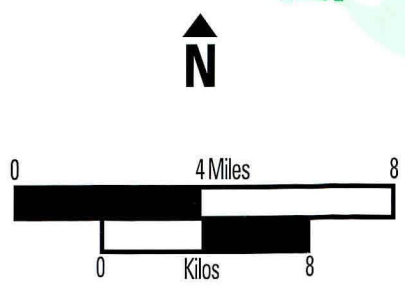
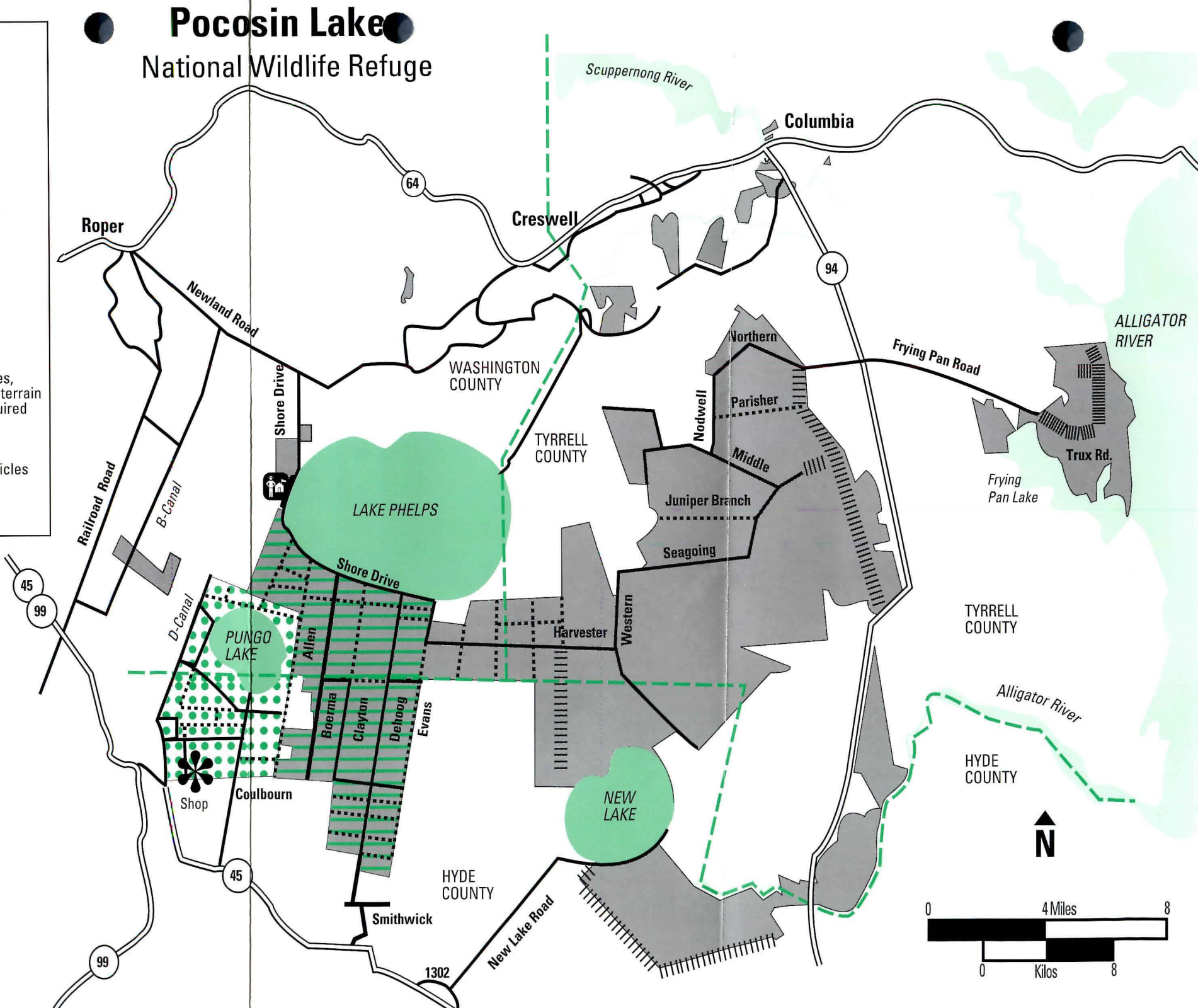


LEGEND

- Refuge office
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Hunting Regulations

The following species may be hunted in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations:

- **Migratory Birds:** ducks, geese, swans, mourning doves, woodcock, rails, and snipe
- **Upland Game:** quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, fox, beaver, and nutria
- **Big Game:** white-tailed deer
- **Feral Hogs**

Permits

You must have a valid Refuge General Hunting Permit to hunt on the refuge - simply sign the front of this brochure and keep it with you while hunting. Additional permits are required to hunt deer with firearms on the Pungo Unit and to hunt raccoon and opossum at night. Applications and fees are required for Pungo Deer Gun Hunt permits. See **Special Hunts** below for more information.

Area Restrictions - Hunting is not allowed

- around the Headquarters/Visitor Center/Scuppernong River Boardwalk;
- within the Pungo Shop complex;
- on the refuge portion of New Lake;
- on refuge lands between Shore Drive and Lake Phelps;
- on that portion of the Pinner Tract east of SR 1105;
- between Shore Drive and the Allen Road gate, including the area within 100 yards of each side of this section of Allen Road;
- on Western Road from Seagoing Road south to the gate;
- on the road forming the southern boundary of the refuge tract west of Pettigrew State Park's Cypress Point Access Area.

The following areas are closed to all public entry during November, December, January, and February:

- Pungo Lake and New Lake
- Duck Pen Road and the Pungo Lake Banding Site
- that section of Molt Road forming the southern boundary of the Smartweed moist soil unit

- the Jones Pond moist soil unit, including its dikes
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Wounded or dead game may be retrieved from closed areas with consent from a refuge employee, but no weapons may be taken into the closed areas.

General

The refuge is open during daylight hours only, except that:

- hunters may enter hunting areas up to 1 1/2 hours before legal shooting time and remain on the refuge up to 1 1/2 hours after legal shooting time (except on the special Pungo Deer Gun Hunts – see **Pungo Unit**). During these non-daylight hours, hunters must be actively engaged in setting up for hunting, retrieving game, exiting the refuge, or some other activity related to hunting. Hunters must exit the refuge as quickly as possible after daylight hours have ended, but no later than one and one half hours afterwards.
- raccoon and opossum hunters may hunt on the refuge at night with a special permit which can be obtained from Refuge Headquarters.

Firearms are prohibited on the refuge except as authorized for hunting activities. All weapons must be unloaded and encased or dismantled while being transported on the refuge by a motorized vehicle (including boats under power and on ATVs where they are allowed – see **Vehicles**).

You must wear 500 square inches (3250 cm²) of fluorescent orange material above the waist, which is visible from all sides, while hunting upland game and while hunting deer or feral hogs in areas open to hunting with firearms. A vest and a hat normally meet this requirement; a hat alone does not.

Distributing and hunting over, or by the aid of, any type of bait (food, salt, other mineral, or other substance that lures or attracts animals) is prohibited on the refuge.

Only biodegradable flagging tape may be used on the refuge (to mark trails, stand locations, etc.). Plastic flagging tape, reflectors, dots, glow tacks, and other materials are prohibited.

Pungo Unit

The Pungo Unit is closed to all hunting except for limited deer hunting opportunities. Deer may be hunted with bow-and-arrow on the Pungo Unit during the State

firearm and bow-and-arrow seasons prior to December 1st. A special permit is required to hunt on the Pungo Unit during the two-day Pungo Deer Gun Hunts in late September and October. The Pungo Unit is closed to all public access, except for hunters with valid permits, on these hunt dates. See **Special Hunts** for more information.

Hunters may enter the Pungo Unit up to 1 hour before legal shooting time and remain on the Unit up to 1 hour after legal shooting time on days when the area is open to hunting. During these non-daylight hours, hunters must be actively engaged in setting up for hunting, retrieving game, exiting the refuge, or some other activity related to hunting. Hunters must exit the refuge as quickly as possible after daylight hours have ended, but no later than one hour afterwards.

Big Game and Feral Hogs

Deer may be taken on the refuge with shotguns, muzzleloaders, and bow and arrow only – rifles and pistols are not authorized. Disabled hunters possessing the appropriate State permit may also use a crossbow. Use of each of these weapons is, of course, further restricted by area and season dates.

Feral hogs may be taken in any area open to deer hunting, except the Pungo Unit, using whatever weapons are authorized for taking deer. In addition, feral hogs may be taken in the Frying Pan Unit anytime the area is open to hunting with firearms “including small game hunting” using shotguns, muzzleloaders, or bow-and-arrow.

Only portable tree stands are allowed on the refuge and they must be removed at the end of each day’s hunt (except for the Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts; see **Special Hunts**). Using nails, wire, screws, and bolts to attach a tree stand, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter (including lag screw type steps) is prohibited.

Upland Game

Upland game may be hunted with shotguns and .22 caliber rim-fire rifles only. Only non-toxic shot may be possessed while hunting in the non-toxic shot zone on and west of Evans Road. Disabled hunters possessing the appropriate State permit may also use a crossbow.

Raccoon and opossum hunting are not allowed during, five days before, and five days after the state bear seasons.

Beaver and nutria may be taken only with firearms and

only in areas open to hunting other game animals with firearms.

Migratory Birds

Migratory birds may not be taken/hunted on the Pungo Unit. Only non-toxic shot may be possessed while hunting migratory birds in the non-toxic shot zone on and west of Evans Road.

Only portable blinds made of man-made materials and temporary blinds constructed of natural materials can be used for migratory bird hunting. However, cutting any live vegetation on the refuge is prohibited. You must remove portable blinds at the end of each day’s hunt.

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Youth hunters (under age 16) must be under the direct supervision of a licensed hunter over the age of 21. A licensed hunter over the age of 21 may supervise one big game youth hunter, or up to two migratory bird or upland game youth hunters, at a time. Youth hunters must meet state hunter education requirements.

Hunting Dogs

Running deer, bear, wild turkey, and other wildlife with dogs is prohibited. However dogs can be used for hunting migratory game birds and upland game. The dogs must be under your control at all times and you cannot possess buckshot or slugs while hunting with dogs.

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Vehicles

Blocking gates, roads, trails, or other travel ways is prohibited.

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Special Hunts - Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts

The special, two-day Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts for this

year are September 22/23, 29/30, October 6/7, 20/21, and 27/28. A Pungo Deer Gun-Hunt Permit is required to participate in these special hunts. Permits are limited to one per person and only 225 permits will be issued per hunt.

To obtain a permit, you must fully complete a Pungo Deer Gun-Hunt Application form and return it to the refuge before the drawing on or about August 15th. Send only one application per person – anyone submitting multiple application forms will not be included in the drawing. Up to five individuals may apply as a party by enclosing all applications (attached together) in one envelope marked “party hunt”. Application forms may be picked up at Refuge Headquarters in Columbia, NC (205 South Ludington Drive), can be requested by phone (252 796 3004), and can be requested by mail. Request application forms and send completed applications to:

Pocosin Lakes NWR- P.O. Box 329-Columbia, NC 27925

Successful applicants will be notified by mail. A \$12.50 fee is required for a Pungo Deer Gun-Hunt Permit. No check-in is required on hunt days.

All refuge hunting regulations apply on the Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts except the following. Permitted hunters may enter the Pungo Unit up to one hour prior to legal shooting time and must be off of the area by one hour after legal shooting time. Hunters with a valid Pungo Deer Gun-Hunt Permit may install a portable tree stand the day before the start of their hunt and leave it until the end of the second day of their two-day hunt. Stands left overnight must be tagged with the hunter’s name, address, and telephone number. During these permit hunts deer may be taken with bow-and-arrow, muzzleloader, or shotgun.

Nighttime Raccoon and Opossum Hunting

To hunt raccoon and opossum at night, request a special Raccoon and Opossum Nighttime Hunting Permit at Refuge Headquarters in Columbia, NC. There is no fee for this permit.

Fishing Regulations

Fish may be taken on the refuge in accordance with applicable State regulations and the following.

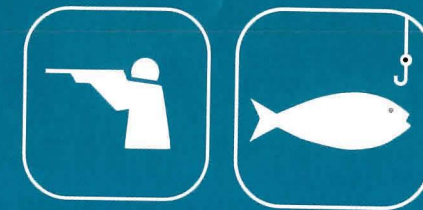
Fishing is allowed on Pungo and New Lakes from March 1 through October 31 only. However, Pungo Lake and the entire Pungo Unit are closed to fishing (and all public access without a permit) during the special Pungo Two-Day Deer Hunts in late September and October.

Only bank fishing is allowed in the Pungo Unit, boats are not allowed.

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General Hunting Permit

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I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Hunter's Signature _____

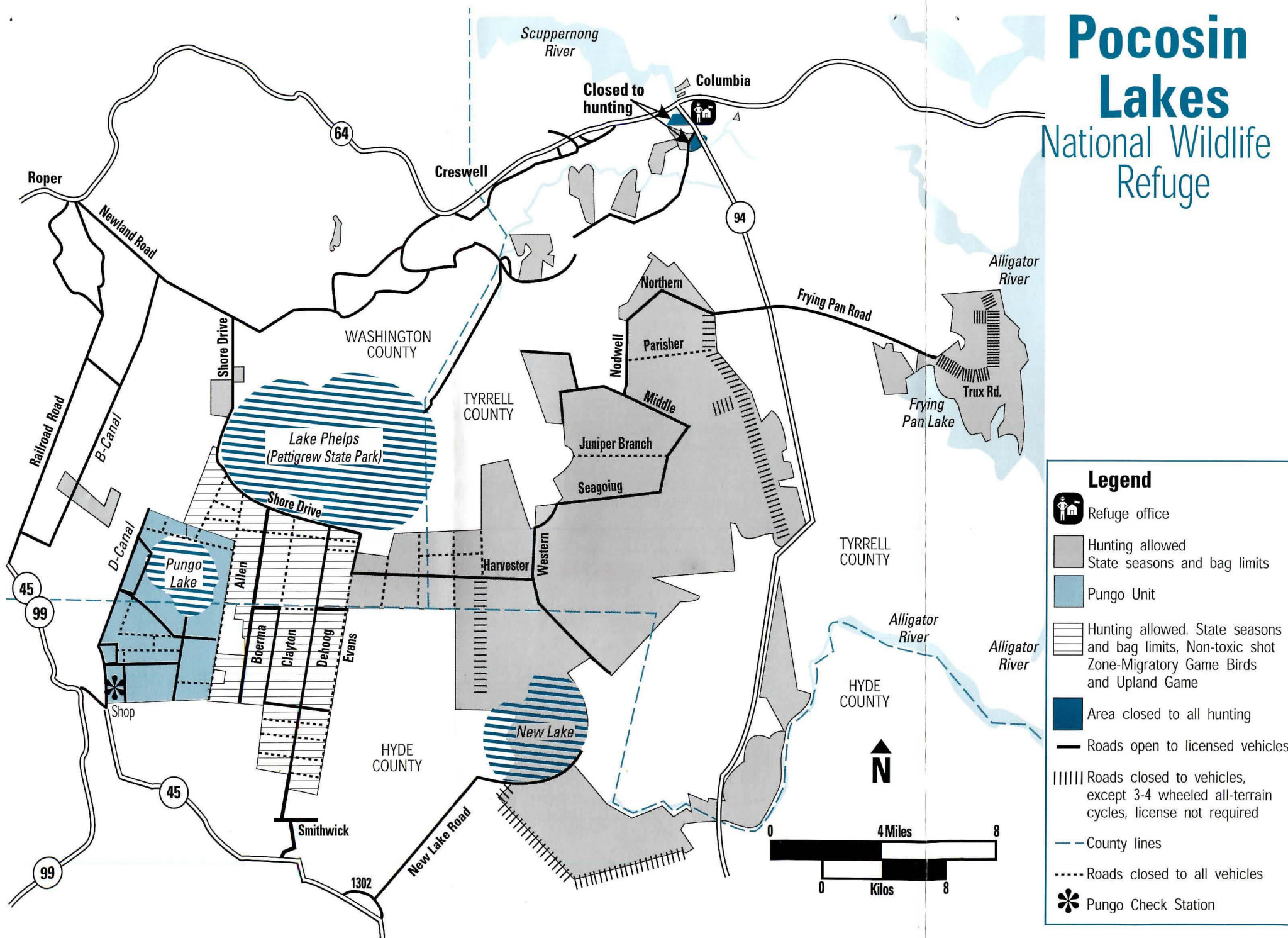
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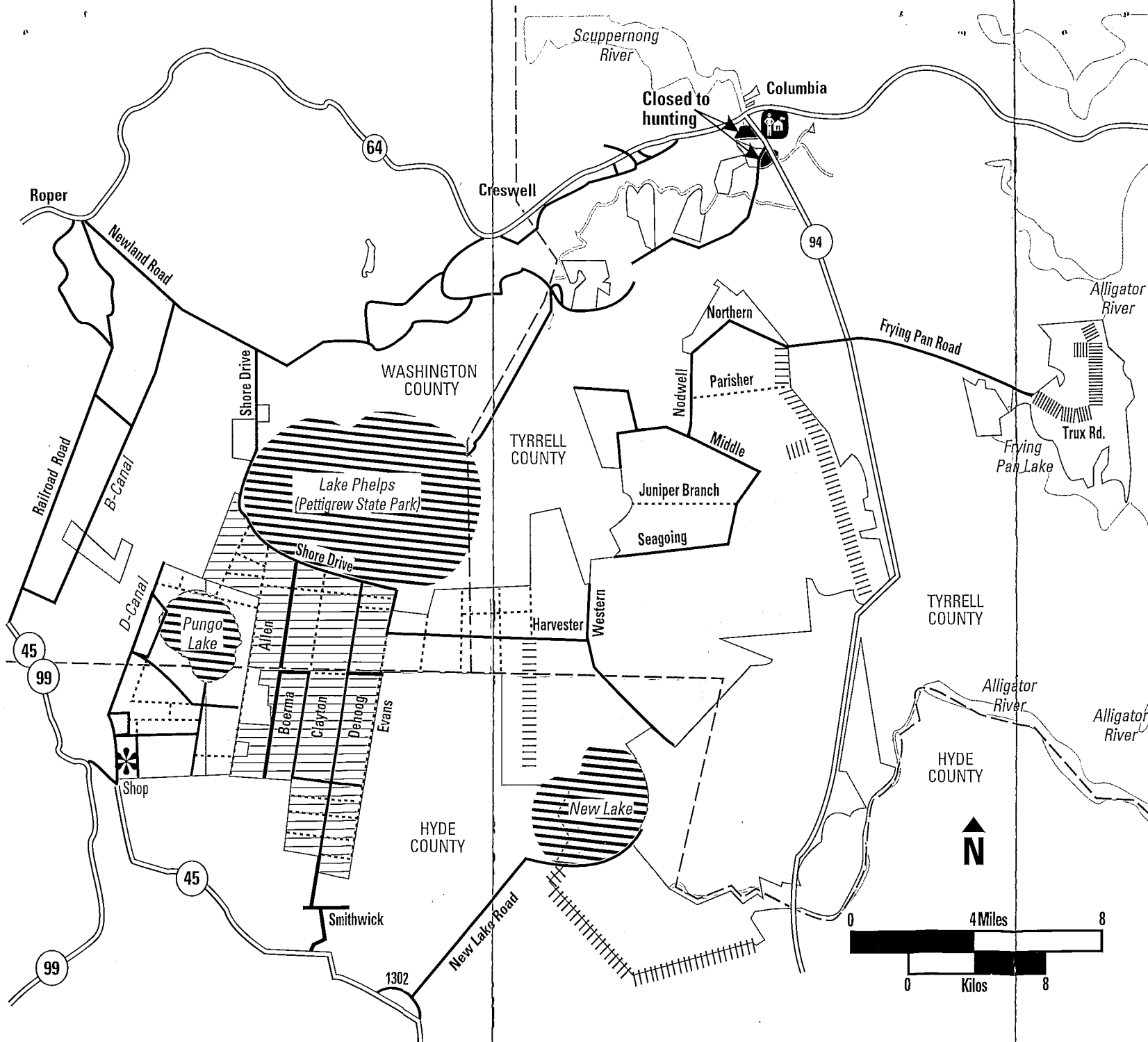
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Legend

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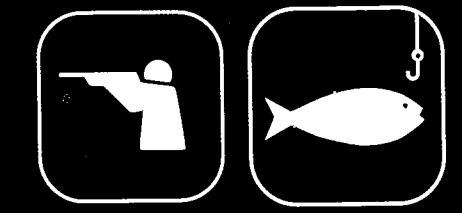
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Hunter's Signature

Hunting Regulations

The following species may be hunted in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations.

- Migratory Birds: ducks, geese, tundra swans, mourning doves, woodcock, rails, and snipe

- Upland Game: quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, fox, beaver, and nutria

- Big Game: deer and wild turkey

Permits

You must have a valid Refuge General Hunting Permit to hunt on the refuge. Simply sign the front of this leaflet and keep it with you while hunting. Additional permits are required to hunt deer with firearms on the Pungo Unit, to hunt wild turkey, to hunt raccoon and opossum at night and to hunt feral hogs. Applications and fees are required for Pungo Deer Gun Hunt and Refuge Turkey Hunting permits. See **Special Hunts** below for more information.

Area Restrictions (see map)

No hunting is allowed

- around the Headquarters/Visitor Center/Scuppernong River Boardwalk;

- within the Pungo Shop complex;

- on the refuge portion of New Lake;

- on refuge lands between Shore Drive and Lake Phelps;

- on that portion of the Pinner Tract east of SR 1105;

- between Shore Drive and the Allen Road gate, including the area 100 yards on each side of this section of Allen Road;

- on Western Road from Seagoing Road south to the gate;

- on the road forming the southern boundary of the tract west of the Cypress Point Access Area.

The following areas are closed to all public entry during November, December, January and February:

- Pungo Lake and New Lake

- Duck Pen Road and the Pungo Lake Banding Site

- The Riders Creek and Dunbar Road Banding Sites

The Pungo Unit is also closed to all public access, except for hunters with valid permits, during the special two-day Pungo Deer Gun Hunts in late September and October.

Wounded or dead game may be retrieved from closed areas with consent from a refuge employee, but no weapons may be taken into the closed areas.

Only non-toxic shot may be possessed while hunting west of Evans road, except that slugs, buckshot, and muzzleloader ammunition containing lead may be used in this area for deer.

The Pungo Unit is closed to all hunting except for limited deer hunting opportunities. Deer may be hunted with bow and arrow on the Pungo Unit during all State season dates prior to December 1, except during the special Pungo Deer Gun Hunts. See **Special Hunts** below for dates and other information on these special hunts.

Season Restrictions

Raccoon and opossum hunting are not allowed during, five days before, and five days after the state bear seasons.

Beaver and nutria may be taken only with firearms and only in areas open to hunting other game animals with firearms.

Hours

The refuge is open during daylight hours only, except that

- hunters may be in hunting areas up to 1 1/2 hours before legal shooting time and 1 1/2 hours after legal shooting time except on the special Pungo Deer Gun Hunts;

- on the Pungo Deer Gun Hunts, hunters are allowed in the hunting area one hour before and one hour after legal shooting time; and

- raccoon and opossum hunters may hunt on the refuge at night with a special permit which can be obtained from Refuge Headquarters.

Weapons

Firearms are prohibited on the refuge except for authorized hunting activities.

All weapons must be unloaded and encased or dismantled while being transported by a motorized vehicle (including boats and ATVs) under power.

Where allowed, deer and feral hogs may be hunted with shotguns, muzzleloaders, and bow and arrow only unless further restricted in a particular area. While turkey

hunting west of Evans Road and on the Pungo Unit, only non-toxic shot may be in your possession. Upland game may be hunted with shotguns (only non-toxic shot may be possessed west of Evans Road) and .22 caliber rim-fire rifles only. Disabled hunters possessing the appropriate State permit may also use a crossbow.

Hunting Dogs

Running deer, bear, wild turkey, and other wildlife with dogs is prohibited. However dogs can be used to point and retrieve migratory game birds and upland game and to chase rabbits. The dogs must be under your control at all times and you cannot possess buckshot or slugs while hunting with dogs.

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Vehicles

All off-road vehicular travel is prohibited.

All weapons must be unloaded and encased or dismantled while being transported by a motorized vehicle (including boats and ATVs) under power.

Blocking gates, roads, trails, or other travel ways is prohibited.

ATVs may be operated on designated ATV trails only to transport hunters and their equipment to scout and hunt. ATVs can be operated on these trails only when the ATV trail and surrounding area is open to hunting, one week prior to the area opening for hunting, and on Sundays during the hunting season. Operating ATVs off designated ATV trails is prohibited.

Many roads on the refuge are unimproved and become impassable during wet periods. Vehicles, including 4x4s, often get stuck. Towing services are extremely limited. You should not attempt to travel through standing water or muddy sinkholes along refuge roads.

Miscellaneous

Distributing and hunting over, or by the aid of any type of bait (food, salt, other mineral, or other substance that lures or attracts animals) is prohibited.

You must wear 500 square inches (3250 cm²) of fluorescent orange material above the waist, which is visible from all sides, while hunting upland game and while hunting deer in areas open to hunting with firearms. An orange vest and hat meet this requirement; an orange hat alone does not.

Youth hunters (under age 16) must be under the direct supervision of a licensed hunter over the age of 21. A licensed hunter over the age of 21 may supervise one big game youth hunter, or up to two migratory bird or upland game youth hunters at a time.

Only biodegradable flagging tape may be used on the refuge to mark trails, stand locations, etc. Plastic flagging tape, paint, reflectors, dots, glow tacks, and other materials are prohibited.

Only portable tree stands are allowed on the refuge and they must be removed at the end of each day's hunt (except for the Pungo Deer Gun Hunts; see **Special Hunts**). Using nails, wire, screws, and bolts to attach a tree stand, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter (including lag screw type steps) is prohibited.

Only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of natural materials can be used for migratory bird hunting. However, cutting live vegetation on the refuge is prohibited. You must remove portable blinds at the end of each day's hunt.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Camping, open fires, and littering are prohibited.

Commercial guiding on the refuge requires a Special Use Permit.

All hunters using the refuge are subject to inspections of licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, vehicles, and their contents during compliance checks by refuge and state officers.

Special Hunts

1. Pungo Deer Gun Hunts

The special, two-day Pungo Deer Gun Hunts for 2005 are September 23-24, September 30 - October 1, October 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29. A Pungo Deer Gun Hunt Permit is required to participate in these special hunts. Permits are limited to one per person and only two hundred twenty-five permits will be issued per hunt.

To apply for a permit, contact the refuge during July for an application form and instructions.

All refuge hunting regulations apply to the Pungo Deer Gun Hunts with the following exceptions. Permitted hunters may enter the Pungo Unit up to one hour prior to legal shooting time and must be out of the area by one hour after legal shooting time. Hunters with a valid Pungo Deer Gun Hunt Permit may install a portable tree stand the day before the start of their hunt and leave it until the end of the second day of their two-day hunt. Stands left overnight must be tagged with the hunter's name, address, and telephone number. Any deer harvested under a Pungo Deer Gun Hunt Permit must be taken to the deer check station located at the Pungo Shop for harvest reporting and data collection.

2. Turkey Hunting

A limited number of Refuge Turkey Hunting permits will be issued for the spring season. These permits will be valid only for the areas and dates indicated on the permit and are not transferable. All state regulations apply to turkey hunting on the refuge.

To apply for a permit, contact the refuge during February for an application form and instructions.

3. Feral Hog and Nighttime Raccoon and Opossum Hunting

To hunt feral hogs and to hunt raccoon and opossum at night, request a special feral hog or a Raccoon and Opossum Nighttime Hunting Permit at Refuge Headquarters in Columbia, NC. There is no fee for these permits. Raccoon and opossum hunting are not allowed during, five days before, and five days after the state bear seasons.

Fishing Regulations

Fish may be taken on the refuge in accordance with applicable State regulations and the following. Reptiles and amphibians cannot be taken on the refuge.

Fishing is allowed on Pungo and New Lakes from March 1 through October 31. These areas are closed to all public entry during November, December, January and February. The Pungo Unit is also closed to fishing during the special Pungo Deer Gun Hunts in late September and October (see **Special Hunts**).

Only bank fishing is allowed in the Pungo Unit, boats are not allowed.

Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset only.

Hunting Regulations

The following species may be hunted in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations:

- Migratory Birds: ducks, geese, swans, mourning doves, woodcock, rails, and snipe
- Upland Game: quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, fox, beaver, and nutria
- Big Game: white-tailed deer
- Feral Hogs

The taking or possession of black bear, turkey, bobcat, or otter, or any part thereof, is prohibited.

Permits

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Area Restrictions - Hunting is not allowed

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- on the road forming the southern boundary of the refuge tract west of Pettigrew State Park's Cypress Point Access Area.

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General

The refuge is open during daylight hours only, except that:

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- raccoon and opossum hunters may hunt on the refuge at night with a special permit which can be obtained from Refuge Headquarters.

Firearms are prohibited on the refuge except as authorized for hunting activities. All weapons must be unloaded and encased or dismantled while being transported on the refuge by a motorized vehicle (including boats under power and on ATVs where they are allowed - see **Vehicles**).

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bow-and-arrow on the Pungo Unit during the State firearm and bow-and-arrow seasons prior to December 1st. A special permit is required to hunt on the Pungo Unit during the two-day Pungo Deer Gun Hunts in late September and October. The Pungo Unit is closed to all public access, except for hunters with valid permits, on these hunt dates. See **Special Hunts** for more information.

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Feral hogs may be taken in any area open to deer hunting, except the Pungo Unit, using whatever weapons are authorized for taking deer. In addition, feral hogs may be taken in the Frying Pan Unit anytime the area is open to hunting with firearms "including small game hunting" using shotguns, muzzleloaders, or bow-and-arrow.

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Upland Game

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Special Hunts - Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts

The special, two-day Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts for this year are September 21/22, 28/29, October 5/6, 19/20, and 26/27. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) will be issuing permits for these hunts under their Special Hunt Opportunities permit program. For more information, visit their website at www.ncwildlife.org.

Residents may apply at a Wildlife Resources Commission Wildlife Service Agent (agent) or by telephone. Nonresidents may apply through an agent, by telephone, or by mail. The telephone number to apply for a permit is 888/248 6834.

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- the hunt item number (from the NCWRC's *Special Hunt Opportunities in North Carolina* guide book),
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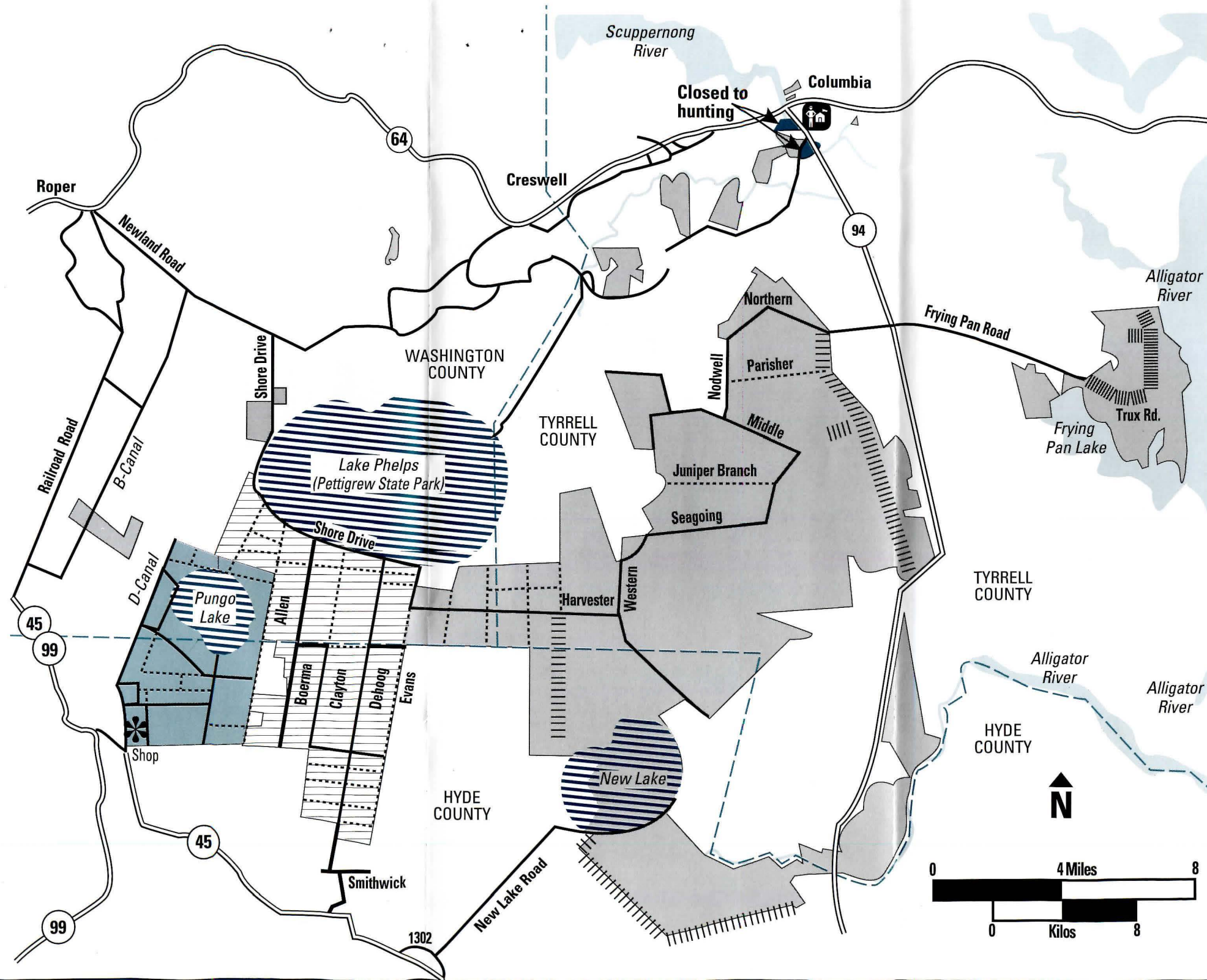
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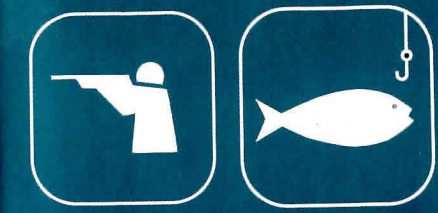
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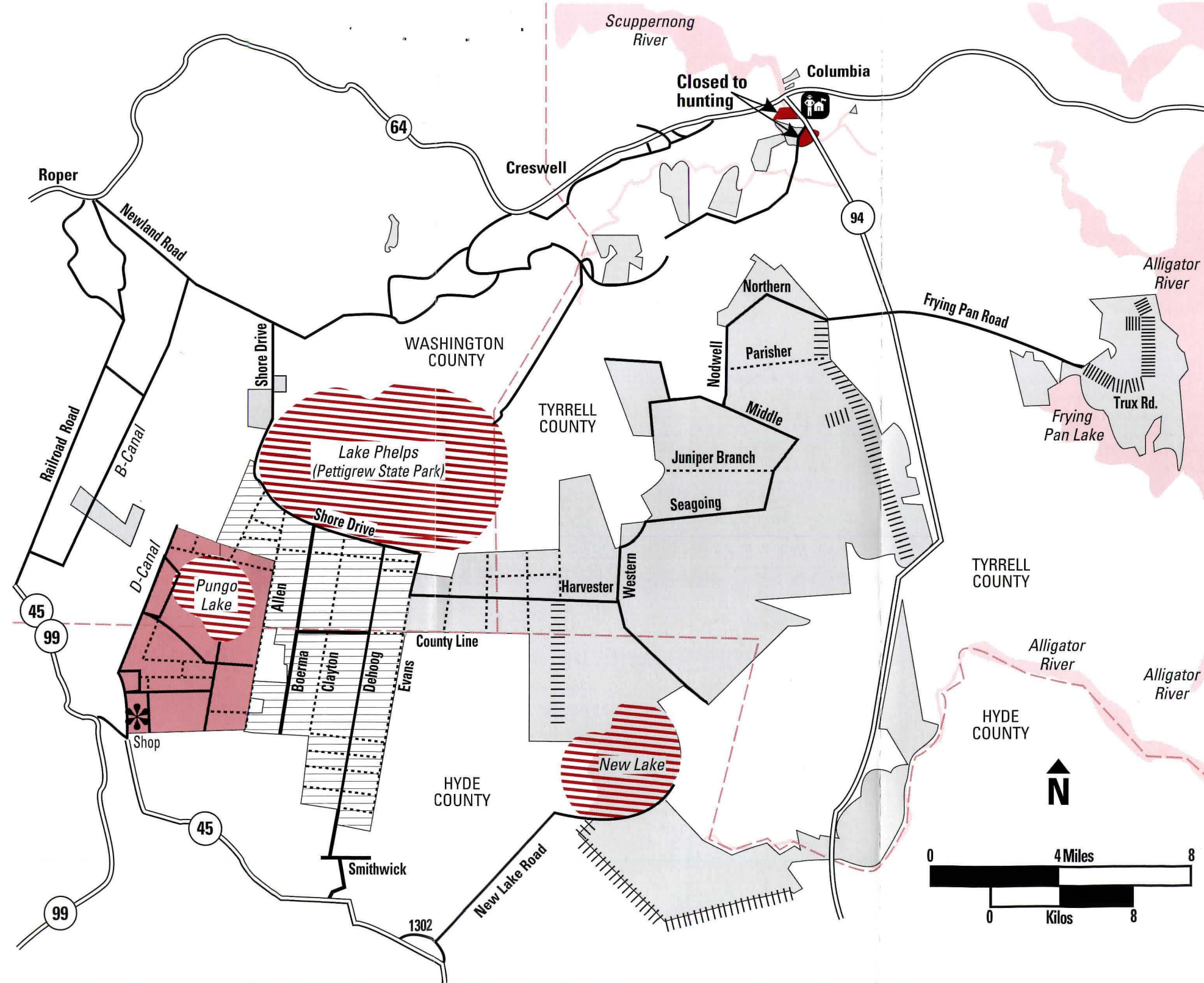
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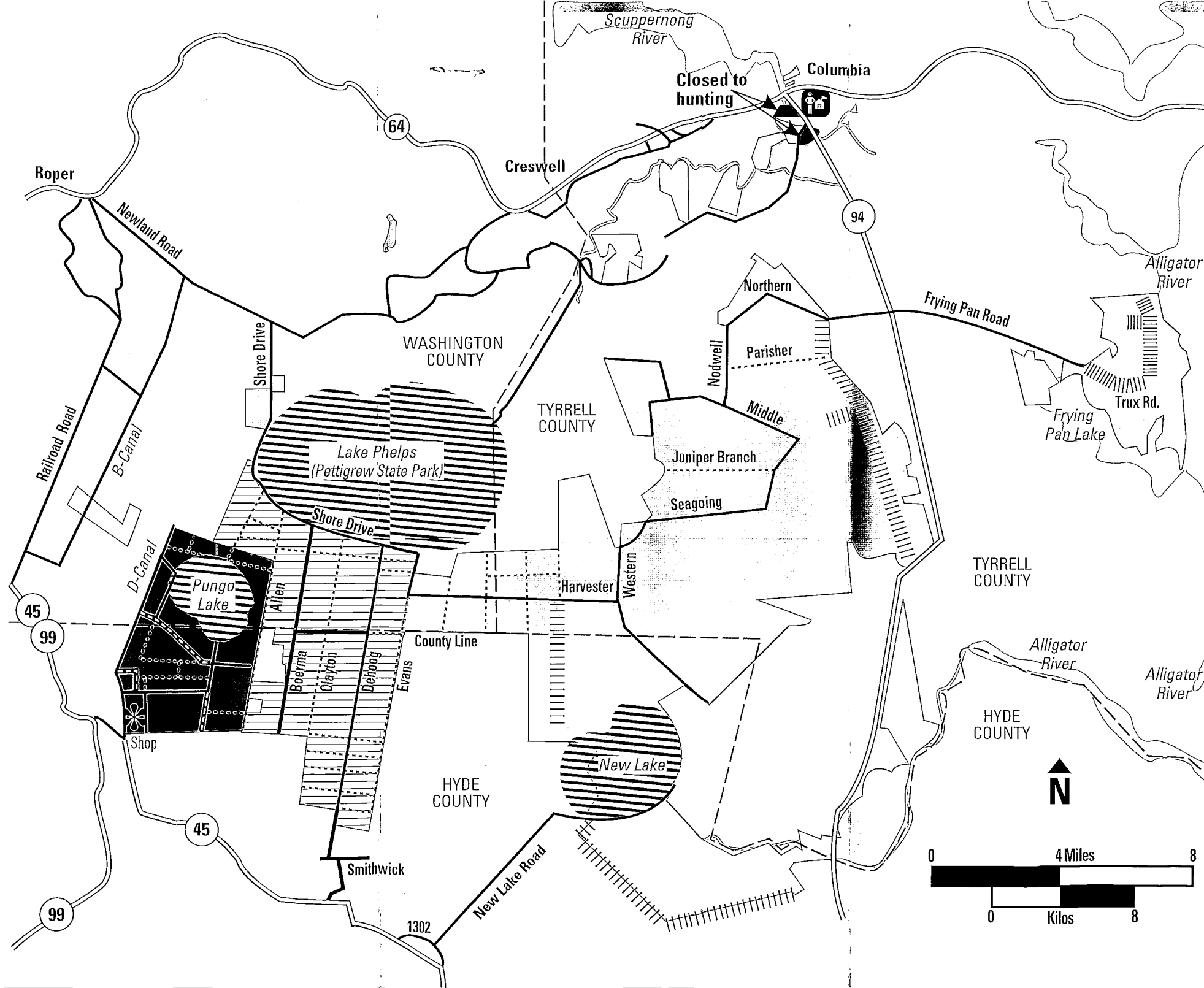
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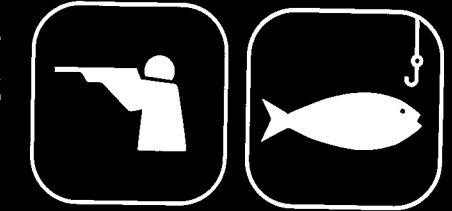
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- on that portion of the Pinner Tract east of SR 1105;
- on Western Road from Seagoing Road south to the gate;
- on the road forming the southern boundary of the refuge tract west of Pettigrew State Park's Cypress Point Access Area.

The following areas are closed to all public entry during November, December, January, and February:

- Pungo Lake and New Lake
- Duck Pen Road and the Pungo Lake Banding Site
- the Smartweed moist soil unit and its dikes, including that section of Molt Road forming the southern boundary of the Smartweed moist soil unit
- the Jones Pond moist soil unit, including its dikes

Wounded or dead game may be retrieved from closed areas with consent from a refuge employee, but no weapons may be taken into the closed areas.

Hunters should be aware that some private land exists between Allen and Boerma Roads (in the A7, A8, A9, and A11 blocks) that is completely surrounded by refuge lands. Trespassing on private land is illegal.

General

The refuge is open during daylight hours only, except that:

- hunters may enter hunting areas up to 90 minutes before legal shooting time and remain on the refuge up to 90 minutes after legal shooting time (except on the Pungo Unit). During these non-daylight hours, hunters must be traveling or actively engaged in a hunting-related activity such as setting up a stand, hunting, or tracking/retrieving game. Hunters must exit the refuge as quickly as possible after daylight hours have ended, but no later than 90 minutes afterwards.
- raccoon and opossum hunters may hunt on the refuge at night with a special permit (see Special Hunts).

The discharge of firearms and use of all weapons are prohibited except for hunting in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. Taking or attempting to take wildlife and discharging a firearm within 100 feet of any vehicle on any road or trail is prohibited.

You must wear 500 square inches (3250 cm²) of fluorescent orange material above the waist, which is visible from all sides, while hunting upland game and while hunting deer or feral hogs in areas open to hunting with firearms. A vest and a hat normally meet this requirement; a hat alone does not.

Distributing and hunting over, or by the aid of, any type of bait (food, salt, other mineral, or other substance that lures or attracts animals) is prohibited on the refuge.

Only biodegradable flagging tape may be used on the refuge (to mark trails, stand locations, etc.). Plastic flagging tape, reflectors, dots, glow tacks, and other materials are prohibited.

Pungo Unit

The Pungo Unit is closed to all hunting except for limited deer hunting opportunities. Deer may be hunted with bow-and-arrow on the Pungo Unit during the State firearm and bow-and-arrow seasons (but not during the State muzzleloader season) prior to December 1st. A special permit is required to hunt on the Pungo Unit during the two-day Pungo Deer Gun Hunts in late September and October. The Pungo Unit is closed to all public access, except for hunters with valid permits, on these hunt dates. See **Special Hunts** for more information.

Hunters may enter the Pungo Unit up to 1 hour before legal shooting time and remain on the Unit up to 1 hour after legal shooting time on days when the area is open to hunting. During these non-daylight hours, hunters must be traveling or actively engaged in a hunting-related activity such as setting up a stand, hunting, or tracking/retrieving game. Hunters must exit the refuge as quickly as possible after daylight hours have ended, but no later than one hour afterwards.

Big Game and Feral Hogs

Deer may be taken on the refuge with shotguns, muzzleloaders, and bow and arrow only – rifles and pistols are not authorized. Use of each of these weapons is, of course, further restricted by area and season dates.

Feral hogs may be taken in any area open to deer hunting, using whatever weapons are authorized for taking deer. In addition, feral hogs may be taken in the Frying Pan Unit anytime the area is open to hunting with firearms "including small game hunting" using shotguns, muzzleloaders, or bow-and-arrow.

Only portable tree stands are allowed on the refuge and they must be removed at the end of each day's hunt (except for the Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts; see *Special Hunts*.) Using nails, wire, screws, and bolts to attach a tree stand, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter (including lag screw type steps) is prohibited.

Upland Game

Upland game may be hunted with shotguns and .22 caliber rim-fire rifles only. Only non-toxic shot may be possessed while hunting in the non-toxic shot zone on and west of Evans Road.

Raccoon and opossum hunting are not allowed during, five days before, and five days after the state bear seasons.

Beaver and nutria may be taken only with firearms and only in areas open to hunting other game animals with firearms.

Migratory Birds

Migratory birds may not be taken/hunted on the Pungo Unit. Only non-toxic shot may be possessed while hunting migratory birds.

Only portable blinds made of man-made materials and temporary blinds constructed of natural materials can be used for migratory bird hunting. However, cutting any live vegetation on the refuge is prohibited. You must remove portable blinds at the end of each day's hunt.

Youth Hunters

Youth hunters (under age 16) must be under the direct supervision of a licensed hunter over the age of 21. A licensed hunter over the age of 21 may supervise one big game youth hunter, or up to two migratory bird or upland game youth hunters, at a time. Youth hunters must meet state hunter education requirements.

Hunting Dogs

Running deer, bear, wild turkey, and other wildlife with dogs is prohibited. However dogs can be used for hunting migratory game birds and upland game. The dogs must be under your control at all times and you cannot possess buckshot or slugs while hunting with dogs.

Pocosin Lakes NWR is an important area for the reintroduction and recovery of the endangered red wolf. Several wolf packs roam the refuge and we have an active management program that often includes trapping wolves. The traps used are rubber jawed to minimize the chance of injury to target and non-target animals. If you or your dog encounters one of these traps, please report it to the Refuge Headquarters.

Vehicles

Blocking gates, roads, trails, or other travel ways is prohibited. Many roads on the refuge are unimproved and become impassable during wet periods. Vehicles, including 4 x 4s, often get stuck. Towing services are extremely limited. Visitors should not attempt to travel through standing water or muddy sinkholes along refuge roads.

ATVs may be operated on designated ATV trails only. They may only be used to transport hunters and their equipment to scout and hunt. ATVs can be operated on these trails only when the ATV trail and surrounding area is open to hunting, one week prior to the area opening for hunting, and on Sundays during the hunting season. Hunting from an ATV under power and operating ATVs off of designated ATV trails is prohibited.

Special Hunts -

Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts

The special, two-day Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts for this year are September 24/25, October 1/2, October 22/23, and October 29/30. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) will be issuing permits for these hunts under their Special Hunt Opportunities permit program. For more information, visit their website at www.ncwildlife.org or visit one of their Wildlife Service Agents. To apply, you must have:

- the hunt item number (from the NCWRC's *Special Hunt Opportunities in North Carolina* guide book),
- your choice of hunt dates in order of preference,
- your date of birth,
- your seven-digit NCWRC Customer ID Number (found on your current or expired hunting license, and
- your telephone number.

Up to five hunters may apply for a party hunt by doing the following. One individual must submit their application and receive a Party ID Number from the NCWRC. They give this number to the others in the party (up to four more hunters) and they apply using this Party ID Number.

You may only submit one application for the Pungo Unit Gun Hunts. The NCWRC charges a \$5.00 permit application fee. Successful applicants will receive a permit from the NCWRC. This permit may list more than one of the two-day hunts if you were selected for more than one of your choices.

For the permit to be valid, the hunter must also pay a \$12.50 fee for each hunt you wish to participate in to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Payment can be made by check or money order (payable to "U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service"). The payment must be received at the following address at least three (3) days prior to the hunt date.

Send payment to:

Pocosin Lakes NWR
PO Box 329
Columbia, NC 27925

To participate in a Pungo Deer Gun-Hunt you must have in your possession a valid hunting license and harvest report card ("tags") and a signed copy of this General Hunting Permit/Brochure. In addition, you must have paid the \$12.50 special hunt fee to validate your NCWRC permit.

All refuge hunting regulations apply on the Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts except the following. Only those persons with a valid Pungo Deer Gun-Hunt Permit may enter the Pungo Unit on the specified hunt days and they may only be on the Pungo Unit from 90 minutes before sunrise to 90 minutes after sunset. Hunters with a valid Pungo Deer Gun-Hunt Permit may install one deer stand the day before the start of their hunt and leave it until the end of the second day of their two-day hunt. Stands left overnight must be tagged with the hunter's name, address, and telephone number. During these permit hunts deer may be taken with bow-and-arrow, muzzleloader, or shotgun.

Nighttime Raccoon and Opossum Hunting

To hunt raccoon and opossum at night, request a special Raccoon and Opossum Nighttime Hunting Permit at Refuge Headquarters in Columbia, NC. There is no fee for this permit.

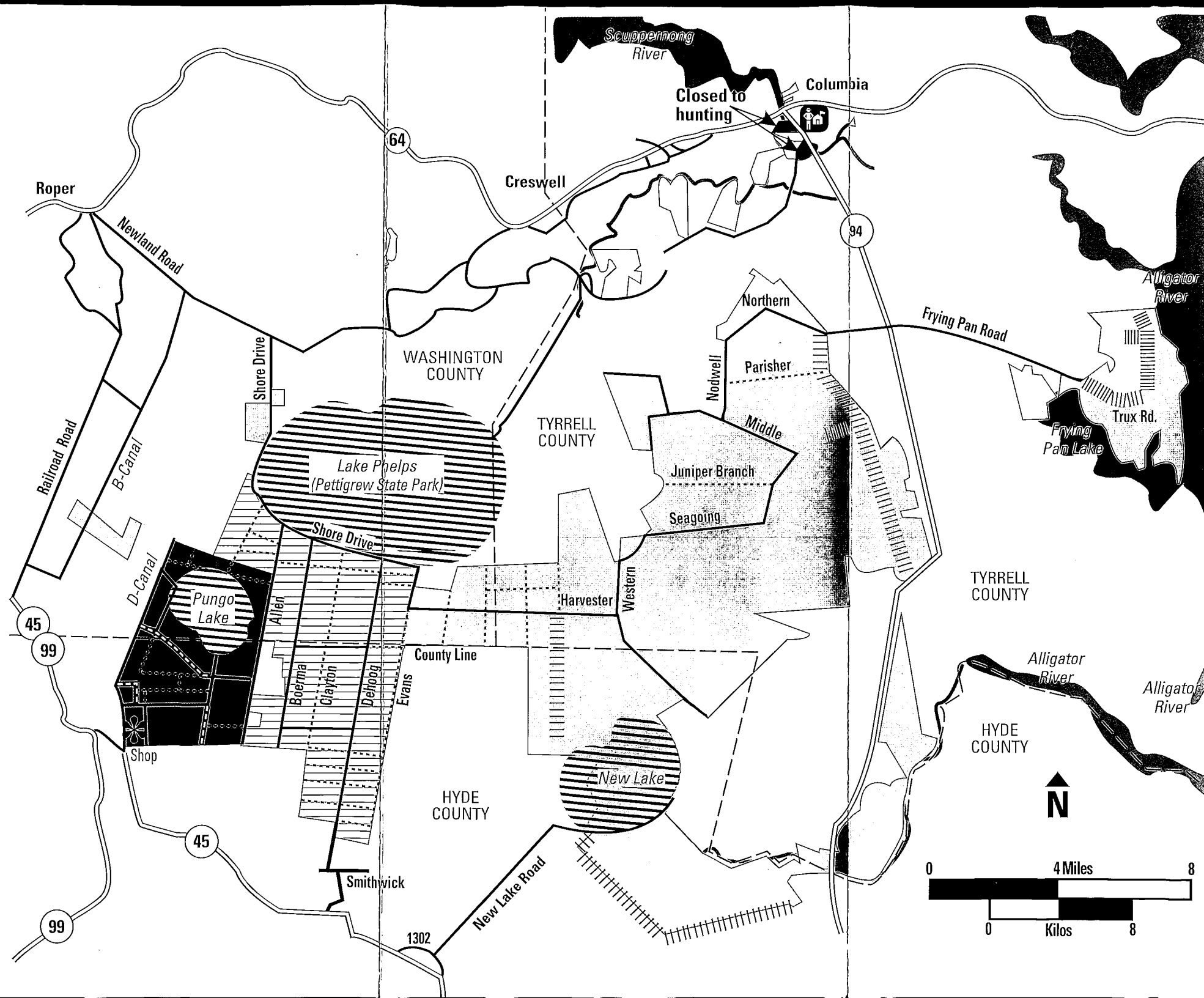
Fishing Regulations

Fish may be taken on the refuge in accordance with applicable State regulations and the following.

Fishing is allowed on Pungo and New Lakes from March 1 through October 31 only. However, Pungo Lake and the entire Pungo Unit are closed to fishing (and all public access without a permit) during the special Pungo Two-Day Deer Hunts in late September and October.

Only bank fishing is allowed in the Pungo Unit, boats are not allowed.

Fishing is allowed from sunrise to sunset only.



Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

Legend

- Refuge office
- Hunting allowed
State seasons and bag limits
- Pungo Unit
- Hunting allowed. State seasons
and bag limits, Non-toxic shot
Zone-Migratory Game Birds
and Upland Game
- Area closed to all hunting
- Roads open to licensed vehicles
- Roads closed to vehicles,
except 3-4 wheeled all-terrain
cycles, license not required
- Roads open to licensed vehicles
March through October
- County lines
- Roads closed to all vehicles
- Pungo Check Station

SPECIAL HAZARD ALET

Trees damaged during the Evans Road Fire are subject to blow over and are not safe to climb. Hunters should avoid hunting near standing, fire-damaged trees. Contact the Refuge Manager for more information.

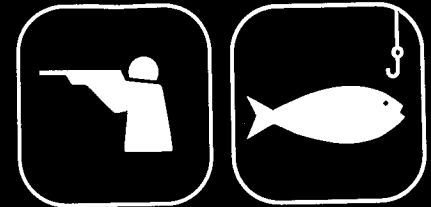
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Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2010-2011



General Hunting Permit

The signing of this leaflet validates it as your general refuge hunting permit and it must be in your possession while participating in all authorized hunts. I have read and understand these refuge regulations

Hunter's Signature

Hunting Regulations

The following species may be hunted in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations:

- Migratory Birds: ducks, geese, swans, mourning doves, woodcock, rails, and snipe
- Upland Game: quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, fox, beaver, and nutria
- Big Game: white-tailed deer
- Feral Hogs

The taking or possession of any wildlife, including reptiles and/or amphibians, or any part thereof, except when permitted during a Refuge hunt or transporting same along a State Road, is prohibited.

Hunters using the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, vehicles, and their contents by Refuge and state law enforcement officers.

Permits

You must have a valid Refuge General Hunting Permit to hunt on the refuge - simply sign the front of this brochure and keep it with you while hunting. Additional permits are required to hunt deer with firearms on the Pungo Unit and to hunt raccoon and opossum at night. Applications and fees are required for Pungo Deer Gun Hunt permits. See **Special Hunts** below for more information.

Area Restrictions - Hunting is not allowed

- around the Headquarters/Visitor Center/Scuppernong River Boardwalk;
- within the Pungo Shop complex;
- on the Pungo Unit except as described under “Pungo Unit” and “Special Hunt-Pungo Deer Gun Hunts;”
- on the refuge portion of New Lake;
- on refuge lands between Shore Drive and Lake Phelps;
- on that portion of the Pinner Tract east of SR 1105;
- on Western Road from Seagoing Road south to the gate;
- on the road forming the southern boundary of the refuge tract west of Pettigrew State Park’s Cypress Point Access Area.

The following areas are closed to all public entry during November, December, January, and February:

- Pungo Lake and New Lake
- Duck Pen Road and the Pungo Lake Banding Site
- the Smartweed moist soil unit and its dikes, including that section of Molt Road forming the southern boundary of the Smartweed moist soil unit
- the Jones Pond moist soil unit, including its dikes
- all farm fields on the Pungo Unit.

You must get consent from a refuge employee to retrieve legally taken game animals from closed areas including “No Hunting Zone” areas.

Hunters should be aware that some private land exists between Allen and Boerma Roads (in the A7, A8, A9, and A11 blocks) that is completely surrounded by refuge lands. Trespassing on private land is illegal.

General

The refuge is open during daylight hours (30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset) only, except that:

- hunters may enter hunting areas up to 90 minutes before legal shooting time and remain on the refuge up to 90 minutes after legal shooting time except on the Pungo Unit where authorized hunters may enter up to 60 minutes before legal shooting time and remain on the Unit up to 60 minutes after legal shooting time. During these non-daylight hours, hunters must be traveling or actively engaged in a hunting-related activity such as setting up a stand, hunting, or tracking/retrieving game. Hunters must exit the refuge as quickly as possible after daylight hours have ended, but no later than 90 minutes (60 minutes on the Pungo Unit) afterwards.
- raccoon and opossum hunters may hunt on the refuge at night with a special permit (see Special Hunts).

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

The discharge of firearms and use of all weapons are prohibited except for hunting in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. **Hunting, taking, and attempting to take any wildlife from a vehicle while the passenger area is occupied or the engine is running is**

prohibited. This does not preclude hunting from an ATV/ electric vehicle (where authorized) or boat as long as the vehicle is stationary and the engine is not running.

You must wear 500 square inches (3250 cm²) of fluorescent orange material above the waist, which is visible from all sides, while hunting upland game and while hunting deer or feral hogs in areas open to hunting with firearms. A vest and a hat normally meet this requirement; a hat alone does not.

Distributing and hunting over, or by the aid of, any type of bait (food, salt, other mineral, or other substance that lures or attracts animals) is prohibited on the refuge.

Only biodegradable flagging tape may be used on the refuge (to mark trails, stand locations, etc.). Plastic flagging tape, reflectors, dots, glow tacks, and other materials are prohibited.

Pungo Unit

The Pungo Unit is closed to all hunting except for limited deer and feral hog hunting opportunities. Deer and feral hogs may be hunted with bow-and-arrow on the Pungo Unit during the State firearm and bow-and-arrow seasons prior to December 1st, but not during the State muzzleloader deer season and not during the Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts without a Pungo Deer Gun Hunt permit (see Special Hunts).

Big Game and Feral Hogs

Deer may be hunted with shotguns, muzzleloaders, and bow-and-arrow only – rifles and pistols are not authorized. Use of each of these weapons is, of course, further restricted by area and season dates.

Feral hogs may be taken in any area open to deer hunting, using whatever weapons are authorized for taking deer. In addition, feral hogs may be taken in the Frying Pan Unit anytime the area is open to hunting with firearms, including small game hunting, using shotguns, muzzleloaders, or bow-and-arrow.

Only portable tree stands are allowed on the refuge and they must be removed at the end of each day’s hunt (except for the Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts; see Special Hunts). Using nails, wire, screws, and bolts to attach a tree stand, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter (including lag screw type steps) is prohibited.

Upland Game

Upland game may not be taken/hunted on the Pungo Unit. Upland game may be hunted with shotguns and .22 caliber rim-fire rifles only. Only non-toxic shot may be possessed while hunting in the non-toxic shot zone on and west of Evans Road.

Raccoon and opossum hunting are not allowed during, five days before, and five days after the state bear seasons.

Beaver and nutria may be taken only with firearms and only in areas open to hunting other game animals with firearms.

Migratory Birds

Migratory birds may not be taken/hunted on the Pungo Unit. Only non-toxic shot may be possessed while hunting migratory birds.

Only portable blinds made of man-made materials and temporary blinds constructed of natural materials can be used for migratory bird hunting. However, cutting any live vegetation on the refuge is prohibited. You must remove portable blinds at the end of each day’s hunt.

Youth Hunters

Youth hunters (under age 16) must be under the direct supervision of a licensed hunter over the age of 21. A licensed hunter over the age of 21 may supervise one big game youth hunter, or up to two migratory bird or upland game youth hunters at a time. Youth hunters must meet state hunter education requirements.

Hunting Dogs

Running deer, bear, wild turkey, and other wildlife with dogs is prohibited. However dogs can be used for hunting migratory game birds and upland game. The dogs must be under your control at all times and you cannot possess buckshot or slugs while hunting with dogs.

Pocosin Lakes NWR is an important area for the reintroduction and recovery of the endangered red wolf. Several wolf packs roam the refuge and we have an active management program that often includes trapping wolves. The traps used are rubber jawed to minimize the chance of injury to target and non-target animals. If you or your dog encounters one of these traps, please report it to the Refuge Headquarters.

Vehicles

All off-road vehicular travel is prohibited.

Blocking gates, roads, trails, or other travel ways is prohibited. Many of the dirt roads on the refuge become

impassable during wet periods. Vehicles, including 4x4s, often get stuck. Towing services are extremely limited. Visitors should not attempt to travel through standing water or muddy sinkholes along refuge roads.

ATVs may be operated on designated ATV roads only. They may only be used to transport hunters and their equipment to scout and hunt. ATVs can be operated on these ATV routes only when the ATV road and surrounding area are open to hunting, one week prior to the area opening for hunting, and on Sundays during the hunting season. Hunting from an ATV under power and operating ATVs off of designated ATV routes is prohibited.

Special Hunts

Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts

Deer hunting with firearms (shotguns and muzzleloaders) on the Pungo Unit is limited to four permit-only special hunts in late September and October. This year, these hunts are six days long (Monday – Saturday). The 2011 hunts dates are:

September 19 – 24

September 26 – October 1

October 10 – 15 and

October 24 – 29

You must have a valid North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) permit to participate in these special hunts. The NCWR issues permits for these hunts under their Special Hunt Opportunities permit program. You must pay a \$5.00 application fee to the NCWRC to apply for a permit. FOR A NCWRC PERMIT TO BE VALID, you must pay a \$12.50 recreational user fee for each hunt you are selected for and wish to participate in to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

To apply, you must have:

- the hunt item number (from the NCWRC’s Special Hunt Opportunities in North Carolina guide book),
- your choice of hunt dates in order of preference,
- your date of birth,
- your seven-digit NCWRC Customer ID Number (found on your current or expired hunting license, and
- your telephone number.

You may only submit one application for the Pungo Unit Gun Hunts. Successful applicants will receive a permit from the NCWRC. This permit may list more than one of the special hunts if you were selected for more than one of your choices.

For more information on applying, visit the NCWRC’s website at www.ncwildlife.org or visit one of their Wildlife Service Agents.

To validate your NCWRC permit for one of the six-day hunts you were selected for, send the \$12.50 hunt fee (check or money order payable to “U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service”) to Pocosin Lakes NWR; PO Box 329; Columbia, NC 27925. The fee must be received at least three (3) days prior to the first day of the hunt.

To participate in a Pungo Deer Gun-Hunt you must have in your possession a valid hunting license and harvest report card (“tags”) and a signed copy of this General Hunting Permit/Brochure. In addition, you must have paid the \$12.50 special hunt fee to validate your NCWRC permit.

All refuge hunting regulations apply to the Pungo Deer Gun Hunts except the following. Hunters with a valid Pungo Deer Gun Hunt Permit may install one deer stand the day before the start of their hunt and leave it until the end of their six-day hunt. Stands left overnight must be tagged with the hunter’s name, address, and telephone number. During these permit hunts deer may be taken with bow-and-arrow, muzzleloader, or shotgun.

Only those persons with a valid Pungo Deer Gun Hunt Permit may enter the Pungo Unit on the specified hunt days.

Nighttime Raccoon and Opossum Hunting

To hunt raccoon and opossum at night, request a special Raccoon and Opossum Nighttime Hunting Permit at Refuge Headquarters in Columbia, NC. There is no fee for this permit.

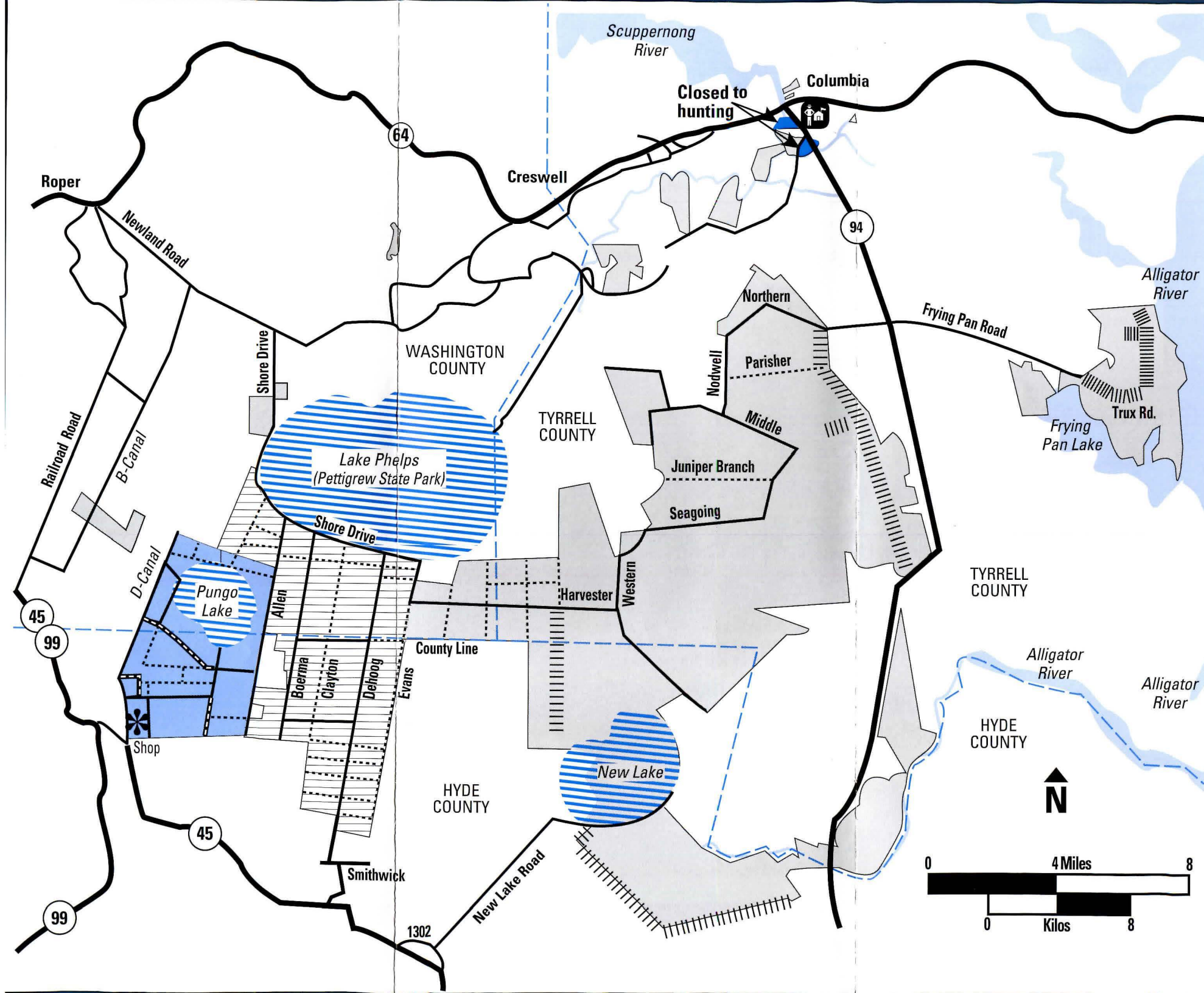
Fishing Regulations

Fish may be taken on the refuge in accordance with applicable State regulations and the following.

Fishing is allowed on Pungo and New Lakes from March 1 through October 31 only. However, Pungo Lake and the entire Pungo Unit are closed to fishing (and all public access without a permit) during the special Pungo Deer Gun-Hunts in late September and October.

Only bank fishing is allowed in the Pungo Unit, boats are not allowed.

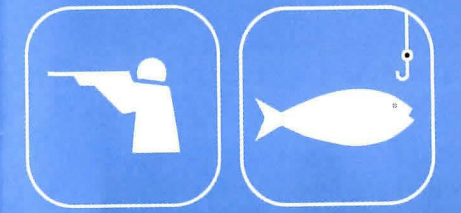
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General Hunting Permit

The signing of this leaflet validates it as your general refuge hunting permit and it must be in your possession while participating in all authorized hunts.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Hunter's Signature

**Pocosin Lakes
National Wildlife Refuge**

Only the following may be hunted:

Quail
Mourning Doves
Tundra Swans
Raccoon
Ducks
Opossum
Deer
Rabbit
Wood Cock
Squirrel
Rails
Snow Geese
Snipe
Fox

The Pungo Unit will be closed to all hunting except for limited deer hunts. New Lake is closed to all hunting.

Except for Pungo Unit, State seasons and bag limits apply.

Regulations

The refuge is open daylight hours only. Hunter access is allowed from 1 1/2 hours before until 1 1/2 hours after legal shooting hours on hunt days. Daylight use only on non-hunt days.

Night hunting for raccoon and opossum will be by special use permit only.

Firearms are prohibited except for refuge hunting activities.

During refuge hunts all weapons in vehicles and on ATV's must be unloaded and encased or dismantled.

Shotguns, muzzle-loaders, and bow and arrows only, except small game may be hunted with 22 calibre rim-fire rifles.

Vehicular access is restricted to designated areas; no off road vehicular use is allowed.

The use of artificial lights (including vehicle headlights) to locate, observe or take wildlife is prohibited.

The taking or possession of bear or any parts thereof is prohibited.

The distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait are prohibited.

The use of dogs to run deer, bear or fox is prohibited. The use of dogs is restricted to retriever type dogs only (pointers, setters, beagles) for birds and small game in season only. Dog hunters are prohibited from possessing buckshot or slugs.

Camping, open fires, and littering are prohibited. **Dispose all trash properly.**

In addition to use for any waterfowl hunting, only non-toxic shot may be used for migratory game birds and upland game on refuge lands west of Evans Road.

Stopping, parking, or leaving any vehicle upon any road, trail, path

or in front of a gate so as to obstruct their use by other vehicles is prohibited.

The construction and/or use of permanent blinds, platforms, and/or ladders is prohibited. Blinds and stands must be removed from the refuge after each day's hunt with the exception of the permitted 2-day Pungo Hunt.

The use of nails, wire, screws (including lag- screw type steps) or bolts to attach a stand to a tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited.

Any person participating in a deer or small game hunt with a firearm must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange-colored material above the waist.

Hunters utilizing the refuge are subject to inspections of licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, vehicles and their contents during compliance checks by Refuge or State officers.

Commercial guiding is by special use permit only.

Youth hunters (ages 15 and under) must have successfully passed a State-approved hunter education course and must carry proof of certification. Youth hunters must be directly supervised by an adult (21 years or over). For small game hunts, an adult may supervise up to two youth hunters; for big game, an adult may supervise only one youth hunter.

Disturbing, injuring or destroying plants is prohibited.

In addition to these all State and County regulations and Title 50 of the **Code of Federal Regulations** apply.

Pungo Unit Hunt - Seasons

Archery:

State season (except closed October 1,2,7,8,9), plus November 1-30.

Shotgun and Primitive Weapons

October 1-2, 7-8, 14-15, 22-23, 29-30 (Either sex)

State bag limits apply.

Modern rifles and pistols prohibited.

Permits required for either-sex gun hunts.

Dogs prohibited.

No off-road travel is permitted on hunt days except by persons with a permit for that day.

For permit hunts, all deer must be checked out at the Pungo headquarters before removal from the refuge.

Hunter access is allowed from one hour before until one hour after legal shooting hours.

Stands may be erected one day prior to the 2 day Pungo gun hunts and must be removed the last day of each 2 day hunt.

Permits are required for the Pungo Unit Gun Hunt **Only**. Permits will be issued for two days and are limited to one per person. Two hundred (200) permits per hunt will be issued as a result of a public drawing to be held on August 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the Pocosin Lakes refuge office in Creswell, North Carolina.

Applications for a gun permit must be obtained from refuge office. Application forms may be picked up or requested by phone or mail. Applications must be completely filled out.

Send application to:
Pocosin Lakes NWR
3255 Shore Drive
Creswell, N.C. 27928

Phone inquiries: (252)797 4431

Up to five people may apply as a party by enclosing all applications (attached together) in one envelope marked "Party Hunt". Applications must be received in the refuge office by the drawing time. Duplicate applications will not be accepted.

Selected applicants will be notified by mail. No check-in required on Hunt days.

If you have any question as to the advisability or legality of any activity, consult the refuge manager before participating in that activity.

Hunting opportunities for individuals with disabilities are available on Pocosin Lakes NWR. Persons with disabilities may contact the refuge office prior to their arrival if special arrangements are needed. Proof of handicap status is required.

Take pride in America's wildlife resources. To report wildlife violations, call 1-800-662-7137.

For additional information, write or call:

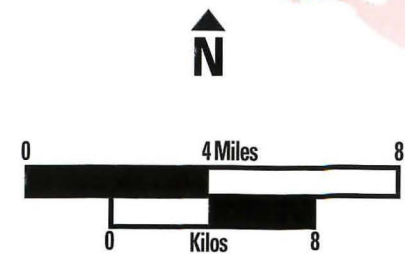
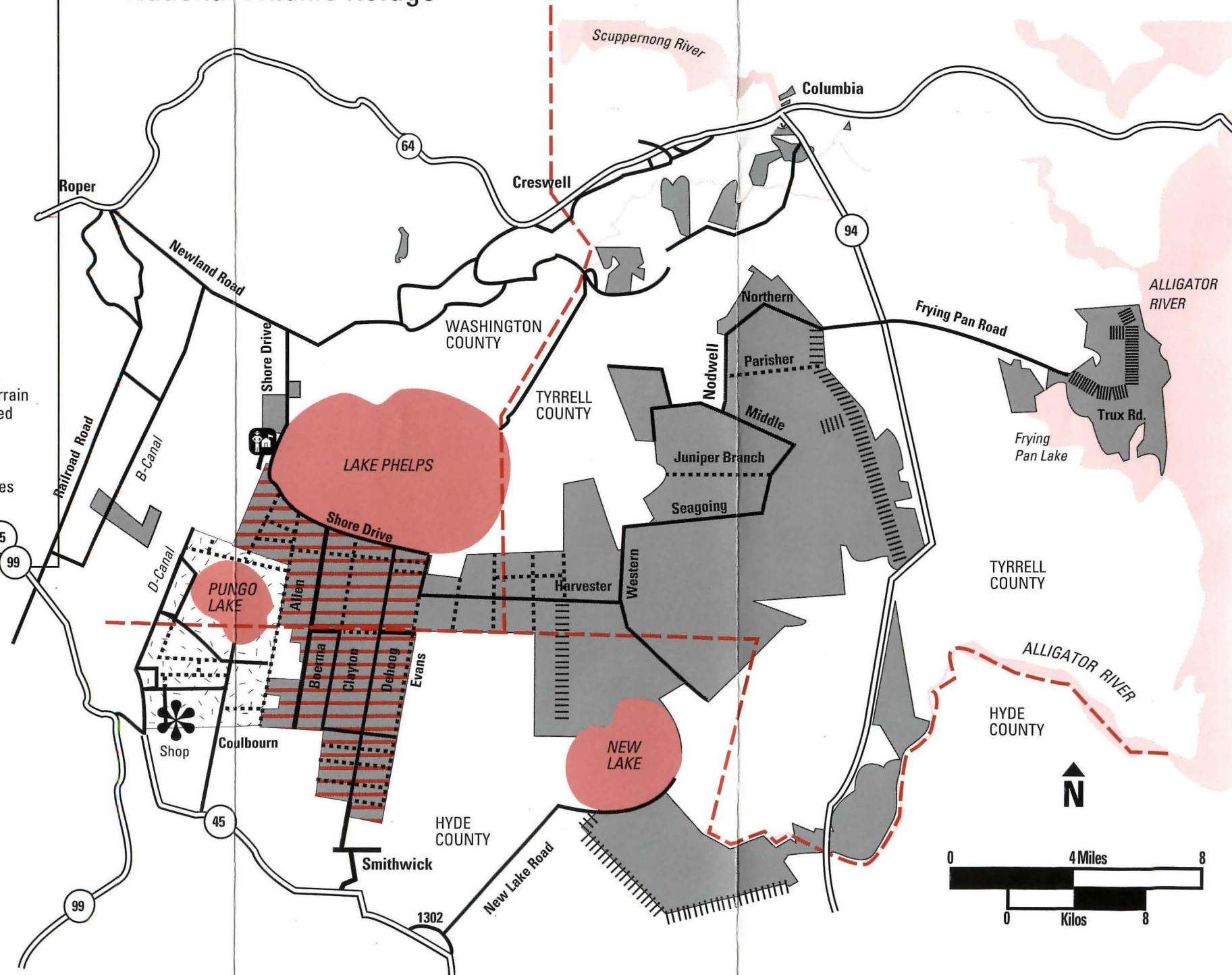
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Only the following may be hunted:

- Quail
- Mourning Doves
- Tundra Swans
- Raccoon
- Ducks
- Opossum
- Deer
- Rabbit
- Wood Cock
- Squirrel
- Rails
- Snow Geese
- Snipe
- Fox

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**Pungo Unit Hunt -
Seasons**

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Shotgun and Primitive Weapons
September 29-30, October 5-6, 12-13, 20-21, 27-28 (either sex).

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Dogs prohibited.

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Send application to:
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3255 Shore Drive
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Phone inquiries: 252/797 4431

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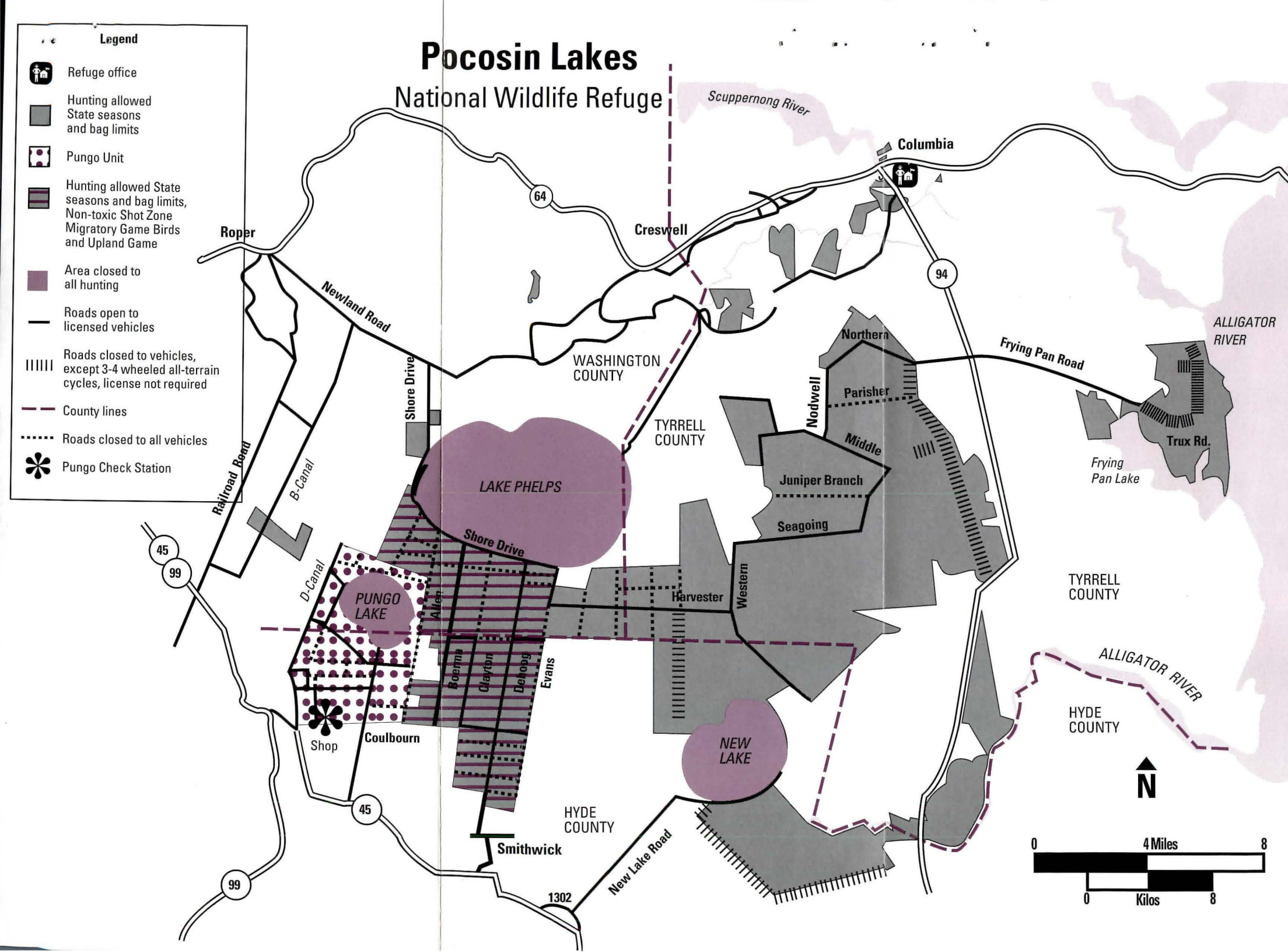
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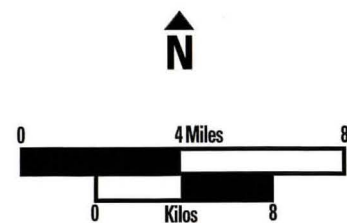
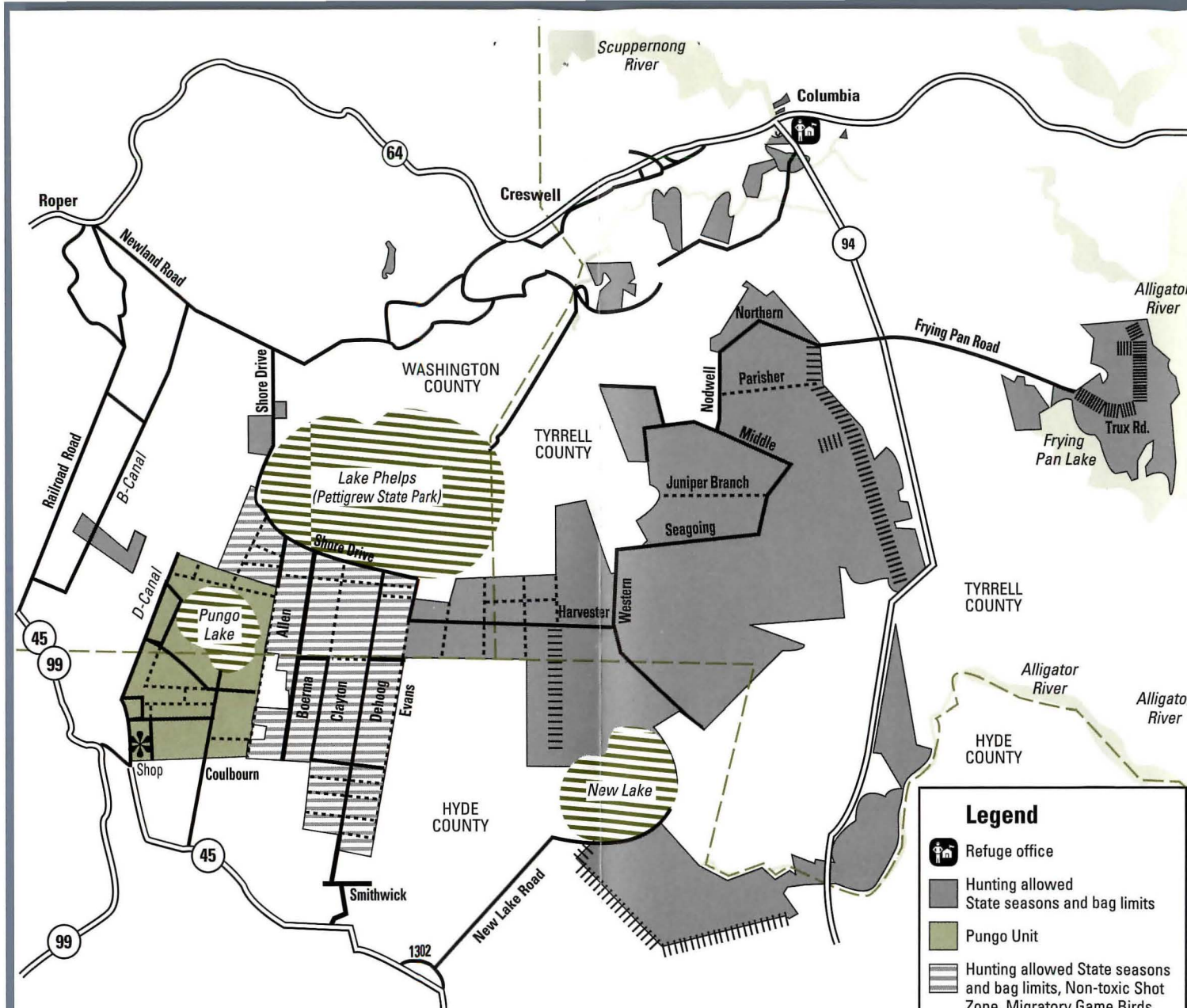
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NEW HEADQUARTERS OFFICE:

205 South Ludington Drive
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Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

- Legend**
- Refuge office
 - Hunting allowed
State seasons and bag limits
 - Pungo Unit
 - Hunting allowed State seasons and bag limits, Non-toxic Shot Zone, Migratory Game Birds and Upland Game
 - Area closed to all hunting
 - Roads open to licensed vehicles
 - Roads closed to vehicles, except 3-4 wheeled all-terrain cycles, license not required
 - County lines
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