Hunters are not permitted to cross water management areas unless retrieving a harvested animal.

Archery Hunt: Sika
Each hunt week is broken down into a three-day hunt period, Monday – Wednesday. All hunters must attend the archery orientation session on the Sunday prior to their assigned hunt date.

The $20.00 archery permit fee will be collected and permits issued to hunters on or before the designated whitetail hunt period immediately following the day of the orientation. The firearm confirmation letter and $20.00 permit fee must be received at the refuge administration building or postmarked by November 17, 2000. Hunters will receive additional notification after this date, but should simply attend the required firearms orientation. Hunters may contact the refuge administration office if they need confirmation of receipt of the fees.

Additions and/or substitutions can be made, provided the person(s) adding or substituting did not apply to the original lottery. Hunters are not entitled to switch hunt zones and weeks once their lottery selections have been made.

The Tom’s Cove Area may be available to hunting parties with four-wheel drive vehicles that follow the established foot paths and the overlook platform, except when retrieving a deer. Vehicles must be parked in the outer lot, and a group of four hunters must be determined. Otherwise, the refuge will combine hunters to fill the maximum of four hunters per party.

A hunter must be accompanied by a non-hunting partner if he/she needs assistance retrieving and/or dressing harvested animals.

Big Game Hunting

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Firearm and Archery Hunt Dates

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- October 2–4, 2000 and October 16–18, 2000. Each hunt is limited to 75 hunters.
- **Firearm:**

Wheedle: Data vary each year. We used: December 1–2, 2000.

**Application Deadlines**

**Archery:**
- August 28, 2000 (receipt date).
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**Hunt Areas**

**Firearms Hunt**
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- Only shotgun slugs and 00-buck or larger buckshot permitted.
- **Archery Area**
  - Zones 3 thru 9 are open for hunting.
- **Hunt Hours**:
  - **Archery**:
    - September 1, 2000.
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    - Zones 1, 1a, 1b, 1c (and 2, following Wheelchair Hunt).
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