James City County Public Access Lands for Sportsmen PALS - Rules

PALS is a program that opens additional lands for public use through cooperative agreements. Please treat it with respect to help us ensure its continued success. If you encounter any problems please call 804-829-6580. Please also report any wildlife crime to 800-237-5712 or email to wildcrime@dwr.virginia.gov

The James City County PALS is Open to archery/crossbow deer hunting only

No other activities are allowed

License/PASS Requirements- In addition to all applicable licenses e.g. Hunting License (Resident, Nonresident, Youth, Apprentice or Junior), Archery or Crossbow License, Big Game License (Tags) a PALS Access Pass is required to hunt this PALS property. PALS permits are only sold through license agents or on the DWR web site and smartphone APP. For more specific license information please see a license agent, the DWR Hunting and Trapping Guide found at an agent, or http://www.dwr.virginia.gov/

Access: Park only in the designated parking area. Please park with respect to others. Overnight parking is not permitted. Vehicles parked on highway right of way (ROW) Cell Tower ROW, Landfill Entrance ROW or outside the designated parking lot will be towed at owner’s expense.

Area Gates Open August 31, 2020 - March 28, 2020 ONLY. THIS IS A PUBLIC LAND therefore THE GATE WILL BE LEFT OPEN HOWEVER THIS AREA IS CLOSED TO HUNTING ON SUNDAY.

Tree Stands- Are permitted, but not required, Safety Harness are recommended. Climbing or Ladder Tree Stand Only, No screw in steps or permanent stands, Leave at own risk

BLAZE ORANGE Requirements- Is recommended all the times when hunting but only required on the September Youth/ Apprentice Day (September 26), and during General Deer Firearm Season (November 14 – January 2)

James City County PALS Archery/Crossbow Deer Hunting Season Dates and Limits:

NO SUNDAY HUNTING

August 31 through Sept 4 2020- Scouting Only

September 5 through October 2, 2020 (Antlerless Only), 2 deer per day

October 3, 2020 through January 2, 2021 (Either Sex), 2 deer per day, 3 antlered per season

January 3, 2021 through March 28, 2021 (Antlerless Only), 2 deer per day