



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 U.S. Forest Service manages the habitat in the national forest, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission regulates both hunting and fishing. State licenses are required.

The commission 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, select “Licensing.”



Many game animals, including white-tailed deer, wild turkey, rabbit and gray squirrel, thrive in the forest. The Forest Service provides a variety of hunting opportunities, including accessible hunting in the below locations. Contact the ranger district office (ph: (910) 576-6391; email: uwharrie@fs.fed.us) for more information about these areas.

- West Polly Branch Road (Forest Service Road 6726, near Pekin): Opened to all hunters for spring turkey and fall seasons. Check with the ranger district office for fall availability.
- Off of River Road (State Route 1150): It is the gate right before you get to the Lake in The Pine development. The gate will be on the right hand side of the road.
- Yates Place Road: Opened to all hunters for the fall season. Check with the ranger district office for spring availability.

Follow these safety tips when hunting in the national forests:

- 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 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, dwelling or residence.



Situated on a peninsula of Badin Lake, King’s Mountain Point Day-Use Area offers four accessible fishing piers and an accessible paved trail that wraps around 34 picnic sites. Try your luck at catching the 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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