection with Rt. 642 (White Marsh Road) and thence along this highway in a southeast directions to Rt. 604 (Desert Road), and thence along this highway to the North Carolina line.

Bag Limit: One per license year, at least 100 pounds live weight or 75 pounds dressed weight (all entrails and internal organs removed). Females with cubs may not be killed.

The fourth Monday in November through January 5. In Albemarle, Alleghany, Amherst, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Greene, Highland, Madison, Nelson, Page, Rappahannock, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah and Warren Counties. (Dogs not permitted from the third Monday in November and for eleven consecutive hunting days; see "Hunting with Dogs.")

November 1-January 5. In Bland, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Smyth*, Tazewell*, Washington*, and Wythe (no dogs from the third Monday in November and for eleven consecutive hunting days). *Except Clinch Mountain & Hidden Valley Wildlife Management Area.

Closed. In Accomack, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buchanan, Buckingham, Campbell, Caroline, Carroll, Charles City, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Clarke, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dickenson, Dinwiddie, Essex, Fairfax, Fauquier, Floyd, Fluvanna, Franklin, Frederick, Gloucester, Goochland, Greenville, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, Henry, James City, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Lee, Loudoun, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mathews, Mecklenburg, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Prince William, Richmond, Roanoke, Scott, Southampton, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland, Wise and York Counties, in the Cities of Hampton, Newport News, Virginia Beach and on the Hidden Valley Wildlife Management Area in Washington County.

December 5-December 17, Russell County and Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

October 1-November 30. In the cities of Chesapeake and Suffolk east of the Dismal Swamp line.

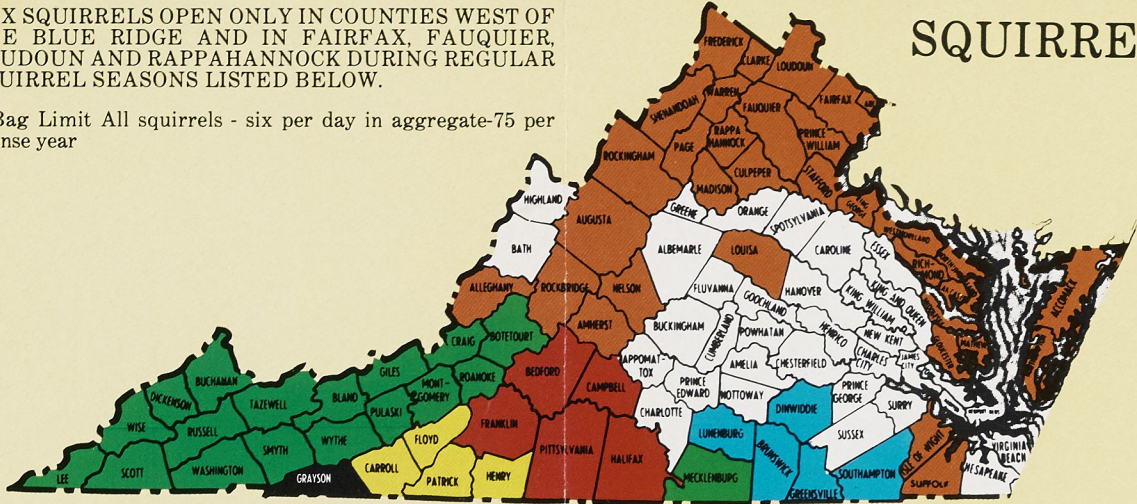
November 10-January 5. In Isle of Wight County and the city of Suffolk west of the Dismal Swamp line.

Summary of Virginia Game Laws 1983 and 1984 Seasons



FOX SQUIRRELS OPEN ONLY IN COUNTIES WEST OF THE BLUE RIDGE AND IN FAIRFAX, FAUQUIER, LOUDOUN AND RAPPAHANNOCK DURING REGULAR SQUIRREL SEASONS LISTED BELOW.

Bag Limit All squirrels - six per day in aggregate-75 per license year



SQUIRREL

berland, Essex, Fluvanna, Goochland, Greene, Hanover, Henrico, Highland, James City, King and Queen, King William, New Kent, Nottoway, Orange, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Spotsylvania, Surry, Sussex and York counties and in the Cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News and Virginia Beach.

September 15-October 14, the first Monday in November through January 31. In Bedford, Campbell, Franklin, Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties.

September 15-October 14, the third Monday in November through January 1. In Carroll, Floyd, Henry and Patrick Counties.

September 15-30, the third Monday in November through January 1. In Grayson County.

October 15-January 31. On Fort A.P. Hill and Fort Pickett.

Trapping

BEAVER AND OTTER

December 15-February 28, generally. All counties and portions of counties lying west of Interstate 95.

December 15-March 10, generally. All counties and portions of counties lying east of Interstate 95.

No otter trapping permitted west of the Blue Ridge.

It shall be unlawful to set a trap larger than a standard No. 1½ leghold trap or 5-inch body-gripping trap within 25 feet of an active beaver lodge or dam.

No beaver or otter pelts may be sold, traded or shipped out of state until sealed by an agent of the Commission.

BOBCAT

December 1-January 31. No bobcat pelts may be sold, traded or shipped out of state until sealed by an agent of the Commission.

Bag Limit—The season bag limit shall be six bobcats in the aggregate, taken by hunting and trapping combined.

FOX

December 1-January 31 statewide except: Albemarle, November 1-30; and Nelson, November 1-January 20. Fox trapping is prohibited in Clarke, Fauquier, Goochland, Lee, Loudoun, and Rappahannock counties.

MINK AND MUSKRAT

December 1-February 28, generally. All counties and portions of counties lying west of Interstate 95.

December 15-March 10. All counties and portions of counties lying east of Interstate 95.

NUTRIA

No hunting with watercraft on Back Bay from October 1-March 31. Unlawful to trap nutria from March 11 through December 14.

RABBIT

May be taken with box traps from October 15-January 31 provided no traps shall be set on the lands of another without written permission of the landowner.

RACCOON AND OPOSSUM

December 1-February 28 east of the Blue Ridge. December 1-January 31 west of the Blue Ridge.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Residents under 16 years of age do not need a license to trap when accompanied by any person 18 years of age or older who possess a valid state license to trap. Trappers using box traps for rabbits do not need a license but permission of the landowner is necessary. County residents 65 years of age and over do not need a license to trap on private property in county of residence. National Forest lands will be open during the regular trapping seasons listed below. Trappers must visit all traps once each day to remove all animals caught therein. Squirrels and bear may not be trapped.

Any person setting or in possession of a steel leghold or body gripping trap or snare shall have it marked by means of a nonferrous metal tag bearing his name and address. This requirement shall not apply to landowners on their own land, nor to a bonafide tenant or lessee within the bounds of land rented or leased by him, nor to anyone transporting any such trap from its place of purchase.

The use of body gripping traps with a jaw spread in excess of seven and one-half (7½) inches is prohibited except when such traps are covered by water.

It shall be unlawful to set above the ground any body-gripping trap with a jaw spread in excess of five inches, baited with any lure or scent likely to attract a dog.

No deadfalls or snares, except that snares with loops less than 8-inches in diameter with the top of the snare loop not more than 10-inches above the ground may be used.

It shall be unlawful to trap except by Commission permit on the Chickahominy, False Cape State Park, Hog Island, Lands End, Pocahontas-Trojan, Powhatan and Saxis Wildlife Management Areas.

It shall be unlawful to set above the ground any steel leg hold trap with teeth set upon the jaws, or larger than size No. 2, or with a jaw spread exceeding six and one-half inches.

Unlawful to hunt or shoot beaver, mink, muskrat, and otter except by special permit.

It shall be unlawful to willfully molest, damage or remove any trap, or any lawfully caught bird or animal therefrom, or in any way disturb traps or snares legally set by another person.

No trapping within 50 feet of a highway in Clarke, Fauquier and Loudoun Counties.

COUNTIES WEST OF BLUE RIDGE

For purposes of the regulations in this summary, the following counties are considered West of the Blue Ridge Mountains. All other counties are East of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Alleghany	Montgomery
Augusta	Page
Bath	Pulaski
Bland	Roanoke
Botetourt	Rockbridge
Buchanan	Rockingham
Carroll	Russell
Clarke	Scott
Craig	Shenandoah
Dickenson	Smyth
Floyd	Tazewell
Frederick	Warren
Giles	Washington
Grayson	Wise
Highland	Wythe
Lee	

Hunting Dates	'83	'84
2nd Saturday in October	8	13
1st Monday in November	7	5
2nd Monday in November	14	12
3rd Monday in November	21	19
Mon. before Thanksgiving	21	19

Rabbit

Statewide. The first Monday in November through January 31 except Accomack and Northampton counties, the second Monday in November through January 31. Statewide Bag Limit. Six per day; 75 per license year.

Quail

East of the Blue Ridge. The Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving through the last day in February. West of the Blue Ridge. The first Monday in November through January 31.

Bag Limit. Eight per day; 125 per license year.

Grouse

Statewide. The first Monday in November through January 31.

Bag Limit. Three per day; 15 per license year.

Pheasant

East of the Blue Ridge. The second Monday in November through January 31.

West of the Blue Ridge. The first Monday in November through January 31.

Bag limit. One cock bird per day; 2 per license year.

Bobcat

Statewide. November 1-January 31.

Bag Limit. Season limit is 6 taken by hunting and trapping combined. No bobcat pelts may be sold, traded or shipped out of state until sealed by an agent of the Commission.

Fox

HUNTING WITH DOGS ONLY

September 1-March 31. In Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier (except Quantico), Loudoun and Warren counties (part closed for deer season).

October 1-March 31. In the city of Newport News.

Continuous open season elsewhere.

WITH DOGS AND GUN

November 1-January 31. Statewide except as listed below.

Continuous open season. Rockbridge and Bland counties.

Closed. Albemarle, Amelia, Charlotte, Clarke, Culpeper, Fauquier (except Quantico), Halifax, Lee, Loudoun, Louisa and Rappahannock.

October 15-January 31. Buchanan county.

October 1-February 28. Scott, Washington, and Wythe counties.

Raccoon—Opossum

CHASING WITHOUT TAKING OR CAPTURING SEASON.

East of the Blue Ridge. August 1-May 31.

It shall be unlawful to have in immediate possession a firearm, bow, ace, saw, or any tree climbing device while hunting during the chase season.

HUNTING SEASONS

East of the Blue Ridge. November 1-February 28. Bag Limit: 25 per season, hunting and trapping combined, two per hunting party taken between noon one day and noon the following day.

West of the Blue Ridge. October 15-January 31. Bag Limit: 15 per season, hunting and trapping combined, two per hunting party taken between noon one day and noon the following day (one per day, three per license year in Scott County).

Possession and Use of Firearms for Hunting

In Water Areas — Shooting a rifle or pistol at wild birds and animals on or over the public inland waters of the state or carrying a loaded rifle or pistol on a boat or other floating device on the public inland waters for hunting wild birds and animals is prohibited. All game and non-game birds and animals except deer may be hunted from boats with shotguns. Waterfowl cannot be shot while the boat is being propelled by a motor.

During the open waterfowl season, it is unlawful to hunt on Wednesdays on the Pamunkey River and its tributaries from West point to Rt. 360 and bounded on the north and south by Rt. 30, 632, 629, 618, 360, 606, 609, and 33.

Waterfowl hunting is prohibited in Virginia Beach in the waters and from the shores of Crystal Lake, Linkhorn Bay, Broad Bay and Long Creek and their tributaries.

It is a violation of state statute to shoot from or within 100 yards of any public road within the state of Virginia.

The following counties have regulations concerning the use and transportation of firearms. The number or numbers following the county name indicate the regulations listed below for that particular county. Counties not listed have no restrictions other than the following statewide regulations:

Shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, the magazines of which have been cut off or plugged with a plug that cannot be removed from the loading end so the gun will hold no more than three shells, may be used to hunt all wild birds and animals. There are no restrictions on shot sizes in general for any particular species except that slugs may not be used in certain counties shown above. Barrels must be at least 18 inches long.

Rifles may be used for taking all wild animals and birds except migratory birds (see Game Species) except as prohibited in certain counties above and as restricted below. Rifles used for hunting deer and bear must be .23 caliber or larger. Many eastern counties, military areas, and corps of engineers land are closed to larger caliber rifles. *Muzzle loading rifles may be used in Prince George County only from stands at least 10 feet above ground.

Pistols or revolvers .23 caliber or larger with 350 foot-pounds muzzle energy (manufacturer's rating) may only be used for hunting non-migratory game birds and game animals west of the Blue Ridge, and east of the Blue Ridge where rifles are

legal for big game. Pistols or revolvers using .22 rimfire are permitted for small game where a .22 rifles are permitted. Pistols or revolvers may not be carried concealed without a permit.

Albermarle 16, 30	King William 7, 10, 18
Amelia 15	Lancaster 6, 26
Amherst 14	Loudoun 18, 19, 22, 30
Appomattox 3	Louisa 6, 9, 27
Bath 20	Lunenburg 6
Buckingham 3	Madison 18, 22, 31
Caroline 6	Mecklenburg 27
Charles City 2	Middlesex 26
Chesterfield 8, 22, 26, 30	Nelson 33
Clarke 25	New Kent 8, 12, 19, 25
Culpeper 19, 22	Northampton 7
Cumberland 6	Northumberland 4, 9, 19, 26
Dinwiddie 4	Orange 18, 22, 34
Essex 7	Pittsylvania 26
Fairfax 9, 17, 30	Prince George 7, 9, 13
Fauquier 14, 18, 19, 22, 30	Prince William 3, 9, 25
Franklin 26	Rappahannock 18
Gloucester 14	Richmond 6, 9
Goochland 2, 9, 23	Southampton 6, 8, 32
Greensville 15, 21	Stafford 18, 30
Halifax 24	Surry 7, 19
Hanover 7	Sussex 8
Isle of Wight 8, 35	Westmoreland 28
James City 19	Chesapeake 18, 19, 29, 30
King George 6, 22, 26, 30	Suffolk 8, 18
King and Queen 6	Virginia Beach 2, 7, 18
	Dismal Swamp 29

1. No restrictions on firearms.
2. No rifles larger than .22 for hunting.
3. No rifles larger than .22 for hunting game species.
4. No rifles larger than .22 for hunting except groundhogs.
5. No rifles larger than .22 for hunting except groundhogs and crows.
6. No rifles larger than .22 for hunting except groundhogs outside of the regular hunting season.
7. No rifles for deer hunting.
8. No rifles for big game hunting.
9. No hunting with shotguns loaded with slugs.
10. No hunting of big game with shotguns loaded with slugs.
11. No hunting with shotguns loaded with slugs except groundhogs outside the regular hunting season.
12. It is lawful to use muzzle loaded rifles for game animals in the regular hunting season.

Unlawful Methods

To cast a light beyond a roadway upon places used by deer or elk without written permission of landowner or at anytime while in the possession of a rifle, shotgun, pistol, crossbow, bow and arrow or speargun.

To handle recklessly any firearm so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person.

To hunt or trap on another's land without the landowner's permission.

To hunt with firearms or other weapons on Sunday.

To hunt while under the influence of intoxicant or narcotic drug.

To cut den trees or carry an axe with handle over 20 inches long or saw without landowner's permission while hunting.

To molest eggs, nest, den or young of any wild bird or animal except nuisance species.

To use bait or salt as a means of luring game birds or animals to a place where they are to be shot.

To hunt adjacent to forest fires.

To shoot or attempt to take any wild bird or animal from any vehicle.

To hunt quail in the snow.

To destroy, mutilate, or take down "posted" signs or to litter (hunting license may be revoked for one year upon conviction).

To exceed the bag limit or possess over the daily limit of any wild bird or animal while in the forests, fields or waters of this state.

To use live birds or animals to decoy or call game.

To continue hunting any species after the daily or season bag limit for that species has been obtained.

No permanent tree stands on National Forest or Game Commission lands.

"Hunting and trapping" includes (1) the pursuing, capturing or killing of wild birds and animals, (2) attempting any of the above, and (3) assisting anyone attempting any of the above.

To take or attempt to take wild animals and wild birds, crows excepted, with recorded or electrically amplified calls.

To hold in captivity any live wild bird or wild animal protected by state or federal law without a permit.

To alter, change, borrow or lend a license.

Game Species

Nonmigratory game birds (grouse, pheasant, bobwhite quail and turkey), game animals (bear, bobcat, deer, elk, fox, rabbit and squirrel) and furbearing animals (beaver, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon and opossum) may only be taken in accordance with state laws and Commission regulations, many of which are summarized in this digest. Migratory game birds (doves, ducks, brant, geese, swan, coot, gallinules, sora and other rails, snipe and woodcock) may only be taken in accordance with supplementary regulations published prior to the open season on these species.

Non-Protected Species

Starlings, English (house) sparrows, frogs, turtles and mammals (including woodchucks, skunks) not classed as game or fur bearing animals or otherwise protected (see below) may be taken during any season and without limit. Crows may be hunted Wednesday, Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays from August 1-December 31 and from the first Wednesday in February through the last Saturday in March. (Electronic calls permitted.) A hunting license is required to take any wild animal or bird (except as explained under hunting licenses and permits). Persons taking frogs or turtles must have appropriate license whether by hunting (gigging), trapping or angling.

Protected Species

All song birds and others not listed above are completely protected by state and/or federal laws and may not be killed. Mountain lions may not be shot, trapped, poisoned or killed in any manner.

Federal Refuges

CHINCOTEAGUE

Sika and white-tailed deer may be hunted during the regular archery season by permit obtainable at refuge headquarters. Special rifle and primitive weapons trophy buck hunts are scheduled for a limited number selected by drawing. For details, write Refuge Manager, Box 62, Chincoteague, Virginia 23336.

PRESQUILE

Some gun and bow hunting available. Hunters selected by drawing. Bowhunters must qualify before being eligible for drawing. For details, write Refuge Manager, Box 620, Hopewell, Virginia 23860.

DISMAL SWAMP

Some deer hunting is permitted. For details write Refuge Manager, Box 349, Suffolk, Virginia 23434.

State Refuges

Hog Island Refuge in Surry County and waters within 1,000 yards are closed to hunting except to bowhunting during the archery season and during controlled deer and waterfowl hunting. Shooting or harassing waterfowl is prohibited adjacent to Elm Hill refuge below Kerr Dam and on Lands End Refuge in King George County.

Arlington county and a portion of Fairfax County are closed to all hunting.

National Parks

Hunting and possession of firearms is prohibited in Shenandoah National Park. Blue Ridge Parkway, Colonial National Historical Park, Prince William Forest Park, George Washington Birthplace National Monument, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park and other similar facilities by federal regulation.

Shooting Preserves

Stocked game birds may be taken without limit on licensed shooting preserves from October 1 through March 31 (except Sundays). A list of privately operated shooting preserves may be obtained from the Game Commission's Richmond Office. (See special non-resident shooting preserves license).

Hunting With Dogs

Dogs may not be used to hunt deer or bear during the open season for hunting deer: (1) West of the Blue Ridge; (2) East of the Blue Ridge in Bedford, Loudoun and Northampton counties, and West of Rt. 29 in Amherst County, west of the Southern Railroad in Campbell and Pittsylvania counties and West of Rt. 151 in Nelson County; (3) Statewide when hunting with bow and arrow during archery season; (4) on many military areas; or (5) to hunt deer in the counties of Fairfax, Franklin, Patrick and Henry or on the G. Richard Thompson, Rapidan, and C. F. Phelps WMA; (6) during the first 12 days of the deer season in Madison and Greene counties. Dogs may not be used to hunt foxes and bobcats during the open season for hunting deer in the National Forests and in Alleghany, Botetourt and Bedford counties and other counties west of the Blue Ridge lying to the north (except west of the Shenandoah River in Clarke County and between the Shenandoah River and the Norfolk and Western Railroad in Warren County) and West of Rt. 29 in Amherst County, West of Rt. 151 in Nelson County and West of the Southern Railroad in Campbell and Pittsylvania counties.

Dogs may be used for other purposes during these times and to hunt bears, foxes and bobcats in these areas other than during the closed periods.

Hunting From Boats

Game birds and animals except deer can be legally shot with shotguns from boats, but a hunter must have permission to do so from the landowner on whose land the game is located.

The Virginia Hunter Education Program

Most of us can probably boast of having the benefit of an older sportsman influencing our early interests of hunting. Either a father, grandfather or other close relative took us out to field and forest, gun in the hand and love in the heart.

It's that same love of woodsmanship, skill and sportsmanship that often urges us to share our experiences with others. And many of those we share our hunting experiences with are our own children and grandchildren.

Unfortunately, with lifestyles changing and increasing demands on careers many youngsters just don't receive the knowledge once so available to them. Not only is the ability to properly dress game and judge safe shooting distances important but also the intrinsic values of landowner respect and the honor of a fair chase. All these need be emphasized before disrespectful habits form.

It is the purpose of the Virginia Hunter Education Program to promote the respectable, safe and ethical conduct so much more necessary in young sportsmen than ever before. The course is focused on the younger, "would-be" hunters but also provides fresh, new opportunities to seasoned outdoorsmen.

For information on the Virginia Hunter Education Course, contact:

Captain James N. Kerrick, Safety Officer, Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1104.

Lieutenant H.A. Foster, 617 Baylis Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23235.

Lieutenant John Heslep, Route 6, Box 325B, Rocky Mount, Virginia 24151.

Lieutenant D.P. Wirt, P.O. Box 1063, Abingdon, Virginia 24210.

Lieutenant D.R. Miller, Route 5, Box 210, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801.

Lieutenant H.H. Pittman, Jr., 23 Pendleton Road, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401.

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MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

1983-84 VIRGINIA REGULATIONS (DOVES & SHORE BIRDS)

To be used as a supplement to SUMMARY OF VIRGINIA GAME LAWS, 1983-84 SEASON which contains additional information on license requirements, license fees and general regulations governing hunting in Virginia as well as open seasons and bag limits on non-migratory game birds, game animals and furbearing animals. For information on waterfowl, see separate digest A-12

DOVES

SEASON: September 10 - November 5—**Hunting permitted from 12 o'clock noon until sunset each day.**

December 19 - December 31—Hunting permitted from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset each day.

BAG LIMIT: 12 per day, 24 in possession.

WOODCOCK

SEASON: November 7 - January 10.

BAG LIMIT: 5 per day, 10 in possession.*

HOURS: from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset each day.

SNIPE:

SEASON: October 17 - January 31

BAG LIMIT: 8 per day, 16 in possession.*

HOURS: From one-half hour before sunrise until sunset each day.

RAILS

SEASON: September 3 - November 11.

HOURS: From one-half hour before sunrise until sunset each day.

BAG LIMITS: A total of 15 clapper rails and king rails counted together a day, 30 in possession* and 25 sora and Virginia rails, counted together a day, 25 in possession.*

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON:

DOVE, WOODCOCK, RAIL

SEASON: September 20 - December 5, December 21 - 31.

SNIFE:

SEASON: October 17 - January 31

BAG LIMIT (all falconry): 3 per day, 6 in possession.*

HOURS (all falconry): From one-half hour before sunrise until sunset each day.

*Possession limits apply to transportation of game killed on more than one day

- See Possession and Transportation, page 3.

HUNTING METHODS

Migratory game birds MAY be taken--

(1) by the aid of dogs, artificial decoys, manually or mouth-operated bird calls, with longbow and arrow, or with a shotgun (not larger than 10 gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells) fired from the shoulder; and by means of falconry;

(2) in the open or from a blind or other place of concealment (except a sinkbox) on land or water (as used in this part the term "sinkbox" refers to a raft or any type of low floating device having a depression which affords a hunter a means of concealing himself below the surface of the water);

(3) from floating craft (except a sinkbox), including those propelled by motor, sail and wind, or both, when (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be; its progress therefrom has ceased; and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or it is being propelled by paddle, oars, or pole;

(4) on or over standing crops (including aquatics), flooded standing crops, flooded harvested crop lands, grain crops properly shocked on the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as a result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting; and in addition, all migratory game birds, except waterfowl, may be taken on or over lands where shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as a result of valid agricultural operations or procedures; or

(5) by the aid of a motorboat, sailboat, or other craft when used solely as a means of picking up dead or injured birds (see rail hunting exception, number 4 below). Under Virginia law, CRIPPLED migratory birds may be SHOT from a boat being propelled by a motor -- Federal law prohibits this.

Migratory game birds MAY NOT be taken --

(1) with a trap, snare, net, crossbow and arrow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, or machinegun;

(2) with a shotgun of any description originally capable of holding more than three shells, the magazine of which has not been cut off, altered, or plugged with a one-piece metal or wooden filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so as to reduce the capacity of the said gun to not more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined;

(3) from or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox, motor-driven conveyance, motor vehicle, or aircraft of any kind;

(4) from or by means of a sailboat or other boat or floating craft having a motor attached except as permitted in No. 3 above, or when used solely as a means of picking up dead or injured birds;

(5) by the use or aid of livestock as a blind or means of concealment;

(6) by the use or aid of live birds as decoys;

(7) by the use or aid of recorded bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds;

(8) By means or aid of any motor-driven land, water, or air conveyance or sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of waterfowl and coots; or

(9) by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area. As used in this subparagraph, "baiting" shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of shells, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed so as to constitute for such birds a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any area where hunters are attempting to take them; and "baited area" means any area where shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or any other feed whatsoever capable of attracting such birds is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered.

No migratory bird may be taken at any time, by any means within the boundaries of any established national wildlife refuge.

Possession and Transportation

Ownership and possession of birds legally taken by any hunter is deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to (1) a post office, (2) a common carrier; or (3) a commercial cold-storage or locker plant for transportation to some person other than the hunter.

No person may possess over the daily limit of any wild bird or animal while in the forests, fields or waters of this state.

Any person, without a permit, may possess and transport for his own use the plumage and skins of lawfully taken migratory game birds.

Any persons, without a permit, may possess, dispose of and transport for the making of fishing files, bed pillows, and mattresses, and for similar commercial uses, but not for millinery or ornamental use, feathers of wild ducks and wild geese lawfully killed, or seized and condemned by federal or state game authorities.

Any person, without a permit, may transport lawfully killed migratory game birds into, within, or out of any state during and after the open seasons in the state where taken, subject to these and other conditions and restrictions.

(a) If such birds are dressed, one fully feathered wing must remain attached to each bird so as to permit species identification while being transported between the place where taken and the personal abode of the possessor or between the place where taken and a commercial preservation facility.

(b) Any package or container in which such birds are transported must have the name, address and hunting license number of the shipper, name and address of the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds contained therein clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMETABLE RICHMOND, VIRGINIA (ALL YEARS)

Sunrise-sunset times below are eastern standard time-Add one hour for Eastern Daylight Time

Days of Month	OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY	
	Sunrise (a.m.)	Sunset (p.m.)	Sunrise (a.m.)	Sunset (p.m.)	Sunrise (a.m.)	Sunset (p.m.)	Sunrise (a.m.)	Sunset (p.m.)
1	6:04	5:53	6:34	5:12	7:05	4:52	7:24	5:02
2	6:05	5:52	6:35	5:10	7:06	4:51	7:24	5:03
3	6:06	5:50	6:36	5:09	7:07	4:51	7:24	5:03
4	6:07	5:49	6:37	5:08	7:08	4:51	7:24	5:04
5	6:08	5:47	6:38	5:07	7:09	4:51	7:25	5:05
6	6:09	5:46	6:39	5:06	7:10	4:51	7:25	5:06
7	6:10	5:44	6:40	5:05	7:10	4:51	7:25	5:07
8	6:11	5:43	6:41	5:05	7:11	4:51	7:24	5:08
9	6:12	5:41	6:42	5:04	7:12	4:51	7:24	5:09
10	6:12	5:40	6:43	5:03	7:13	4:51	7:24	5:10
11	6:13	5:38	6:44	5:02	7:14	4:51	7:24	5:11
12	6:14	5:37	6:45	5:01	7:14	4:52	7:24	5:12
13	6:15	5:35	6:47	5:00	7:15	4:52	7:24	5:13
14	6:16	5:34	6:43	5:00	7:16	4:52	7:23	5:14
15	6:17	5:33	6:49	4:59	7:17	4:52	7:23	5:15
16	6:18	5:31	6:50	4:58	7:17	4:53	7:23	5:16
17	6:19	5:30	6:51	4:58	7:18	4:53	7:22	5:17
18	6:20	5:29	6:52	4:57	7:19	4:53	7:22	5:18
19	6:21	5:27	6:53	4:56	7:19	4:54	7:22	5:19
20	6:22	5:26	6:54	4:56	7:20	4:54	7:21	5:20
21	6:23	5:25	6:55	4:55	7:20	4:55	7:21	5:21
22	6:24	5:23	6:56	4:55	7:21	4:55	September	
23	6:25	5:22	6:57	4:54	7:21	4:56	(a.m.)	(p.m.)
24	6:26	5:21	6:58	4:54	7:22	4:56	5:58	6:04
25	6:27	5:20	6:59	4:53	7:22	4:57	5:59	6:02
26	6:28	5:18	7:00	4:53	7:22	4:57	6:00	6:01
27	6:29	5:17	7:01	4:53	7:23	4:58	6:01	5:59
28	6:30	5:16	7:02	4:52	7:23	4:59	6:02	5:58
29	6:31	5:15	7:03	4:52	7:23	4:59	6:03	5:56
30	6:32	5:14	7:04	4:52	7:24	5:00	6:04	5:55
31	6:33	5:13			7:24	5:01		

September		
	(A.M.)	(P.M.)
1	5:39	6:39
2	5:40	6:37
3	5:41	6:36
4	5:42	6:34
5	5:43	6:33
6	5:43	6:31
7	5:44	6:30
8	5:45	6:28
9	5:46	6:27
10	5:47	6:25
11	5:48	6:24
12	5:48	6:22
13	5:49	6:21
14	5:50	6:19
15	5:51	6:18
16	5:52	6:16
17	5:53	6:15
18	5:53	6:13
19	5:54	6:11
20	5:55	6:10
21	5:56	6:08
22	5:57	6:07
23	5:58	6:05

LOCATION	CORRECTION
BRISTOL	+ 19 MINUTES
CAPE CHARLES	- 6 MINUTES
CHARLOTTESVILLE	+ 4 MINUTES
CHINCOTEAGUE	- 8 MINUTES
DANVILLE	+ 7 MINUTES
FREDERICKSBURG	0 MINUTES
NEWPORT NEWS	- 5 MINUTES
NORFOLK	- 5 MINUTES
ROANOKE	+ 10 MINUTES
TAZEWELL	+ 16 MINUTES
WILLIAMSBURG	- 3 MINUTES
WINCHESTER	+ 3 MINUTES

Apply corrections above to Richmond sunrise-sunset times to obtain official sunrise-sunset times at other Virginia locations:

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SPORTSMAN'S GUIDE
TO THE
GOSHEN-LITTLE NORTH MOUNTAIN
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA



HUNTING

is permitted on the Goshen-Little North Mountain Area from the opening of archery season through the close of the small game season. Any game whose season dates fall within this period may be hunted on the area during the appropriate seasons as established by the Game Commission. Turkey hunting is allowed during the spring gobbler season as well as in the fall.

Deer are found over the entire area in good numbers and with excellent trophy racks. The area is hard to hunt and the deer are able to take care of themselves in the Laurel thickets. The hunters usually concentrate along the few roads and much of the back country and high mountainsides remain undisturbed. It is estimated that 100 to 150 deer are taken on the area each year. Wild turkeys are common with especially good hunting on the Southern Little North Mountain Unit. Bear are found in limited numbers all over the area, but the rugged terrain on the Goshen Unit is the best bear habitat. Squirrel and ruffed grouse hunting is fair over the entire area but probably best on the Little North Mountain section.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

With a total area of nearly 33,000 acres, the Goshen-Little North Mountain Wildlife Management Area is the largest Commission-owned public hunting and fishing area in Virginia. Starting near Buffalo Gap in Augusta County it stretches along the top and foothills of Little North Mountain to Goshen Pass and half way across the western part of Rockbridge County.

The Goshen unit which makes up the southern portion of the area in Rockbridge County contains some of the most rugged, steep and inaccessible mountains in Virginia with elevations up to 3,451 feet on Big Butt Mountain. State Highway 39, which traverses Goshen Pass separating the northern and southern portions of the area, is one of the most scenic drives in Virginia. The Little North Mountain unit is much less rugged than the Goshen unit, its more rolling terrain reaching elevations of 2,000 to 2,400 feet.

Hikers and horseback riders enjoy the many hunter access trails in this mountainous area. There are relics of a historic old iron furnace on Commission land adjacent to Route 601 in Estaline Valley. In the uppermost end of Goshen Pass are the remains of an old foundry, dam, canal remains and outlines of buildings and chimneys. Scattered over the whole area are remains of iron digging of yesteryear, from Buffalo Gap to Forge Mountain. It is an interesting and rewarding area to explore on foot.



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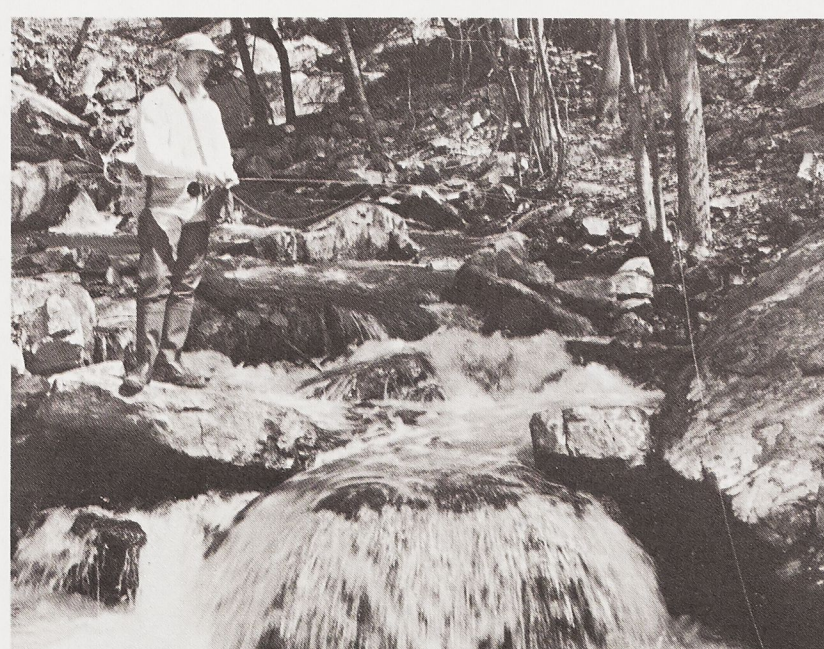
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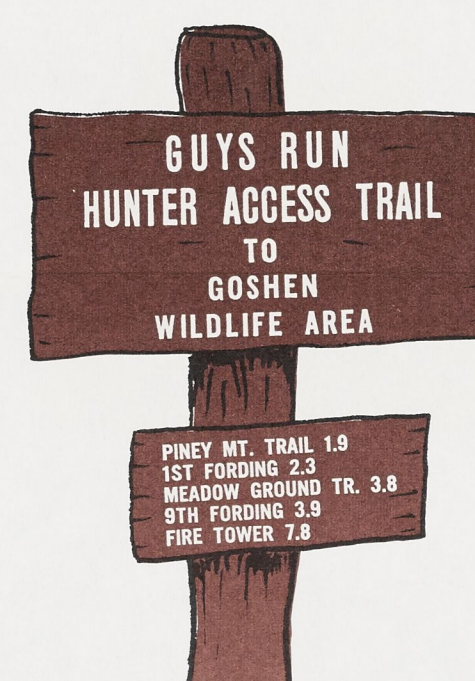
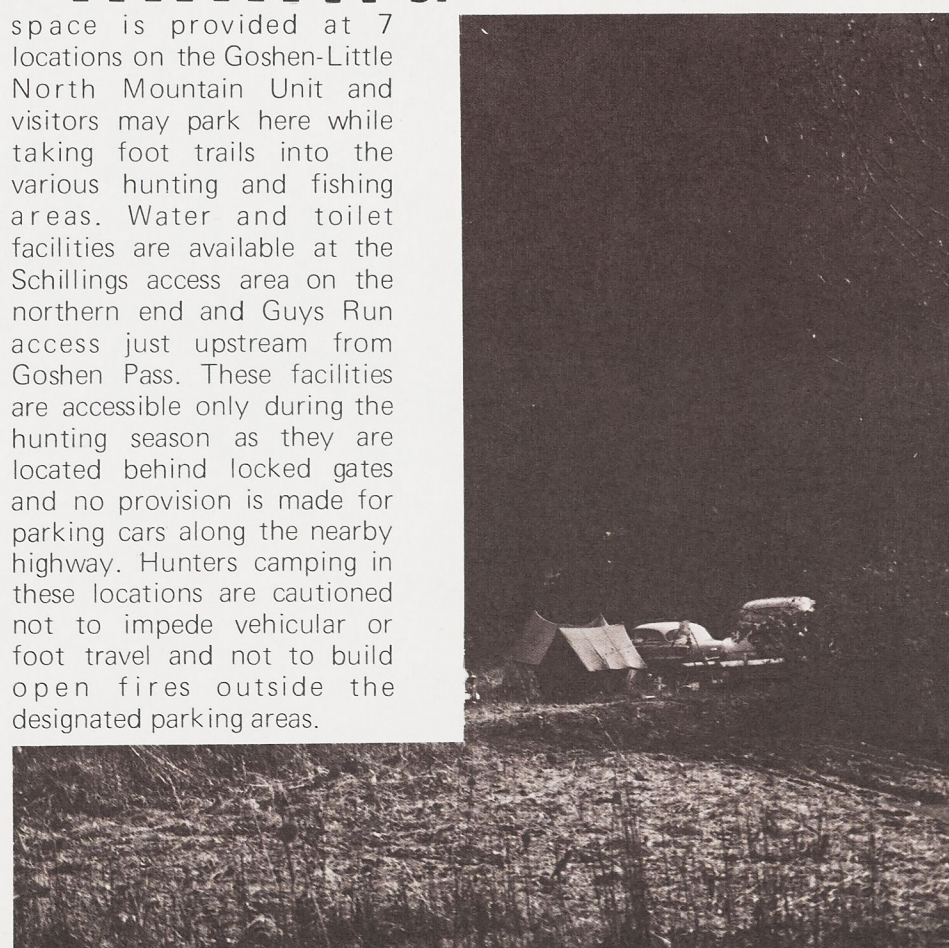
on the area is limited to three native trout streams, all of which are found on the Goshen Section. They include Gouchenour Branch which flows down the western slope, and Guys Run and Laurel Run which flow north into Maury River in Goshen Pass. All are crystal clear and dash down the mountainside in a series of sparkling cascades and small pools. Numerous laurel thickets shade the streams in places and make the angler wonder just what prize the next dark pool may yield. The streams are not stocked but the native brook trout are able to reproduce well enough to replenish their kind with the little fishing pressure exerted on these streams. The trout are about 6 or 7 inches long with a 9 inch considered a real lunger. A short light rod is handy to negotiate the brushy tangles and is sufficient for casting in the narrow streams.

Smallmouth and rock bass fishing is available on Highway Department and Virginia Division of Parks land in Goshen Pass. Its foaming cascades and jade green pools make it an angler's paradise.



PARKING

space is provided at 7 locations on the Goshen-Little North Mountain Unit and visitors may park here while taking foot trails into the various hunting and fishing areas. Water and toilet facilities are available at the Schillings access area on the northern end and Guys Run access just upstream from Goshen Pass. These facilities are accessible only during the hunting season as they are located behind locked gates and no provision is made for parking cars along the nearby highway. Hunters camping in these locations are cautioned not to impede vehicular or foot travel and not to build open fires outside the designated parking areas.



ACCESS

to the Goshen Unit is limited mainly to two access roads leading into the area from the North and West. Guys Run access road leads off Route 39 for a distance of 8 miles. The road is narrow and sandy with turnouts and parking places along the first four miles. The Gouchenour access road leading in from the west traverses National Forest land to the Goshen boundary at the foot of Brattons Mountain. This road is narrow but passable to most vehicles in dry weather. A number of old logging roads and foot trails allow hunters to reach any desired part of the area with a minimum of effort. U. S. 60 crosses the southern tip of the area.

Access to the Little North Mountain Unit is provided by a number of marked access roads leading in from Routes 42 and 601 along the western boundary. Opportunities for vehicular travel within the area are limited, but old logging roads and foot trails provide for hunter dispersion. The only access to the southern portion adjacent to Goshen Pass is by means of a foot bridge across the Maury River. From the east, hunters may enter either at the Trimble Mill or Mc Cray accesses.

Major access roads are open during the authorized hunting seasons only and remain gated at other times. Some roads may be temporarily closed in bad weather to prevent damage by vehicles. All access roads and trails are clearly marked by routed wooden signs. Hunters are urged to respect the private property through which some of these access routes must pass to reach the area boundary.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

The Goshen-Little North Mountain Area lies just east of the Deerfield Ranger District of the George Washington National Forest which offers a wide variety of hunting and outdoor recreational opportunities. These include stocked trout streams, camp sites, and about 155,000 acres of public hunting land. The forest is interlaced with hiking trails and contains many scenic points of interest. Ramsey's Draft Natural Area located to the North and West contains 1,750 acres of virgin timber and associated plants and animals.

A natural area encompassing some 900 acres along the northern bank of the Maury River is administered by the Virginia Division of Parks. It contains some of the roughest cliffs, caves and rock out croppings found in the western part of the state. The beauty of rhododendron in bloom in the spring, fall leaves, and the turbulent white water over rock boulders is unsurpassed. The Virginia Division of Highways owns about 200 acres through Goshen Pass on which it maintains restroom facilities, and a picnic area which are quite popular during the summer months.



GOSHEN LITTLE NORTH MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE — 32,200

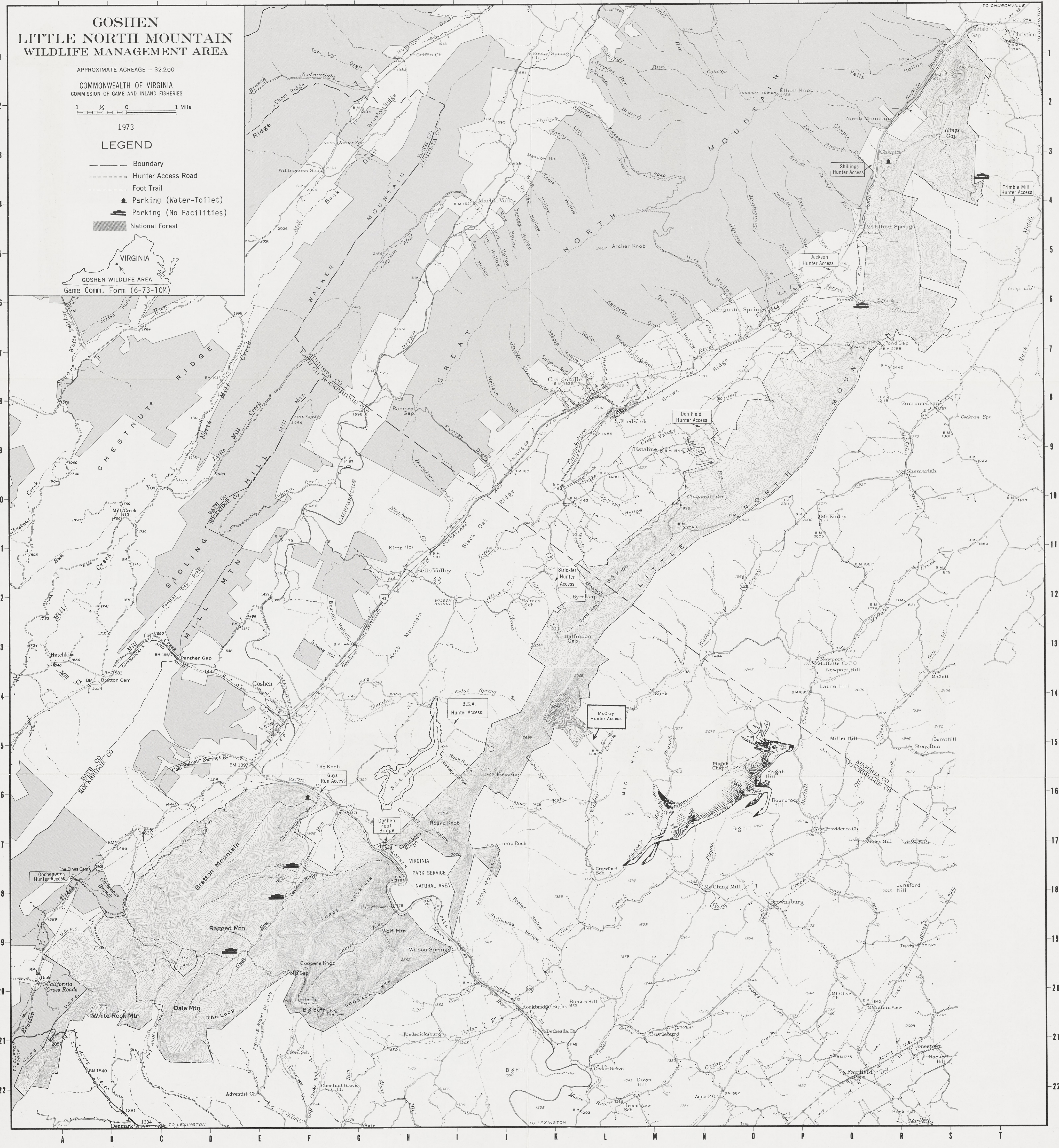
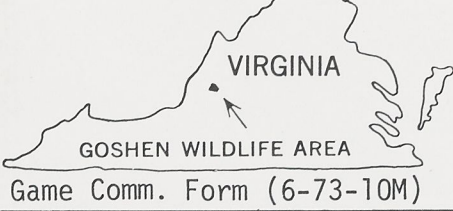
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COMMISSION OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

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LEGEND

- Boundary
- Hunter Access Road
- Foot Trail
- Parking (Water-Toilet)
- Parking (No Facilities)
- National Forest



MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

1983-84 VIRGINIA REGULATIONS (DOVES & SHORE BIRDS)

To be used as a supplement to SUMMARY OF VIRGINIA GAME LAWS, 1983-84 SEASON which contains additional information on license requirements, license fees and general regulations governing hunting in Virginia as well as open seasons and bag limits on non-migratory game birds, game animals and furbearing animals. For information on waterfowl, see separate digest A-12

DOVES

SEASON: September 10 - November 5—**Hunting permitted from 12 o'clock noon until sunset each day.**

December 19 - December 31—Hunting permitted from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset each day.

BAG LIMIT: 12 per day, 24 in possession.

WOODCOCK

SEASON: November 7 - January 10.

BAG LIMIT: 5 per day, 10 in possession.*

HOURS: from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset each day.

SNIPE:

SEASON: October 17 - January 31

BAG LIMIT: 8 per day, 16 in possession.*

HOURS: From one-half hour before sunrise until sunset each day.

RAILS

SEASON: September 3 - November 11.

HOURS: From one-half hour before sunrise until sunset each day.

BAG LIMITS: A total of 15 clapper rails and king rails counted together a day, 30 in possession* and 25 sora and Virginia rails, counted together a day, 25 in possession.*

SPECIAL FALCONRY SEASON:

DOVE, WOODCOCK, RAIL

SEASON: September 20 - December 5, December 21 - 31.

SNIPE:

SEASON: October 17 - January 31

BAG LIMIT (all falconry): 3 per day, 6 in possession.*

HOURS (all falconry): From one-half hour before sunrise until sunset each day.

*Possession limits apply to transportation of game killed on more than one day

- See Possession and Transportation, page 3.

HUNTING METHODS

Migratory game birds MAY be taken--

(1) by the aid of dogs, artificial decoys, manually or mouth-operated bird calls, with longbow and arrow, or with a shotgun (not larger than 10 gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells) fired from the shoulder; and by means of falconry;

(2) in the open or from a blind or other place of concealment (except a sinkbox) on land or water (as used in this part the term "sinkbox" refers to a raft or any type of low floating device having a depression which affords a hunter a means of concealing himself below the surface of the water);

(3) from floating craft (except a sinkbox), including those propelled by motor, sail and wind, or both, when (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be; its progress therefrom has ceased; and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or it is being propelled by paddle, oars, or pole;

(4) on or over standing crops (including aquatics), flooded standing crops, flooded harvested crop lands, grain crops properly shocked on the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as a result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting; and in addition, all migratory game birds, except waterfowl, may be taken on or over lands where shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as a result of valid agricultural operations or procedures; or

(5) by the aid of a motorboat, sailboat, or other craft when used solely as a means of picking up dead or injured birds (see rail hunting exception, number 4 below). Under Virginia law, CRIPPLED migratory birds may be SHOT from a boat being propelled by a motor -- Federal law prohibits this.

Migratory game birds MAY NOT be taken --

(1) with a trap, snare, net, crossbow and arrow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, or machinegun;

(2) with a shotgun of any description originally capable of holding more than three shells, the magazine of which has not been cut off, altered, or plugged with a one-piece metal or wooden filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so as to reduce the capacity of the said gun to not more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined;

(3) from or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox, motor-driven conveyance, motor vehicle, or aircraft of any kind;

(4) from or by means of a sailboat or other boat or floating craft having a motor attached except as permitted in No. 3 above, or when used solely as a means of picking up dead or injured birds;

(5) by the use or aid of livestock as a blind or means of concealment;

(6) by the use or aid of live birds as decoys;

(7) by the use or aid of recorded bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds;

(8) By means or aid of any motor-driven land, water, or air conveyance or sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of waterfowl and coots; or

(9) by the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area. As used in this subparagraph, "baiting" shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of shells, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed so as to constitute for such birds a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any area where hunters are attempting to take them; and "baited area" means any area where shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt or any other feed whatsoever capable of attracting such birds is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered.

No migratory bird may be taken at any time, by any means within the boundaries of any established national wildlife refuge.

Possession and Transportation

Ownership and possession of birds legally taken by any hunter is deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to (1) a post office, (2) a common carrier; or (3) a commercial cold-storage or locker plant for transportation to some person other than the hunter.

No person may possess over the daily limit of any wild bird or animal while in the forests, fields or waters of this state.

Any person, without a permit, may possess and transport for his own use the plumage and skins of lawfully taken migratory game birds.

Any persons, without a permit, may possess, dispose of and transport for the making of fishing files, bed pillows, and mattresses, and for similar commercial uses, but not for millinery or ornamental use, feathers of wild ducks and wild geese lawfully killed, or seized and condemned by federal or state game authorities.

Any person, without a permit, may transport lawfully killed migratory game birds into, within, or out of any state during and after the open seasons in the state where taken, subject to these and other conditions and restrictions.

(a) If such birds are dressed, one fully feathered wing must remain attached to each bird so as to permit species identification while being transported between the place where taken and the personal abode of the possessor or between the place where taken and a commercial preservation facility.

(b) Any package or container in which such birds are transported must have the name, address and hunting license number of the shipper, name and address of the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds contained therein clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMETABLE RICHMOND, VIRGINIA (ALL YEARS)

Sunrise-sunset times below are eastern standard time-Add one hour for Eastern Daylight Time

Days of Month	OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY	
	Sunrise (a.m.)	Sunset (p.m.)	Sunrise (a.m.)	Sunset (p.m.)	Sunrise (a.m.)	Sunset (p.m.)	Sunrise (a.m.)	Sunset (p.m.)
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2	6:05	5:52	6:35	5:10	7:06	4:51	7:24	5:03
3	6:06	5:50	6:36	5:09	7:07	4:51	7:24	5:03
4	6:07	5:49	6:37	5:08	7:08	4:51	7:24	5:04
5	6:08	5:47	6:38	5:07	7:09	4:51	7:25	5:05
6	6:09	5:46	6:39	5:06	7:10	4:51	7:25	5:06
7	6:10	5:44	6:40	5:05	7:10	4:51	7:25	5:07
8	6:11	5:43	6:41	5:05	7:11	4:51	7:24	5:08
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15	6:17	5:33	6:49	4:59	7:17	4:52	7:23	5:15
16	6:18	5:31	6:50	4:58	7:17	4:53	7:23	5:16
17	6:19	5:30	6:51	4:58	7:18	4:53	7:22	5:17
18	6:20	5:29	6:52	4:57	7:19	4:53	7:22	5:18
19	6:21	5:27	6:53	4:56	7:19	4:54	7:22	5:19
20	6:22	5:26	6:54	4:56	7:20	4:54	7:21	5:20
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LOCATION	CORRECTION
BRISTOL	+ 19 MINUTES
CAPE CHARLES	- 6 MINUTES
CHARLOTTESVILLE	+ 4 MINUTES
CHINCOTEAGUE	- 8 MINUTES
DANVILLE	+ 7 MINUTES
FREDERICKSBURG	0 MINUTES
NEWPORT NEWS	- 5 MINUTES
NORFOLK	- 5 MINUTES
ROANOKE	+ 10 MINUTES
TAZEWELL	+ 16 MINUTES
WILLIAMSBURG	- 3 MINUTES
WINCHESTER	+ 3 MINUTES

Apply corrections above to Richmond sunrise-sunset times to obtain official sunrise-sunset times at other Virginia locations

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SPORTSMAN'S GUIDE TO THE GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST

LEE RANGER DISTRICT



A COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT PROJECT FOR
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COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ...AND HOW IT WORKS

The Cooperative Wildlife Management program carried out on the Virginia National Forests by the U. S. Forest Service and the Virginia Game Commission is often cited as one of the outstanding examples in the nation of spontaneous and effective cooperation between two agencies. Through this cooperative venture the investment of sportsmen's money has been made to pay handsome dividends in the form of an annual wildlife crop.

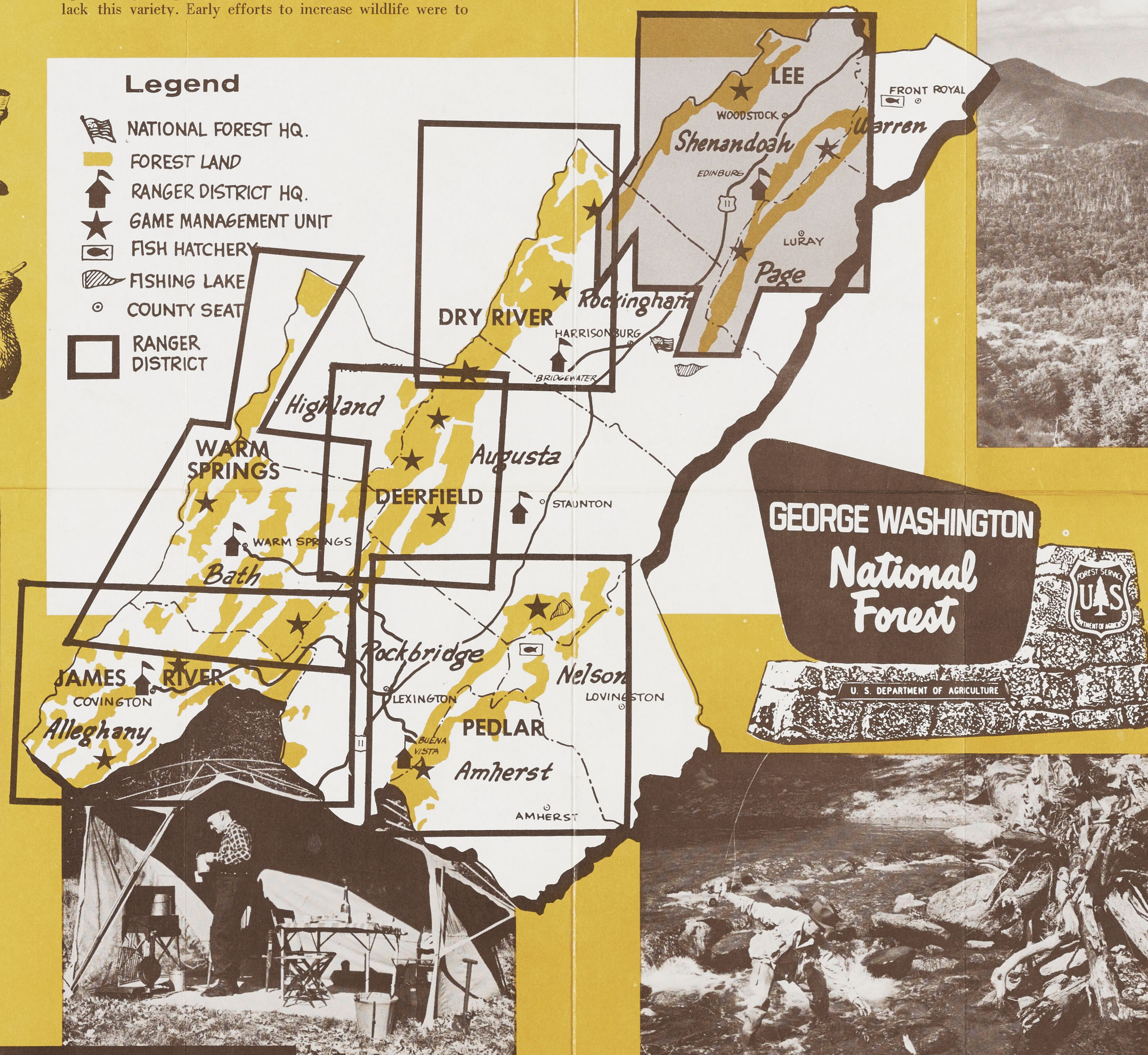
The chief need of wildlife is a proper blend of food and cover. A wide variety of food and cover is required for optimum game production. Uniform timber stands usually lack this variety. Early efforts to increase wildlife were to

create forest openings and establish food and cover plantings at intervals throughout the forest. While most of these areas are still maintained today and new ones are created where desirable, emphasis is now on the creation of optimum wildlife conditions through manipulation of timber sales.

A variety of food and cover for wildlife can be maintained through planned timber harvest on a much more economical basis than through direct habitat improvement. Roads and log landings are seeded and maintained as wildlife clearings. Thus, with careful planning, sportsmen reap the benefits from commercial timber operations.

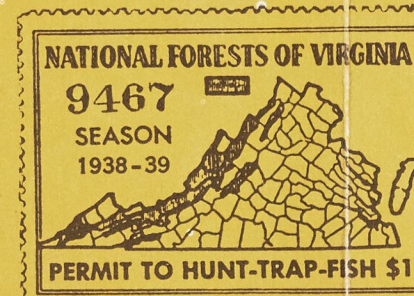
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- NATIONAL FOREST HQ.
- FOREST LAND
- RANGER DISTRICT HQ.
- GAME MANAGEMENT UNIT
- FISH HATCHERY
- FISHING LAKE
- COUNTY SEAT
- RANGER DISTRICT



GEORGE WASHINGTON
National
Forest

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



The National Forest STAMP

The first National Forest Stamp was issued in 1938 following an agreement between the Forest Service and the Virginia Game Commission to cooperatively manage the Game and Fish resources of the forest for the benefit of Virginia sportsmen. The \$1 stamp required of all who hunt, fish or trap on National Forest Lands, provides the necessary funds for carrying out this important work. Over the years this cooperative program has been instrumental in bringing back the deer and the wild turkey and in the development of hunter access trails and habitat improvements throughout the forest. The stamp is not required to fish in the South Fork of the Shenandoah River.

HUNTING

The George Washington National Forest contains over one million acres of rugged mountain land in a dozen western counties of Virginia. About 100,000 acres extend into West Virginia.

This National Forest and the 70,000 acres of Commission owned Wildlife Management Areas offer hunting opportunities equal to any found in eastern United States. Hunters annually take about 9,000 deer from the twelve county area in which these lands are located. This is also the state's best bear hunting area and has the states highest wild turkey populations and the annual kill from these counties far exceeds any area of similar size.

The wooded terrain provides top quality squirrel and grouse hunting. Quail and rabbit to be found around the open lands and abandoned farm lands in the hollows. Raccoon hunters make good use of the forest also, with dove and waterfowl being legal game on Forest and Commission owned lands.

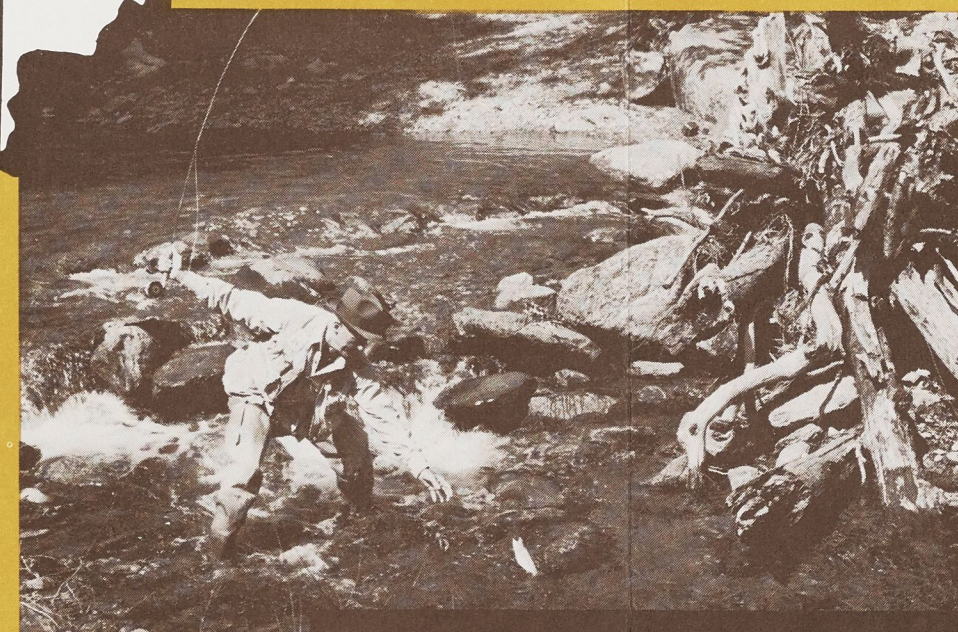
CAMPING

The Forest is liberally sprinkled with camping areas and no special permit is required to use most of these facilities. A season or special permit is required in a few places highly developed for campers. Camping is permitted in any reasonable place in the Forest which does not impede traffic. On Commission-owned lands, camping is permitted only on designated camping areas. Campers do not need fire permits. Additional information on Forest facilities and regulations can be obtained at any of the District Rangers offices, the Forest Supervisors office in Harrisonburg or at the Game Commission office in Richmond.

TROUT FISHING

Over 150,000 catchable size trout are stocked annually in streams on George Washington National Forest and on nearby Game Commission Wildlife Management Areas. Angling for these pan-sized rainbows and brooks provides some half million man days of recreation for trout enthusiasts from Virginia and surrounding states.

There are a number of fine headwater streams on the forest which offer good fishing for scrappy native brook trout. Trout anglers are required to purchase a special \$1 trout license in addition to their regular fishing license and trout stamp, if they fish in stocked waters. Trout licenses are not required in Shenando Lake after June 1.



Clearcuts made in past 8 yrs.



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US FOREST SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

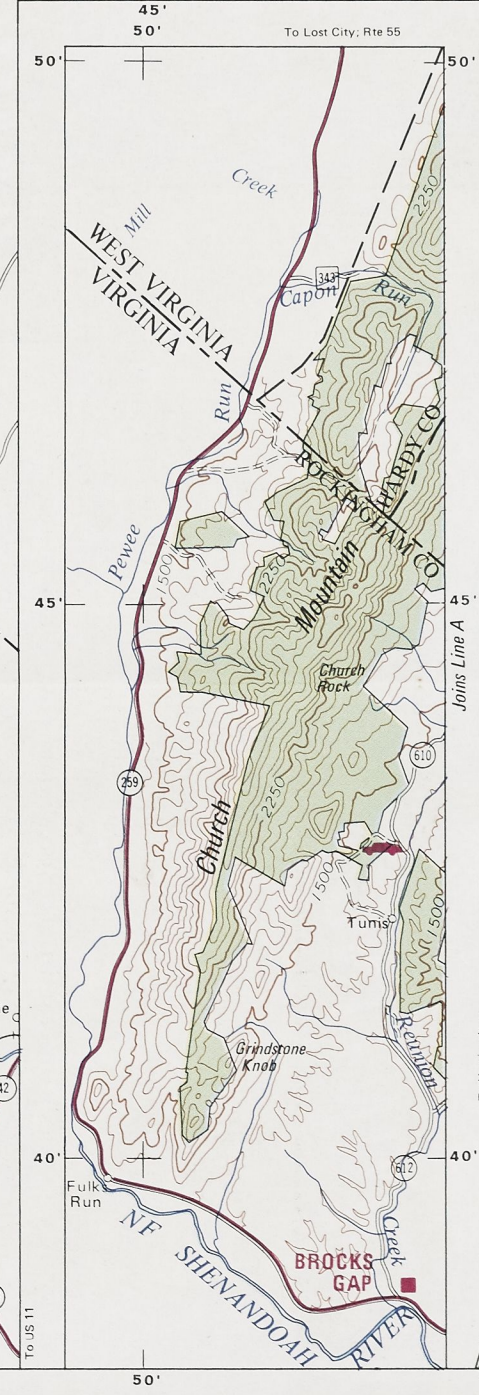
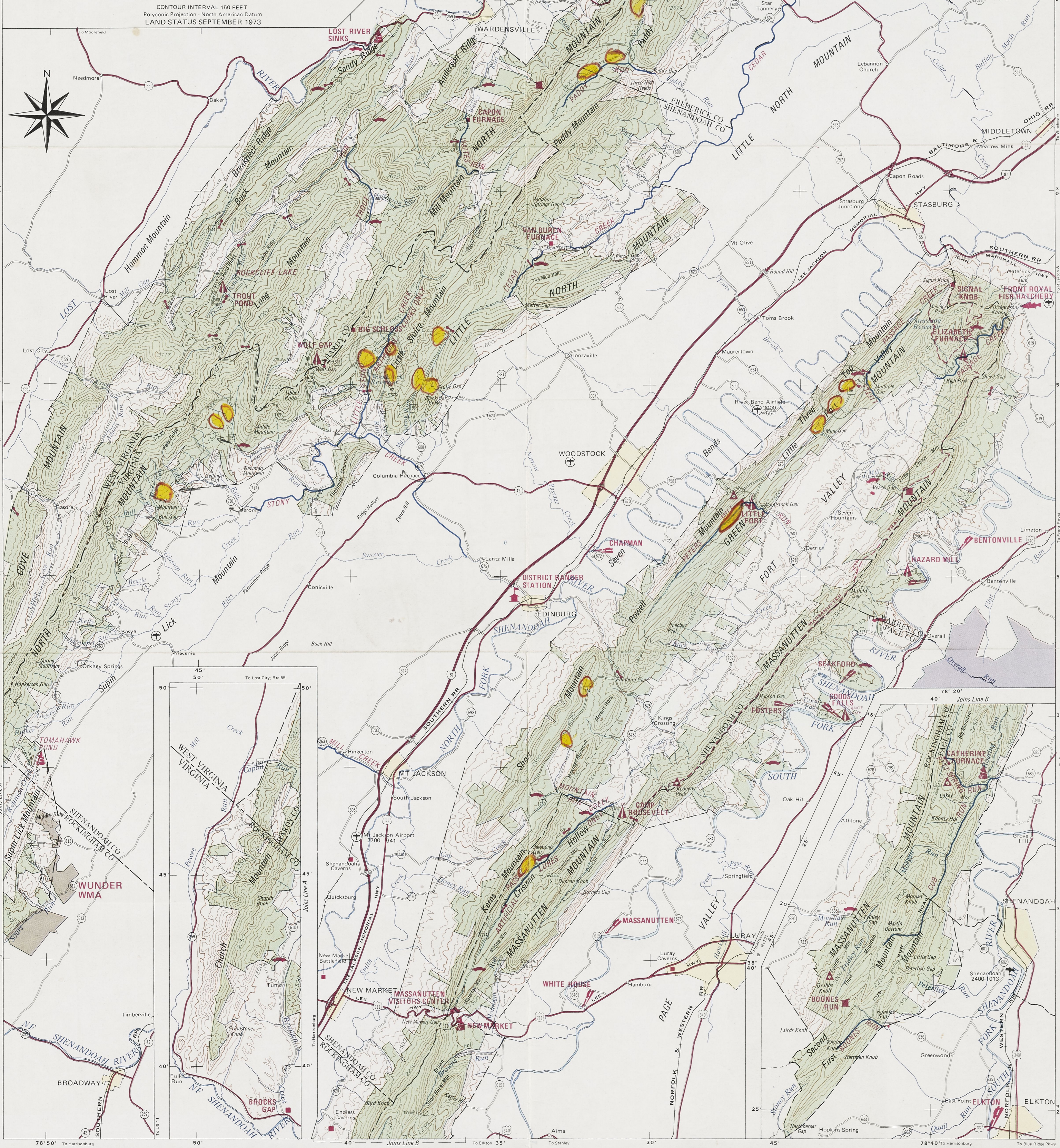
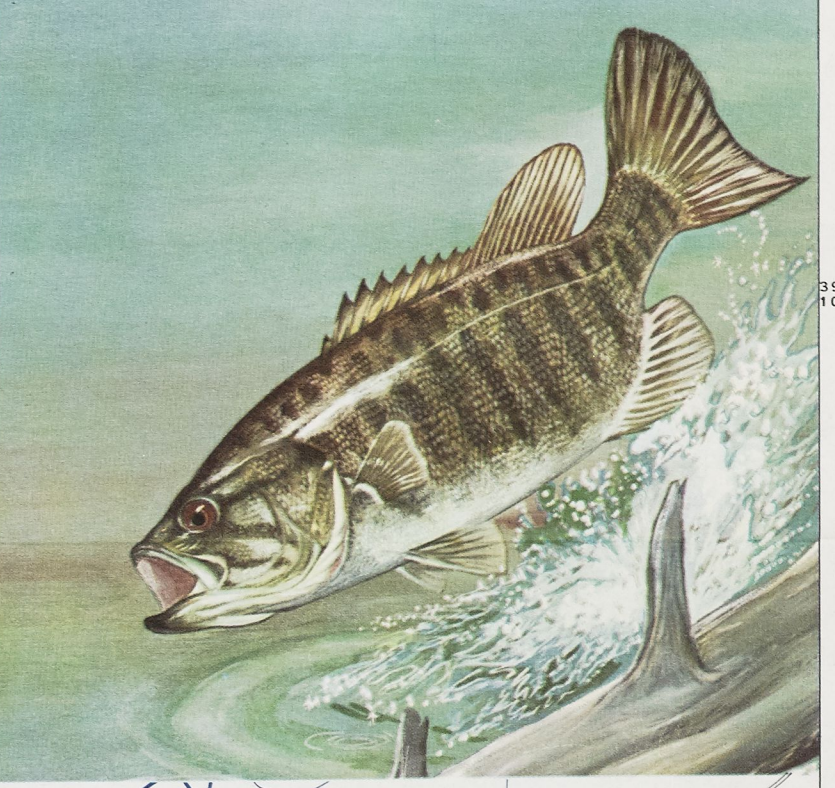
GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST

LEE RANGER DISTRICT VIRGINIA - WEST VIRGINIA

LEGEND

State Boundary	Railroad	Campsite
County Boundary	Electric, Power Line, Pipeline	Picnic, Recreation Area
National Forest Boundary	Forest Service Land	Launching Ramp
Interstate Route	National, State Park	Fish Hatchery
Federal Route	Wildlife Management Area	Parking Area, Gate
State Route	Airfield	Point of Interest, Lookout Tower
Dirt Road	Forest Supervisor's Headquarters	Trail Shelter
Forest Service Road	District Ranger Station	Stocked Trout Stream
Trail & Foot Path		

SCALE: 1 INCH = 2 MILES
CONTOUR INTERVAL 150 FEET
Polyconic Projection - North American Datum
LAND STATUS SEPTEMBER 1973



Pheasants down nationwide, says B. H. Horn.

Mammals on Peter Creek - on road the 60 mi.
by prairie ground. Swampy, right by table.

Bear Creek - hit it from ~~at~~ new F.R. road from Kirk.

~~Peter Cr.
Tay ~~Kend~~ go - in the swamp right by prairie table.~~

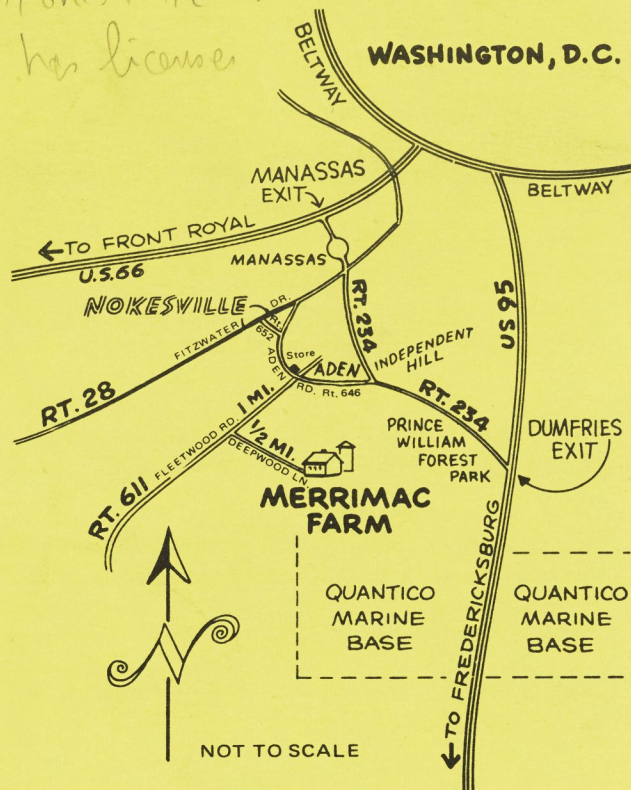
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|| Steve Mc Craik - a Dentist in Livingston -
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Merrimac Farm Hunting Preserve in southwestern Prince William County, near Nokesville and about an hour from the Washington area, is such a place. Here the bird hunter will find some 500 acres of varied wildlife cover and feed plots tailor-made and managed for upland game birds. With a background in game management, Dean N. McDowell, owner/manager, devotes full time to habitat improvement and game bird propagation so as to ensure quality hunting. Sporty shooting conditions, good birds, dogs and guides and natural holding cover are why hunters like Merrimac Farm. Hunts are arranged by advance reservations only so write or call:

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WHAT MERRIMAC FARM OFFERS

PHEASANTS, QUAIL AND CHUKKAR PARTRIDGE — No limit but see fee schedule for minimum hunt charges.

GUIDE AND BIRD DOGS — First class guides and gun dogs available for each party on advance request; specify when the hunt is booked. See fee schedule for Guide/Dog fee.

SEASON — 1 October - 31 March. Two hunts daily commencing at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

DAILY FEE PLAN — (Guide and dog included) — Based on minimum birds stocked. Shots are assured with preserve dogs and guides. See fee schedule for minimum hunt charges.



A fine place to start a youngster off right.



Good dogs make a hunt.

DOG OWNERS DAILY FEE PLAN — Features special reduced rates for bird dog owners on a bird stocked basis. See fee schedule for minimum hunt charges. We reserve the right to refuse to hunt with uncontrollable dogs.

SPECIAL PRESERVE NON-RESIDENT LICENSE — Good for season and can be purchased for only \$7.50.

PRICE CHANGES — If any price changes occur, hunters will be advised prior to booking.

HUNTING PARTIES — Normally limited to 3 hunters per party. Each party assigned its own special separate hunting area.

DOG TRAINING AREA — Available on request at \$6 per dog per half day.

MERRIMAC FARM HUNTING PRESERVE

FEE SCHEDULE (BASED ON HALF-DAY HUNTS)

DAILY FEE PLAN — (Guide and Dog required by hunters) — Charge \$54 per hunter. This fee includes dog and guide, grounds fee to cover stocking, conservation and cover management practices and a minimum of 3 pheasants or 8 quail or 5 chukkar partridge stocked/released for each hunter in each party's separate reserved hunting area.

Guide and Dog — Guides are paid separately and the fee is included in the above. The fee is \$10 per hunter — "walk alongs" will be charged ½ guide fee. On Saturdays and holidays, one hunter parties, if accepted, will be charged a guide fee for two, i.e. \$20.

DOG OWNERS DAILY FEE PLAN — (Hunters using their own dogs) \$44 minimum per hunter. This includes 3 pheasants or 8 quail or 5 chukkar partridge stocked/released per hunter in each party's separate reserved hunting area. One hunter parties, if accepted, will normally be charged an additional \$6 grounds fee on Saturdays and holidays.

COMBINATION HUNT — 2 pheasants, 4 quail, 2 chukkars — \$66 per hunter, using own dog; \$76 with guide and dog.

EXTRA BIRDS — Pheasants released, \$14; harvested, \$13 per bird; quail, \$5 per bird; chukkars, \$8 per bird. Prices are subject to change.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP PLAN — \$155 if paid by end of August; \$160 if paid by 30 September or \$165 if paid later, includes 12 pheasants or 32 quail or 19 chukkar partridge. All birds are reserved for members and their guests on a bird stocked basis. Minimum release requirements per hunter are 3 pheasants or 8 quail or 5 chukkars. The Club Plan Membership terminates under the terms of this agreement as of 31 January, 1983. Birds not utilized by that date will be lost to the member.

Only Members have options to purchase small or big game (deer) hunting rights as available.

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