

# James City County

## Public Access Lands for Sportsmen “PALS” Rules

PALS is a program that opens additional lands for public use through cooperative agreements. This area is the first PALS project in eastern Virginia. Please treat it with respect to help us ensure its success. If you encounter any problems please call 804-829-6580. Please report any wildlife crime to 800-237-5712 or email to [wildcrime@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:wildcrime@dwr.virginia.gov)

The James City County PALS is Open to archery/crossbow deer hunting only.  
No other activities are allowed.

In addition to all applicable licenses, e.g. resident or non-resident youth, apprentice or junior hunting license, archery, muzzleloader or deer turkey tags, a **Public Access Lands for Sportsmen (PALS)** permit is required to hunt this PALS property. PALS permits are available wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold – online or through over 500 license agents in the Commonwealth. Visit <https://www.gooutdoorsvirginia.com> to log into your customer account to purchase or to find a license agent location near you. Specific hunting or trapping information, including license requirements, can be found at <https://dwr.virginia.gov/hunting/>

Access- Is SELF-REGULATED by limiting parking to the one gravel parking lot area which is intended to restrict the number of daily participants to no more than 5 vehicles. These spots are first come first serve. 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 September 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 ONLY. THIS IS A PUBLIC LAND therefore THE GATE WILL BE LEFT OPEN HOWEVER **THIS AREA IS CLOSED TO HUNTING ON SUNDAY.**

Tree Stands: Stands are permitted, but not required; Safety Harness are recommended. Climbing or Ladder Tree Stand Only, no screw in steps or permanent stands. Leave overnight at your own risk. Locks are recommended.

BLAZE ORANGE/PINK Requirements: Blaze orange or pink recommended all the times when hunting but only required on the September Youth/ Apprentice Day (September 25, 2021), and during deer muzzleloader and general firearms season (October 30, 2021 to January 1, 2022).

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

September 1, 2021 through September 3, 2021, Scouting/Stand Placement Only  
September 4, 2021 through October 1, 2021, (Antlerless Only), 2 deer per day  
Youth/ Apprentice Day September 25, 2021, (Either Sex), 2 deer per day  
October 2, 2021 through January 1, 2022, (Either Sex), 2 deer per day, 3 antlered per season

January 2, 2022 through March 27, 2022, (Antlerless Only, 2 deer per day)