

Broad River Waterfowl Management Area

South Carolina Wildlife Management Area | 640 acres | Fairfield County | Zone 2

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Managing Agency

SCDNR (manages land owned by Dominion Energy/SCE&G; successor)

Phone: (864) 427-5140

Address: Blair, SC 29015 (Latitude: 34.371, Longitude: -81.381)

Game Species

waterfowl (Ring-necked duck, Wood duck, Mallard, Green-winged Teal, mixed ducks); whitetail deer; small game

Seasons (2025-2026)

Species / Season	Dates
deer_archery	Sept. 15 – Oct. 31
deer_primitive_weapons	None
deer_gun	None
deer_youth_hunt_day	None
turkey	None
dove	None
bear	None
hog	None
small_game	Feb. 9 – Feb. 28 (Statewide limits)
waterfowl	Category I Designated Waterfowl Area — lottery draw hunts only during federal duck season

Bag Limits

deer daily: 2 per day (WMA statewide limit); **waterfowl shells:** 25 federally approved non-toxic shells per hunt (Category I area limit); **dove:** N/A (not a designated dove field); **turkey:** N/A (no turkey season listed)

Access Points

The Broad River Waterfowl Area is located just south of Highway 34 in Fairfield County. From Newberry, take the first dirt road to the right after crossing Broad River Bridge. Proceed 1.2 miles and turn right at the Broad River WMA sign. The shed is approximately 0.5 miles past the sign. Nearest highway: SC-34 (Whitmire Hwy).

Special Regulations

Category I Designated Waterfowl Area: hunting by special permit through annual lottery only (apply through SCDNR Public Drawing Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or dnr.sc.gov; applications available in September, deadline mid-October). Area closed to all public access November 1–February 8 except designated hunts. No fishing during scheduled waterfowl hunts. No species other than waterfowl may be taken during waterfowl hunts. Hunters limited to 25 non-toxic shells per hunt. WMA permit required. Archery deer hunting open Sept. 15–Oct. 31

without draw requirement. Small game hunting Feb. 9–28.

Field Tips

This is primarily a waterfowl management area with five impoundments totaling ~130 acres, including a greentree reservoir with full oak canopy and impoundments planted in corn/millet. The 500+ upland/backwater acres provide archery deer habitat. Main duck species: Ring-necked, Wood Duck, Mallard, and Green-winged Teal. Mallard numbers have decreased due to flyway migration changes but a wide variety of duck species present. Waterfowl hunting success tied to impoundment water levels and crop production. Established in the late 1970s as mitigation when Parr Dam was raised to enlarge Parr Reservoir. Best access via lottery draw — competition can be significant for this productive Category I area.

Landmarks & Terrain

Broad River, Parr Reservoir (nearby), Highway 34, Fairfield County near town of Blair, SC. Near Monticello Reservoir (also a waterfowl WMA). SCE&G/Dominion Energy Parr facility nearby.

Camping & Lodging

No on-site camping at Broad River Waterfowl Area (640 acres, limited access). Nearest camping: Parr Reservoir area, private campgrounds near Newberry or Winnsboro. Lake Murray area (~40 min south) has camping. Newberry to Columbia corridor for lodging.

Nearest Cities

Newberry (~15 mi west); Winnsboro (Fairfield County seat, ~20 mi east); Columbia (~50 mi south); Whitmire (~20 mi north)

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Sources & References

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- eRegulations SC Game Zone 2 WMAs – Broad River Waterfowl Management Area season dates — <https://www.eregulations.com/southcarolina/hunting/game-zone-2-wm-as-only>
- SCDNR WMA Directions – Broad River WMA access from Newberry via Hwy 34 — <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/wmadirections.html>
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- Ducks Unlimited – Broad River WMA Wetlands Enhancement Project (Fairfield County, 49-acre wetland improvement) — <https://www.ducks.org/conservation/conservation-projects/broad-river-wma-wetlands-enhancement-project>

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