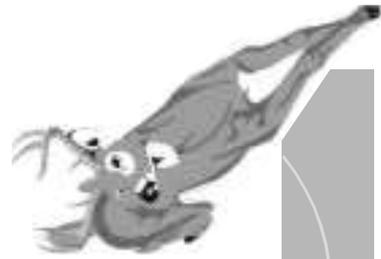




Hunting the North Tract at the Patuxent Research Refuge



Meade Natural Heritage Association (MNHA) & Patuxent Research Refuge



For more information regarding
Meade Natural Heritage
Association (MNHA), hunting
opportunities on the Patuxent
Research Refuge, and other MNHA
activities please visit
www.mnha.net



MNHA Information Line

(301) 317 - 3825

Hunting Control Station

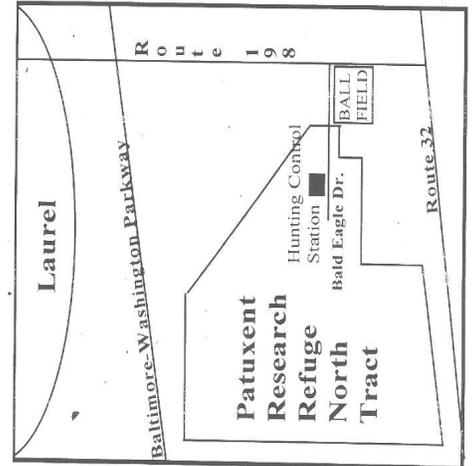
(301) 317 - 3819

(HCS Not Open During Off-Season)

Mailing Address
MNHA

P.O. Box 371

Severn, MD 21144



Meade Natural Heritage Association (MNHA) Membership Application

Name: _____ (FIRST) _____ (MI) _____ (LAST) _____ (TITLE) _____ (NICKNAME)

Address: _____ (No.) _____ (STREET) _____ (CITY)

_____ (STATE) _____ (ZIP CODE) _____ (E-MAIL ADDRESS)

Phone Number: Home (____) ____ - ____ Work (____) ____ - ____

Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____ **Occupation:** _____ **Membership Date:** ____ / ____ / ____
Month Date Year Month Date Year

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Section 301

Principal Purpose(s): To utilize in building membership database;
to provide home address and telephone number to hunting and fishing
authorities in carrying out its operation

Routine Uses: Information may be disclosed to local, state
and federal hunting and fishing authorities

Disclosure: Voluntary

Bring MNHA Membership Form When Purchasing Permit

OR

**Mail to: MNHA, VP of Memberships, P.O. Box 371, Severn, MD 21144
(Please include check or money order for \$10 membership fee)**



Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract

The Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract is an 8,100-acre tract featuring a large contiguous forest, open meadows and extensive wetlands that support a diversity of species. As part of the 12,800-acre Patuxent Research Refuge, the North Tract is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Over 200 bird species, as well as upland mammals, such as eastern cottontail, white-tailed deer, red and grey fox, southern flying squirrel, grey squirrel, striped skunk, opossum and bobcats, are residents of the area. Public activities on the North Tract include hunting, hiking/walking, horseback riding, bicycling, drawing/art, bird watching, photography, fishing, wildlife observation, environmental education and jogging. Numerous interpretive programs are also offered at the refuge. patuxent.fws.gov

Meade Natural Heritage Association

The Meade Natural Heritage Association (MNHA) is an incorporated, non-profit, all-volunteer organization that is dedicated to the purposes of wildlife conservation, management, and to promote and support the outdoor sporting activities on the North Tract. As part of this program, MNHA manages hunting activities on the North Tract, with the distinction of having one of the largest federal public-use hunting programs in the United States in terms of season length and number of hunters. MNHA's membership is active throughout the year in support of these activities.



Ecology ~ Habitat ~ Wildlife

Hunting at the Patuxent Research Refuge ~ North Tract

A wide range of hunting opportunities await the outdoor sportsman who ventures into the woods and fields of the North Tract.

Hunting for upland game, waterfowl and white-tailed deer (bow, muzzleloader and shotgun) is managed by refuge officials and the Meade Natural Heritage Association through a permit system.

Hunting is permitted from September through January, based on Maryland hunting seasons.

The varied hunting opportunities at Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract are due to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and MNHA efforts to effectively manage refuge wildlife resources. Close coordination in this partnership has established a model program for other refuges.

By using a daily sign-in system, weapon qualifications for deer hunters, and hunter density limits in each hunting area, refuge officials and MNHA strive to provide safe and successful opportunities for the outdoor sportsman.

Hunting activities are controlled by the MNHA operated Hunting Control Station (HCS) on **Bald Eagle Drive off of Rt. 198 in Laurel, MD**. Permit sales, daily sign-in and harvest recording (deer checking) are performed at the HCS.

MNHA begins permit sales in August each year and continues through the hunting season. Permit purchasers need a current Maryland hunting license, hunter safety course card (issued by any state) and check/cash for \$50 (\$25 youth / senior permits). **Permit holders also have the opportunity to purchase a MNHA Membership for an additional \$10 for added benefits.**

How MNHA Membership Benefits Sportsmen and Wildlife

Become part of the organization dedicated to hunting sportsman and the North Tract wildlife they enjoy ~ Join MNHA today!

Through a wide variety of activities and services, MNHA offers benefits to its members, North Tract hunters and our wildlife.

Most importantly, MNHA offers the opportunity to GET INVOLVED. Habitat restoration, refuge clean-ups and other organizational projects allow sportsmen to give back for the betterment of the refuge and THEIR hunting program. As an all-volunteer organization, MNHA depends on the contributions of its members.

MNHA Membership Benefits Include:

- **Quarterly MNHA Newsletters** ~ detailing *Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract hunting information and MNHA activities.*
- **MNHA Gun Range Days** ~ a privilege for MNHA members to maintain firearm proficiency throughout the year.
- **MNHA Bow Range** ~ Utilize MNHA's Bow Range for target practice to maintain proficiency.
- **Voting Status** ~ be a voice in determining your hunting program's future.
- **MNHA Bulletin Board** ~ Post items for sale within the *Hunting Control Station.*
- **MNHA Membership Banquet** ~ enjoy a yearly *MNHA Membership banquet/meeting with food, giveaways, meeting logistics and nominations.*

Membership is just \$10 per year! To become a MNHA Member, fill out the application form in this brochure, include check/money order, and send it to the listed address. We'll send your membership package within a few weeks.

