

State Parks

Virginia State Parks Hunting Opportunities 2025–2026 Season

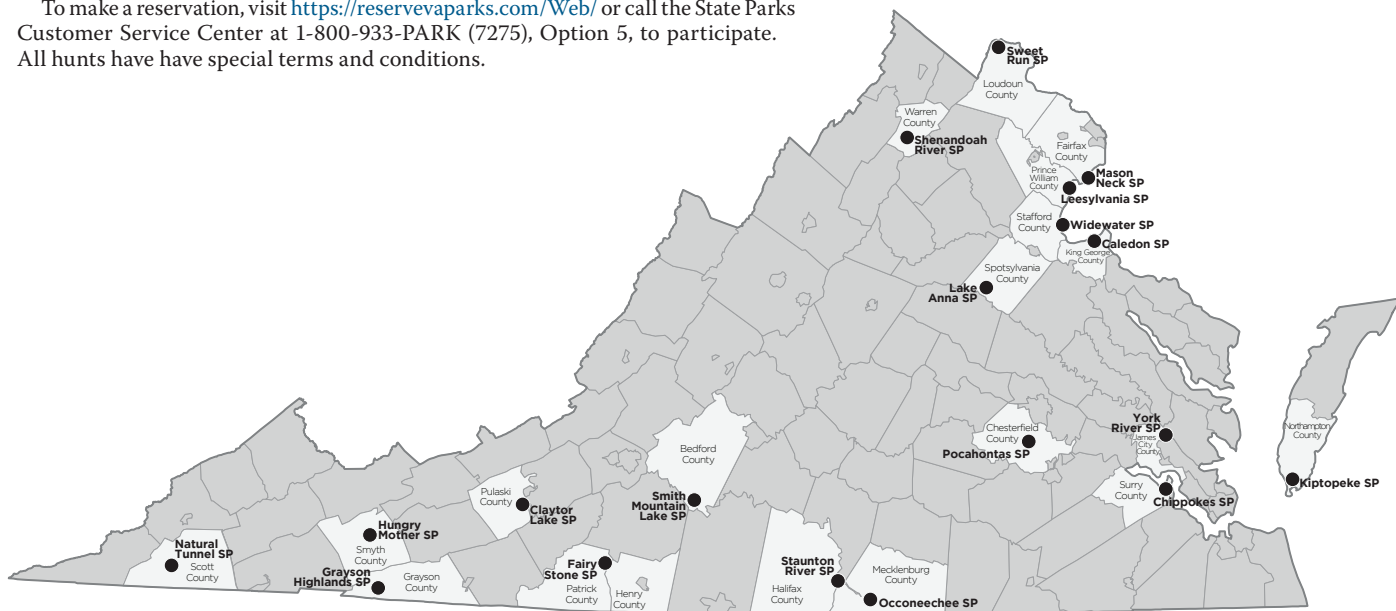
Virginia State Parks offer a wide variety of hunting opportunities as well as countless other outdoor activities for the entire family. Hunting opportunities range from open hunting in designated areas to managed deer hunts where individuals participate through a reservation.

Specific sites that offer hunting may change from year to year. Managed deer hunts are a tool in Virginia State Parks' overall deer management program. Participating hunters are asked to support our management efforts by following harvest guidelines associated with each hunt.

Visit online at <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/hunting> for the most up-to-date information regarding hunting dates, opening dates for reservation periods, number of hunters per day, allowable weapon types, and other special requirements. All reservation hunts have a \$15 reservation fee. Hunter education certification is required.

To make a reservation, visit <https://reservevaparks.com/Web/> or call the State Parks Customer Service Center at 1-800-933-PARK (7275), Option 5, to participate.

All hunts have have special terms and conditions.



VIRGINIA STATE PARK	PHONE NUMBER	COUNTY
Caledon State Park	540-663-3861	King George County
Chippokes State Park	757-294-3728	Surry County
Claytor Lake State Park	540-643-2500	Pulaski County
Fairy Stone State Park	276-930-2424	Patrick County, Henry County
Grayson Highlands State Park	276-579-7092	Grayson County
Hungry Mother State Park	276-781-7400	Smyth County
Kiptopeke State Park	757-331-2267	Northampton County
Lake Anna State Park	540-854-5503	Stafford County
Leesylvania State Park	703-730-8205	Prince William County
Mason Neck State Park	703-339-2384	Fairfax County
Natural Tunnel State Park	276-940-2674	Scott County
Occoneechee State Park	434-374-2210	Mecklenburg County
Pocahontas State Park	804-796-4255	Chesterfield County
Shenandoah River State Park	540-622-6840	Warren County
Smith Mountain Lake State Park	540-297-6066	Bedford County
Staunton River State Park	434-572-3694	Halifax County
Staunton River State Park (Falkland Farms)	434-572-3694	Halifax County
Sweet Run State Park	540-668-6230	Loudoun County
Widewater State Park	540-288-1400	Stafford County
York River State Park	757-566-3036	James City County

Reservation Hunts

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 transaction. Proof of hunter education certification and required licenses must be presented at check-in. To make a reservation, visit online at <https://reservevaparks.com/Web/> or call the State Parks Customer Service Center at 1-800-933-PARK (7275) Option 5 to participate. Visit online at <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/hunting> to determine the reservation start date.

Special Youth Hunt

A special youth hunt is planned at Shenandoah River 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).

Open Hunts

Open hunting opportunities are available at select Virginia State Parks. Additional information can be found at <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/hunting>.

Pocahontas Archery Hunt by Permit

Pocahontas State Park offers an opportunity for archery hunters to obtain a permit for archery hunting in special designated areas. Approximately 2,500 acres are open on designated days only to archery hunters who obtain a permit through the main park office. Permits are limited to a total of 100 permits. All normal DWR regulations and bag limits apply to this hunt. Proof of hunter safety education course completion is required to obtain a permit.

Cooperative Hunts

Wheelin' Sportsmen Hunt

There are three special opportunities for people with mobility impairment disabilities to participate in hunts. Special Muzzleloader hunts will be held at Shenandoah River State Park and at Lake Anna State Park. A special General Firearms hunt will be held at Staunton River State Park. Applications will be available August 1, and the deadline is September 1. Apply or download the application at www.vanwtf.org. Contact Robin Clark, 434-249-6154, huntvaws@gmail.com for more info.

Mason Neck State Park

This hunt is run in conjunction with the Potomac River National Wildlife Refuge Complex. All selected hunters must attend an orientation and show proof of weapons qualification in

order to participate. Orientation and permit sales are administered on <https://potomacriver-refugehunts.recaccess.com/>.

Claytor Lake State Park Youth Deer Hunting Workshop

This workshop and hunt for youth (ages 12–17) is held in conjunction with the Department of Wildlife Resources. Workshop includes a Friday evening seminar on deer biology/management, hunting safety/ethics and muzzleloader safety, and a Saturday guided muzzleloader hunt. Participants must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult, and meet all hunter education and licensing requirements. For more information and to register, contact Tracy Howard at 540-641-4455, tracydeanhoward@yahoo.com.

Widewater State Park Novice Hunter Workshop

This workshop is for novice hunters, age 18 and older, who would like to receive a supplemental education that goes beyond the required hunter education course. Held in cooperation with the Department of Wildlife Resources, novices will be paired one-on-one with an experienced mentor who will offer invaluable knowledge and expertise. Interested novice hunters should contact Jason Miller, DWR Region 4 Hunter Education Coordinator, jason.miller@dwr.virginia.gov. Instructions for the State Park hunting permit and related fees will be provided during the selection notification process.

Overnight Accommodations

Virginia State Parks also provides comfortable and economical overnight accommodations, with housekeeping cabins and campsites ranging from primitive sites to sites with electric and water hookups.

Accommodations are available at many sites during part of the hunting season. To make hunting reservations, as well as to make reservations for overnight accommodations in Virginia State Parks, visit <https://reservevaparks.com/Web/> or call the State Parks Customer Service Center at 800-933-7275 (PARK) option 5. Reservations may be made up to two days prior to the requested day of the hunt, provided payment can be made at the time of reservation, and that space is available. Learn about park cabins, camping and lodges at <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/overnight-accom>.

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