



# Accessible Hunting and Fishing in Uwharrie National Forest



Hunting and fishing – traditional, time-honored sports – are popular in the Uwharrie National Forest. Outside of developed recreation areas, fishing and hunting are permitted throughout the forest. While the US Forest Service manages the habitat on federal lands, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) regulates both hunting and fishing and requires a state license on game lands. The Flintlock Valley Shooting Range is open year-round for sighting in your rifle and target practice. A range pass can be purchased at local stores or the District office.

The NCWRC annually issues a publication listing regulations and license information. The Regulations Digest is available by calling 888-248-6834 and online at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org), select “Licensing.”



Many game animals, including white-tailed deer, wild turkey, rabbit and gray squirrel, live in the forest. The Forest Service provides a variety of hunting opportunities, including accessible hunting along identified roads. Contact the Ranger District office (phone: 910.576.6391; email: [uwharrie@fs.fed.us](mailto:uwharrie@fs.fed.us)) for more information about these areas. These roads are open to all hunters. The following roads have been selected for the 2016 fall deer season:

- West Polly Branch Road (Forest Service Road 6726, near Pekin): located off Pekin Road just south of Parsons Grove Church
- Tucker Tract: located off NC Highway 109 north of Eldorado, access from the highway
- Yates Place Road (Forest Service Road 6746): located off Dusty Level Road near the Yates Place campground.

Follow these safety tips when hunting in the National Forest:

- Check weather reports before visiting the forest.
- Dress properly and be prepared for the worst possible conditions.
- During certain seasons, hunters must wear hunter (blaze) orange viewable from all directions. Avoid wearing white or tan clothing during deer season.
- Check hunting equipment before and after each outing, and maintain it properly. Familiarize yourself with its operation before using it in the field.
- Clearly identify your target before shooting. Prevent unfortunate accidents or fatalities.
- Be alert when hunting near developed areas and trails. Hunting is prohibited 150 yards from a recreation area, campground, trail or residence.



Situated on a peninsula in Badin Lake, King’s Mountain Point Day-Use Area offers four accessible fishing piers and an paved trail that wraps around 34 picnic sites. Try your luck at catching brim, crappie, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and catfish in Badin Lake. Well-attended bass tournaments are held most weekends from March through October.

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