

# WELCOME TO MATTAPONI WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES WELCOMES YOU TO THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS. THESE LANDS WERE PURCHASED AND ARE MANAGED WITH FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF VIRGINIA HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSES AND WITH THE SPORT FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THESE LANDS IS FOR HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING, BOATING, AND FOR OBSERVING WILDLIFE. ALL OTHER USES SHOULD CONFORM WITH THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE AREA.

## GENERAL

ACTIVITIES INVOLVING GROUPS OF MORE THAN 12 PERSONS REQUIRE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

DISPLAY OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC IS PROHIBITED.

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED EXCEPT BY WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

## HUNTING & TRAPPING

PLEASE REFER TO THE CURRENT *HUNTING & TRAPPING IN VIRGINIA* DIGEST AND POSTED SIGNS FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS THAT MAY APPLY TO THIS WMA.

## FIREARMS

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO HAVE IN POSSESSION OR IN A VEHICLE A BOW OR GUN WHICH IS NOT UNLOADED AND CASED OR DISMANTLED EXCEPT WHEN IT IS LAWFUL TO TAKE BEAR, DEER, GROUSE, PHEASANTS, QUAIL, RABBIT, RACCOON, SQUIRREL, OR TURKEY; AND ADDITIONALLY, MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS ON DEPARTMENT OWNED LANDS EAST OF THE BLUE RIDGE; OR BY PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT; OR BY CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT ISSUED BY A CIRCUIT COURT.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS OR TRANSPORT A LOADED GUN IN OR ON ANY VEHICLE AT ANY TIME ON A WMA.

TARGET SHOOTING IS PERMITTED ON DESIGNATED RANGES ONLY.

## FISHING, BOATING AND SWIMMING

PLEASE REFER TO THE CURRENT *VIRGINIA FRESHWATER FISHING REGULATIONS* DIGEST AND POSTED SIGNS FOR ANY SPECIAL CREEL AND SIZE RESTRICTIONS THAT MAY APPLY TO THIS WMA.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE BOATS PROPELLED BY GASOLINE MOTORS, SAIL OR BY MECHANICALLY OPERATED RECREATIONAL PADDLE WHEEL, UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED.

SWIMMING IS PROHIBITED. ANGLERS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FISHING, HUNTERS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN HUNTING, AND TRAPPERS LAWFULLY TRAPPING MAY WADE IN PUBLIC FISHING LAKES.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE TROT LINES ON PUBLIC FISHING LAKES.

## CAMPING/FIRES

PRIMITIVE CAMPING IS PERMITTED FOR UP TO 14 CONSECUTIVE DAYS WHEN OCCUPANTS ARE ENGAGED IN AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES. NO MORE THAN 2 CAMPING UNITS ARE PERMITTED PER SITE (PER VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGULATIONS {12 VAC 5-450-10}).

CAMPING IS PROHIBITED ON OR WITHIN 100 YARDS OF ANY BOAT RAMP OR FISHING LAKE OR AT OTHER SPECIFIC SITES AS POSTED.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO LEAVE A CAMPFIRE UNATTENDED. FROM FEBRUARY 15 TO APRIL 30 CAMPFIRES ARE ALLOWED ONLY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4:00PM AND MIDNIGHT.

## DOGS

IT IS LAWFUL TO CHASE OR RETRIEVE GAME (EXCEPT FOR DEER AND BEAR) WITH DOGS ON THIS WMA ONLY DURING AUTHORIZED HUNTING SEASONS THAT SPECIFICALLY PERMIT THESE ACTIVITIES.

DOGS ARE PROHIBITED AT ALL OTHER TIMES.

## HORSEBACK RIDING, BICYCLE RIDING, JOGGING, AND HIKING

HORSEBACK RIDING AND JOGGING ARE PROHIBITED ON THIS WMA.

BICYCLE RIDING IS PERMITTED ONLY WHEN ENGAGED IN AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.

HIKING IS WELCOME. HIKERS SHOULD BE MINDFUL OF ALL OPEN HUNTING SEASONS.

BLAZE ORANGE HAT OR CLOTHING IS RECOMMENDED FOR NON-HUNTERS DURING HUNTING SEASONS.

## VEHICLES

MOTOR VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED BEHIND BARRICADES OR GATES DESIGNED TO PREVENT ENTRY OR WITHIN AREAS OTHERWISE POSTED TO PROHIBIT MOTOR VEHICLES.

OPERATION OF ATVs AND OTHER UNLICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES IS PROHIBITED.

CROSS-COUNTRY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (OFF-ROAD TRAVEL) IS PROHIBITED.

MOTOR VEHICLES, CAMPERS, AND TRAILERS MAY BE PARKED ON DEPARTMENT-OWNED LANDS ONLY WHEN THE OWNERS/RESPONSIBLE PARTY ARE ENGAGED IN AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.

## RESOURCE AND PROPERTY DAMAGE

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO CONSTRUCT OR OCCUPY ANY PERMANENT STRUCTURE (INCLUDING A PERMANENTLY-AFFIXED TREE STAND) EXCEPT BY DEPARTMENT PERMIT.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO CUT, MUTILATE, DESTROY OR REMOVE VEGETATION, OR TO REMOVE MINERALS, ARTIFACTS OR OTHER PROPERTY FROM THE AREA. METAL DETECTING/ARTIFACT HUNTING IS PROHIBITED.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DAMAGE, DEFACE, OR REMOVE ANY BUILDING, GATE, FENCE, SIGN, OR OTHER PROPERTY.

**OTHER USES ARE ALLOWED ONLY BY WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OR BY POSTED RULES (4 VAC 15-40-280).**

FOR MAPS OF THIS OR OTHER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS GO TO: [WWW.HUNTFISHVA.COM](http://WWW.HUNTFISHVA.COM) OR BY CONTACTING THE REGIONAL OFFICE AT (540) 899-4169.

WE HOPE YOUR VISIT IS SAFE AND ENJOYABLE AND THAT YOU WILL RETURN SOON.

THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES SHALL AFFORD TO ALL PERSONS AN EQUAL ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, DISABILITY, SEX, OR AGE.



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