

NORTH TRACT – WHITE-TAILED DEER SEASON & BAG LIMIT			
Season	Open Season	Bag Limit	Misc.
Bow/Crossbow	Sept. 7 – Oct. 17 Oct. 22 – Nov. 23 Dec. 10 – Dec. 14 Dec. 31 – Jan. 3 Jan. 7 – Jan. 31	3 deer per year regardless of weapon used. Two must be antlerless and only one can be antlered All bucks must have six points or better on their antlers. See page 14 for point definition.	Harvest can be in any order.
Muzzleloader	Oct. 18– Oct. 20 antlered & antlerless Oct. 22- Oct. 27 Antlerless only Dec. 15 – Dec. 29		
Firearms	Nov.24– Dec. 8 Jan. 4 – Jan. 5	Could harvest 3 antlerless deer.	
Youth Firearms	Nov. 10 & Nov. 17 (youth permit holders only)		

I. Central Tract (CT) Headquarters and M-R Lottery Hunts:

1. This is a deer management hunt and the lesser weapon rule does not apply. Muzzleloaders are not permitted for the lottery hunts.
2. There are four separate lottery hunts: Nov. 3 and Nov 25 and Dec. 8 and 29.
3. Sign up for the lottery hunts at the HCS at least two weeks prior to the hunting date.
4. Deadlines are: Saturday, October 19 for the November 3 and November 25 hunts, and Saturday, November 24 for the December 8 and 29 hunts. Hunters may place their names in each lottery (shotgun and bow/crossbow) one time per hunt. If drawn for both, the hunter must choose one; the other will be assigned to an alternate.
5. Selection for participation in the Central Tract Headquarters and M-R lottery hunts will be by lottery. There are 3 bow/crossbow and 39 shotgun slots. Nine of the shotguns slots are in the M-R area and are not assigned to a specific site. Only two shotgun sites are reserved for disabled hunters.
6. The use of a tree stand, a minimum of 10’ off the ground, and a full body harness is mandatory except for the two disabled shotgun sites when used by a disabled hunter.
7. Lists of selected hunters and check-in times will be posted at the HCS at least one week prior to the scheduled hunt.
8. Selected hunters must check in by the time specified on the letter of notification. After the specified time, any available hunting slots will be issued to alternate hunters, prior to standby hunters, by random drawing. Drawings will be performed at the HCS.
9. Access for all lottery-selected hunters for Central Tract and MR will be via MD Route 197 at the intersection of Powder Mill Road onto American Holly Drive through the gated section.
10. All selected hunters are required to attend a pre-hunt orientation provided by refuge staff on Central Tract prior to going afield.