



Assateague Island National Seashore Hunt Program Changes and Closures

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Hurricane Sandy caused significant damage to Assateague Island roads, trails, and infrastructure. Rangers have assessed these resources as they relate to the hunt program, and have initiated changes and closures to ensure a safe hunting experience:

- **Big Game: Archery hunting for deer is scheduled to resume on Thursday, November 8 in both the North and South zones. The OSV is currently closed at Fox Hill Levels, KM 25.3.** Hunting will be open south of the closure, but accessible by foot only.
- **Small Game: Scheduled to resume on Thursday, November 8.** Hunting will be open south of the OSV closure at 25.3, but accessible by foot only.
- **Waterfowl: Assateague's waterfowl season will open as scheduled on Saturday, November 10.** The duck blind draw will begin promptly at 5 am in the lobby of the new Ranger Station. Late check-ins, check-outs, and harvested waterfowl check-in will occur at the Hunter Contact Station just south of the Ranger Station.
 - **Waterfowl blinds and hunt areas south of Fox Hill Levels, KM 25.3, are closed.** This includes blinds/areas 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25.
 - **Blind A:** The boardwalk and blind are damaged, and are closed. **A white PVC post designates the location as a hunt area.** At this time, the area is not accessible to mobility-impaired hunters. Although the 100 yard hunting zone applies, no waterfowl hunting is allowed south of the boardwalk and blind. **Parking for Areas A and B will be at Assateague State Park parking lot.**
 - **Hunt Areas B, C, D, and F (boat-in) are open.**
 - **Blinds 1 and 2 are unavailable. Posts designate these as hunt areas.**
 - **Boat-in #3: Open.**
 - **Blinds 4 and 5: Closed.**
 - **Boat-in #6 and #8: Open (no blind at #8).**
 - **Blinds 10, 11, and 14 are unavailable. Posts designate these as hunt areas.**
 - **Blind 12: Unavailable. The blind designates the 100 yard hunt zone.**
 - **Hunt Area 15: Open.**
 - **Hunt Area 16 (Buntings): Open. Buntings Bridge is closed; hunters must park at the Buntings/Pine Tree intersection.**
 - **Hunt Area E: Closed.**
 - **Hunt Area 17: Open.**
 - **Boat-in #19: Open.**

**Additional changes or closures may occur as a result of weather/tidal conditions.
Call 410-641-1441 press 3 for the Ranger Station.**