

2025-2026 HUNTING AT SASSAFRAS NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AREA

Approximately **1000 acres** of woodlands, fields and marshlands have been designated for forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl (lottery only), and deer hunting at Sassafras Natural Resources Management Area (NRMA). **Hunters must comply with all state and federal game laws as well as Maryland Park Service hunting regulations.** Trapping is not allowed. Hunting is prohibited on Sundays.

The map on the reverse outlines the approximate boundaries of the hunting area. It is important to note that hunting is not permitted within 150 yards of a dwelling, public road or adjacent property line. Please respect these safety zones. If you are pursuing a deer after legal shooting time that you believe is alive, you must contact the Natural Resources Police at 410-260-8888.

A total of 25 hunters are permitted each day. This will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. **Hunters must sign in and out each day at the hunter sign-in box located in the parking area.**

SMALL GAME HUNTING IS CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 19, 2025, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026.

Use of game shooting stands is limited to those of a temporary nature which can be removed at the end of the day. Use of vehicles within the confines of Sassafras NRMA is prohibited.

BOBWHITE QUAIL: Bobwhite quail hunting is prohibited. This closure, combined with recent habitat improvements, will give the population a chance to recover from previous low numbers.

MIGRATORY CANADA GOOSE (AND WATERFOWL): Goose hunting is allowed by **lottery permit only** from four (4) field blinds. For more information, contact Tuckahoe State Park at (410) 820-1668 or www.dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/eastern/sassafras.aspx. Snow goose hunting is available after the Canada goose season ends on a first-come, first-served basis.

***LLOYDS CREEK BLIND SITE:** Waterfowl hunting from the blind site is by reservation only through the Gwynnbrook Wildlife Management Area office at (410) 356-9272, Monday-Friday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. Reservations can be made up to 4 days in advance. Access is by boat only. A free Public Lands Hunting Permit is required before making a reservation.

Certain areas of the NRMA are available for hunters with disabilities; contact Tuckahoe State Park for details at tuckahoe.statepark@maryland.gov.

Sassafras Natural Resources Management Area
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**In the event of an emergency, contact the
DNR Communications Center at 1-410-260-8888**