REFUGE INN

The Hunter & Angler Handbook

We hunt and fish too, so we know what makes a trip go well. Here's what we've learned over the years to keep your stay easy, your day successful, and the inn safe and clean for everyone.

THE NIGHT BEFORE

Pick up your breakfast. Hot coffee is out all night, so you can fill up on your way out.

Bring your license and permits. Wardens love to check your paperwork.

Bag your bait. Bait can go in the room fridge only if it's sealed in a bag. Ziploc bags are available if you need one.

> **Loaded guns aren't welcome in the building.** If your guns come into the room, bring them in unloaded and in a case. We've had our limit of bullet holes. No one has ever been hurt, and we'd like to keep it that way.

THE MAIN EVENT

Know your limit. Our jail is small. Just kidding, but nobody wants a fine.

Keep your feet warm and dry with good boots and waders. Your loved ones back home don't have time to nurse a sick hunter.

Trust your guide, because they know all the hot spots. If you need a recommendation, please ask.

WHEN YOU RETURN

Good day in the blind or on the water? Congratulations! After the obligatory truck-tailgate photo, head straight to the cleaning area *(see the map on the back)*. Please let the front desk know if you use it, so we can clean and restock.

> **Keep cleaning and processing out of view of other guests,** so the family checking in doesn't get a surprise biology lesson. Bag carcasses and scraps and toss them in the dumpster at the rear of the parking lot.

Bring a cooler. We have plenty of ice, but the health department was not amused when we asked about black ducks bunking in our breakfast food freezer.

> **Nothing bloody comes into the room, please.** Not birds, not deer, not fish, not knives, not waders, not your buddy's jacket. Dried blood stains are permanent, and stain damage gets added to your bill.

Clean up and thaw out. Clean your guns outside, away from the building, and keep wet waders on or in a contractor bag by the patio door to contain the mess. If your toes come back frozen, the indoor heated pool and hot tub are waiting.

BEFORE YOU PACK THE TRUCK

Bring something home for the family. Stop in the Rookery Gift Shop next to the front desk and pick up something for whoever is holding down the fort. Consider it a down payment on the next hunt.

Plan next year's trip early. The guides fill up before we do, so get your date from them, then call us. Ask about our hunter discount, a ground-floor room by the parking lot, or rooms next to each other for your whole party.

Hunters and anglers have been coming back to us for generations, and we'd love to be part of your story, especially the part where you limited out before lunch. We'll back you up if anyone challenges your marksmanship. Thanks for staying with us, and please let us know how we did.

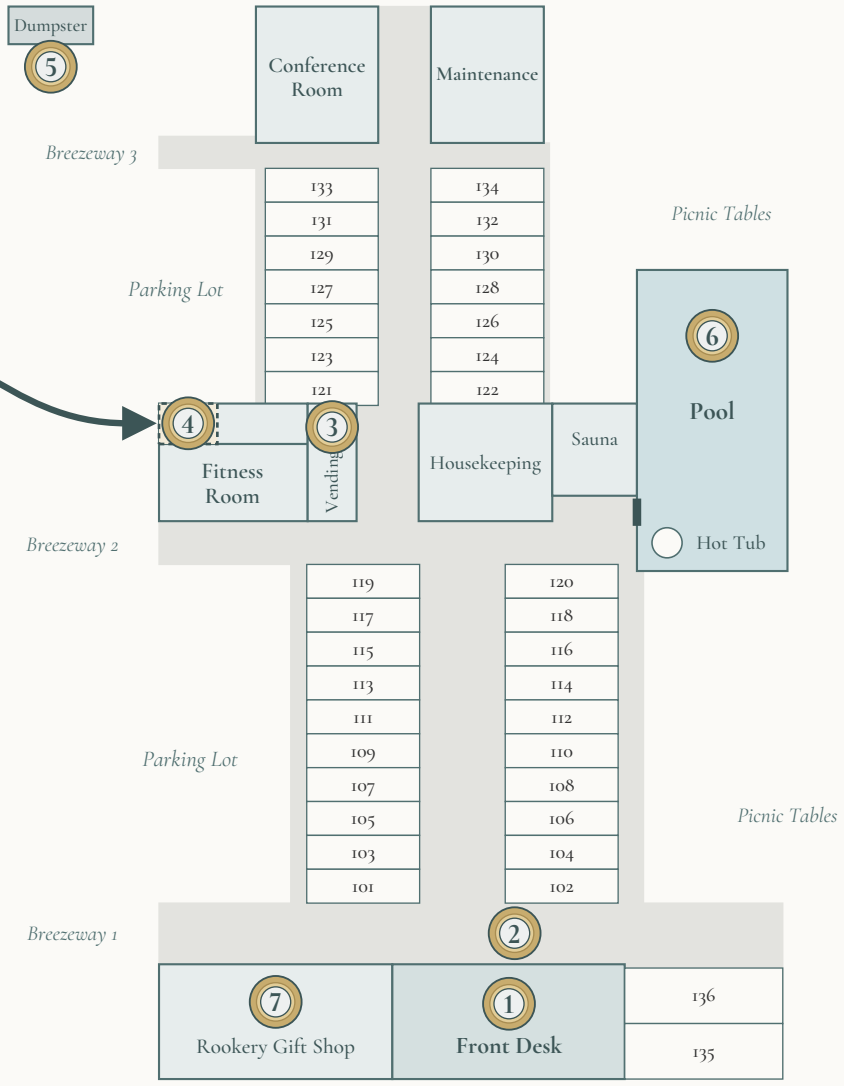
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MAP & NECESSITIES ON BACK →

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Your Chincoteague Base Camp

1. **Front Desk**
   Open 8am–9pm
   Evening breakfast pickup
2. **Coffee Bar and Ice Machine**
3. **Microwave**
   Second breezeway, next to the vending machines
4. **Cleaning Station**
   For fish and game, behind the privacy fence. The gate latch is at the top.
   - Cleaning table
   - Plucking machine
   - Deer hooks
   - Hose & rags
   - Ziploc & trash bags
   - Cutting board & scissors
5. **Dumpster**
   Rear of the parking lot. Bag carcasses and scraps before you toss them.
6. **Indoor Heated Pool and Hot Tub**
   Open until 9pm
7. **Rookery Gift Shop**
   Local decoys and gifts for whoever's holding down the fort



BOYS' TRIP NECESSITIES

Deli subs and cold beer	Steve's II Express Deli & Subs · 6761 Maddox Blvd · *0.2 mi*
Pizza, burgers and delivery	Famous Pizza & Sub Shop · 6689 Maddox Blvd · *0.4 mi*
A local seafood dinner	The Village Restaurant · 6576 Maddox Blvd · *0.6 mi*
Ammo, bait and licenses	Capt. Steve's Bait & Tackle · 6527 Maddox Blvd · *0.7 mi*
Liquor	Virginia ABC Store · 4371 Pension St. · *1.1 mi*
Steak and crab cakes	Bill's Prime Seafood & Steaks · 4040 Main St. · *1.9 mi*

THE REFUGE INN
7058 Maddox Blvd
Chincoteague Island, VA 23336

NEED SOMETHING?
Front Desk **(757) 336-5511**
After-Hours Emergency Line **(757) 336-6316**