



General Hunting Regulations

Sassafras NRMA



Sassafras Natural Resources Management Area (NRMA) offers approximately 1,000 acres of woodlands, fields, and marshlands designated for forest game, upland game, dove, waterfowl, and deer hunting. All hunters must strictly adhere to state and federal game laws in addition to Maryland Park Service regulations. **Trapping, Sunday hunting, and nighttime hunting are prohibited.** Vehicles are not permitted within the confines of Sassafras NRMA, and parking is restricted to designated lots marked on the map.

Waterfowl & Blind Reservations

- **Lloyds Creek Blind Site: Reservation Only** – Call Gwynnbrook WMA at (410) 356-9272 (Mon–Fri, 7:30–11:30 AM) up to 4 days in advance. Requirements: Free Public Lands Hunting Permit required; access is by boat only.
- **Migratory Canada Goose:** Allowed by lottery permit only in 4 field blinds. Apply online.
- **Snow Goose:** First-come, first-served in the field blinds after the Canada Goose season concludes.

Species & Season Closures:

- **Small Game Closure Dates:** CLOSED Nov 24–27, 2026 and Dec 15, 2026 – Jan 30, 2027.
- **Bobwhite Quail:** CLOSED to allow population recovery following habitat improvements.

Site-Specific Rules & Requirements

- **Daily Hunter Cap:** Maximum of 25 hunters per day for Dove, Forest Game, Upland Game, Deer Shotgun, and Archery.
- **Sign-In Required:** First-come, first-served basis. All hunters must sign in and out daily at the parking area box.
- **Safety Zones:** No hunting within 150 yards of any dwelling, public road, or property line.
- **Tree Stands:** Temporary stands only; must be removed at the end of each day.
- **Accessible Hunting:** 2 disabled hunter access areas are available (see map on reverse).

Contact & Emergency Info

- **Location Address:** 13761 Turners Creek Road, Kennedyville, MD 21645
- **Sassafras NRMA is managed by the Tuckahoe State Park Office:** (410) 820-1668; tuckahoe.statepark@maryland.gov
- **Emergencies call 911**
- **Natural Resources Police Communications (NRP):** 1-410-260-8888
- Call NRP if tracking a wounded deer after legal shooting hours.