



SMITHGALL WOODS STATE PARK

Hunting Schedule: September 2025 - May 2026

(See Hiking Access Policy Below)

Deer (Bucks Only) & Bear (Sign in Hunt)

Archery	September 13-14 (Scout Day 12 th)
Primitive	November 12-15 (Scout Day 11 th)
Firearms	October 10-12 (Scout Day 9 th) *Specialty Hunt
Firearms	November 26-29 (Scout Day 25 th)

Small game & Furbearers (Hunting by Reservation Only, no scout day)

- Maximum 10 furbearer hunters/ 25 small game hunters per hunt period
- Reservations **must** be made *beginning* Nov. 1 by calling 706-878-3087
- December 4-6, January 1-3, January 29-31

Turkey – Quota Hunt (Must have been selected via DNR Lottery Points)

April 11-12 (Scout Day 10th)
April 25-26 (Scout Day 24th)
May 9-10 (Scout Day 8th)

Policies & Procedures

- Hunters **must** sign in at the Visitor Center only on the first day of each hunt, including scout day (scout day is for big game only {deer, bear, turkey})
- Hunters can scout the park on the day before each big game hunt. A special “HUNT” park pass may be taken from the wooden desk located next to the Visitor Center
- **All park hiking trails will be closed during all hunts (including scout day EXCEPT the Laurel Ridge Trail which is in a safety zone. Likewise, Section 2-4 trout fishing will be closed and therefore there will be no trout shuttle as anglers (limit of 5 during hunts) can walk to section 1**

*SPECIALTY HUNT: Youth 16 & under, Ladies, Disability License Holders, Returning GA Veterans, Honorary License Holders and Over 65, ONLY