



## Controlled Waterfowl Hunting Opportunities: General Information and Instructions

Apply online for \$3 per hunt  
The application period is June 1 through July 31

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife conducts annual controlled waterfowl hunts on a number of areas not normally open to hunting. These controlled waterfowl hunts are designed to provide access and opportunity on a limited basis to these areas. Harvest is not guaranteed on any controlled waterfowl hunting opportunity; however these hunts do provide access and possible benefits over open public hunting areas. Since the drawings are completed before the season, and successful applicants are notified of their hunting date in either August (for early season draws) or September (for all other draws), successful applicants can plan ahead to hunt on the date for which they are drawn. Since the number of hunters in an area on any certain date is controlled, hunters can enjoy areas that may be less crowded than open public areas and are guaranteed a spot to hunt on the date for which they are drawn. With the exception of the early-season hunts (Mogadore Reservoir, Wingfoot Lake Wildlife Area, and Ladue Public Hunting Area), these areas are not hunted seven days a week. Disturbance may be reduced compared to open public hunting areas, which may increase the opportunity to see and potentially harvest waterfowl. All successful applicants are limited to bringing 25 non-toxic shells per hunter, per day (except early season hunts). This limitation is put in place to encourage hunters to take sensible shots and to further limit disturbance.

Participation in controlled waterfowl hunting opportunities is determined by computer-generated random drawings. Independent drawings will be held for each area and each hunt date. Application fees are non-refundable. All applicants (adults and youth) must possess a current hunting license in order to apply for controlled hunts. The Division of Wildlife's license system will automatically detect if an individual meets this prerequisite. Applications may not be faxed or emailed. Hunters may apply for each area once annually. A person who applies more than once per area risks disqualification and forfeiture of the application fee. If the same name appears on multiple applications, applications could be disqualified and the fee(s) forfeited. If you are not drawn, you will not receive a refund. You may hunt in each controlled hunt area only once per season as either the permittee or a partner.

Drawings are held in early August for the early waterfowl hunts and in September for all others. Applicants can view the status of their application by visiting the Wild Ohio Customer Care Center at [wildohio.com](http://wildohio.com) (click on "Manage Your Customer Account" and follow the prompts). Hunters chosen to participate will receive notification in the mail in August (for early season draws) or September (for all other draws). Notifications will include directions to obtain the permit and an information and rules sheet for the hunt in which he or she has been selected. Those who are 18 years old at the time of application are considered adults. Those who are younger than 18 years old at the time of application can apply for some designated youth hunts, but not for adult hunts. In addition, some youth hunts are designated for those 15 years old and younger.

## Adult Waterfowl Controlled Hunts

Adult Waterfowl Controlled Hunts Available in Wildlife District Two (Northwest Ohio)

**Contact:** Wildlife District Two office at 419-424-5000 (or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at 419-898-0014 for Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge hunts).

### **A10 Magee Marsh Wildlife Area Adult Waterfowl Hunt (Ottawa County)**

**When:** Hunts will be held during the first two weeks of the waterfowl season in the Lake Erie Marsh Zone on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Hunting dates will be randomly assigned by computer and will be provided to successfully drawn applicants in September. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for one-day access to wetland units at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. The permit holder and one guest (maximum of two people) may hunt each day. Boat transportation to constructed blinds will be provided. All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations.

### **A11 Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Adult Waterfowl Hunt (Ottawa County)**

**When:** Hunts will be held during the waterfowl seasons in the Lake Erie Marsh Zone through Nov. 26, 2014 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Hunting dates will be randomly assigned by computer and will be provided to successfully drawn applicants in September. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for one-day access to wetland units at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. The permit holder and one guest (maximum of two people) may hunt each day. Access to blinds/stakes is by walk/wade in from designated parking areas. Blinds are provided at some locations but not others so hunters should plan to bring a chair or marsh seat as desired. All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations. Refuge specific hunting regulations will apply.

### **A19 Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area Adult Waterfowl Hunt (Sandusky County)**

**When:** This hunt will be held on the opening morning of the waterfowl season in the Lake Erie Marsh Zone. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for one-day access to wetland units at Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area. The permit holder and two guests (maximum of three people) may hunt each day. Access is by walk/wade in and no blinds are provided. Hunters should plan to bring a chair or marsh seat as desired. All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations.

Adult Waterfowl Controlled Hunts Available in Wildlife District Three (Northeast Ohio)

**Contact:** Wildlife District Three office at 330-644-2293.

### **A20 Mogadore Reservoir and Wingfoot Lake Wildlife Area Adult Waterfowl Hunt (Portage County)**

**When:** Permits will be drawn for 15-day access to a blind site during the early Canada goose season in September. Specific dates, bag limits, and shooting hours **TO BE DETERMINED**. Please refer to Publication 298 (Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons) for more information.

**What:** Permits will be randomly selected by computer for blind sites at Mogadore Reservoir and

Wingfoot Lake Wildlife Area for teal and Canada goose hunting. The permit holder and two guests (maximum of three people) may hunt each day. Hunters must provide their own boat access to blind sites at both locations. Gasoline powered engines are prohibited at Mogadore Reservoir, however electric motors are permitted. Gasoline powered engines less than 10 horsepower only are permitted at Wingfoot Lake. No blinds are constructed at blind sites at Wingfoot Lake and only certain sites at Mogadore Reservoir, so hunters should provide their own means of cover.

**A21 Wendell R. Ladue Reservoir Adult Waterfowl Hunt (Geauga County)**

**When:** Permits will be drawn for 15-day access to a blind site during the early Canada goose season in September. Specific dates, bag limits, and shooting hours **TO BE DETERMINED**. Please refer to Publication 298 (Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons) for more information.

**What:** Permits will be randomly selected by computer for blind sites at Wendell R. Ladue Reservoir for teal and Canada goose hunting. The permit holder and two guests (maximum of three people) may hunt each day. Hunters must provide their own boat access to blind sites. Gasoline powered engines are prohibited at Wendell R. Ladue Reservoir, however electric motors are permitted. No blinds are constructed at blind sites, so hunters should provide their own means of cover.

**A13 Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area Adult Waterfowl Hunt (Trumbull County)**

**When:** Hunts will be held during selected weeks on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the waterfowl seasons in the North Zone. Hunting dates will be randomly assigned by computer and will be provided to successfully drawn applicants in September. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for one-day access to shooting fields at Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area. **FIELD BLINDS WILL NO LONGER BE PROVIDED**, however hunters are permitted to bring their own temporary blinds for use the day of the hunt. The permit holder and one guest (maximum of two people) may hunt each day. Access to blind sites is within walking distance of designated parking areas. All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations.

Adult Waterfowl Controlled Hunts Available in Wildlife District Five (Southwest Ohio)

**Contact:** Wildlife District Five office at 937-372-9261.

**A12 Mercer Wildlife Area Adult Waterfowl Hunt (Mercer County)**

**When:** Hunts will be held throughout the waterfowl seasons in the North Zone on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Hunting dates will be randomly assigned by computer and will be provided to successfully drawn applicants in September. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for one-day access to hunt at Mercer Wildlife Area. Each successfully drawn applicant may bring one hunting partner. Blind sites will be randomly assigned at check-in the day of hunt. Access is by walk/wade in from designated parking areas and blinds are provided. All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations.

## Under 16 Youth Waterfowl Controlled Hunts

## Youth Waterfowl Controlled Hunts Available in Wildlife District One (Central Ohio)

**Contact:** Wildlife District One office at 614-644-3925.

### **Y22 Hebron Fish Hatchery Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Licking County)**

**When:** Hunts will be held on Saturday and Sunday during the Youth Waterfowl Weekend in the South Zone; actual dates **TO BE DETERMINED**. Hunting dates will be randomly assigned by computer and will be provided to successfully drawn applicants in September. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for youth under the age of 16 for one-day access to hunt at Hebron Fish Hatchery. This hunt is designed to provide young hunters with a quality waterfowl hunting experience under the guidance of caring mentors in a low-pressure environment. Constructed blinds on Hebron's wetlands are within walking distance of parking and are easily accessed by well-maintained roads and trails, making it ideal for youth hunters. Successful applicants will receive one permit allowing access for themselves and one other youth hunter. One non-hunting adult (except where noted, non-hunting adult attendants need not be licensed) 18 years of age or older must accompany (up to) two youth hunters (maximum of two youth hunters in the same blind on the same day). All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations. Further information will be provided to the successful applicant.

## Youth Waterfowl Controlled Hunts Available in Wildlife District Two (Northwest Ohio)

**Contact:** Wildlife District Two office at 419-424-5000 (or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at 419-898-0014 for Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge hunts).

### **Y09 Magee Marsh Wildlife Area Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Ottawa County)**

**When:** Hunts will be held on Saturday and Sunday during the Youth Waterfowl Weekend in the Lake Erie Marsh Zone; actual dates **TO BE DETERMINED**. Hunting dates will be randomly assigned by computer and will be provided to successfully drawn applicants in September. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for youth under the age of 16 for one-day access to hunt at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. Successful applicants will receive one permit allowing access for themselves and one other youth hunter. One non-hunting adult (except where noted, non-hunting adult attendants need not be licensed) 18 years of age or older must accompany (up to) two youth hunters (maximum of two youth hunters in the same blind on the same day). Boat transportation to constructed blinds will be provided. All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations. Further information will be provided to the successful applicant.

### **Y11 Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Youth Hunt (Ottawa County)**

**When:** Hunts will be held on Saturday and Sunday during the Youth Waterfowl Weekend in the Lake Erie Marsh Zone; actual dates **TO BE DETERMINED**. Hunting dates will be randomly assigned by computer and will be provided to successfully drawn applicants in September. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for youth under the age of 16 for one-day access to hunt at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Successful applicants will receive one permit allowing access for themselves and one other youth hunter. One non-hunting adult (except where noted, non-hunting adult attendants need not be licensed) 18 years of age or older must accompany

(up to) two youth hunters (maximum of two youth hunters in the same blind on the same day). Access to blinds/stakes is by walk/wade in from designated parking areas. A limited number of locations will have a blind provides, hunters should be prepared to hunt in a marsh setting without a permanent blind (plan to bring a chair or marsh seat as desired). All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations. Further information will be provided to the successful applicant. Refuge specific hunting regulations will apply.

NOTE: In addition to the controlled youth hunt, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge will be hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Waterfowl Hunting Workshop on Sunday of the Youth Waterfowl Weekend. This event is open to youth 10-15 years old. Each youth must be accompanied by an adult mentor for the day. For further information please visit <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/ottawa/> or contact Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge at (419)898-0014, ext. 32.

### Youth Waterfowl Controlled Hunts Available in Wildlife District Five (Southwest Ohio)

**Contact:** Wildlife District Five office at 937-372-9261.

#### **Y13 Mercer Wildlife Area Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Mercer County)**

**When:** Hunts will be held on Saturday and Sunday during the Youth Waterfowl Weekend in the North Zone; actual dates **TO BE DETERMINED**. Hunting dates will be randomly assigned by computer and will be provided to successfully drawn applicants in September. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for youths under the age of 16 for one-day access to hunt at Mercer Wildlife Area. Blind sites will be randomly assigned at check-in the day of hunt. One non-hunting adult (except where noted, non-hunting adult attendants need not be licensed) 18 years of age or older must accompany (up to) two youth hunters (maximum of two youth hunters in the same blind on the same day). Access is by walk/wade in from designated parking areas and blinds are provided. All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations.

## Under 18 Youth Waterfowl Controlled Hunts

### Youth Waterfowl Controlled Hunts Available in Wildlife District One (Central Ohio)

**Contact:** Wildlife District One office at 614-644-3925.

#### **Y23 Hebron Fish Hatchery Youth Waterfowl Hunts (Licking County)**

**When:** Hunts will be held on Saturdays during the statewide waterfowl seasons in the South Zone; actual dates **TO BE DETERMINED**. Hunting dates will be randomly assigned by computer and will be provided to successfully drawn applicants in September. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for youth under the age of 18 for one-day access to hunt at Hebron Fish Hatchery. This hunt is designed to provide young hunters with a quality waterfowl hunting experience under the guidance of caring mentors in a low-pressure environment. Constructed blinds on Hebron's wetlands are within walking distance of parking and are easily accessed by well-maintained roads and trails, making it ideal for youth hunters. Successful applicants will receive one permit allowing access for themselves and one other youth hunter. One

non-hunting adult (except where noted, non-hunting adult attendants need not be licensed) 18 years of age or older must accompany (up to) two youth hunters (maximum of two youth hunters in the same blind on the same day). All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations. Further information will be provided to the successful applicant.

#### Youth Waterfowl Controlled Hunts Available in Wildlife District Two (Northwest Ohio)

**Contact:** Wildlife District Two office at 419-424-5000 (or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at 419-898-0014 for Ottawa hunts).

#### **Y10 Magee Marsh Wildlife Area Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Ottawa County)**

**When:** This hunt will be held on the opening morning of the waterfowl season in the Lake Erie Marsh Zone; actual date **TO BE DETERMINED**. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for youth under the age of 18 for one-day access to hunt at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. Successful applicants will receive one permit allowing access for themselves and one other hunter (maximum of two hunters in the same blind on the same day, the accompanying hunter can be an adult). One adult (except where noted, non-hunting adult attendants need not be licensed) 18 years of age or older must accompany any youth hunters. Boat transportation to constructed blinds will be provided. All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations. Further information will be provided to the successful applicant.

#### **Y12 Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Youth Hunt (Ottawa County)**

**When:** This hunt will be held on the opening morning of the waterfowl season in the Lake Erie Marsh Zone; actual **TO BE DETERMINED**. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for youth under the age of 18 for one-day access to hunt at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Successful applicants will receive one permit allowing access for themselves and one other hunter (maximum of two hunters in the same blind on the same day, the accompanying hunter can be an adult). One adult (except where noted, non-hunting adult attendants need not be licensed) 18 years of age or older must accompany any youth hunters. Access to blinds/stakes is by walk/wade in from designated parking areas. A limited number of locations will have a blind provides, hunters should be prepared to hunt in a marsh setting without a permanent blind (plan to bring a chair or marsh seat as desired). All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations. Further information will be provided to the successful applicant.

NOTE: In addition to the controlled youth hunt, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge will be hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Waterfowl Hunting Workshop on Sunday of the Youth Waterfowl Weekend. This event is open to youth 10-15 years old. Each youth must be accompanied by an adult mentor for the day. For further information please visit <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/ottawa/> or contact Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge at (419)898-0014, ext. 32.

#### **Y24 Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Sandusky County)**

**When:** This hunt will be held on the opening afternoon of the waterfowl season in the Lake Erie

Marsh Zone; actual date **TO BE DETERMINED**. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for youth under the age of 18 for one-day (afternoon only) access to hunt at Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area. Successful applicants will receive one permit allowing access for themselves and two other youth hunters. One non-hunting adult (except where noted, non-hunting adult attendants need not be licensed) 18 years of age or older must accompany any youth hunters (maximum of three hunters in the same blind on the same day). Access to blinds is by walk/wade in from designated parking areas. No blinds are provided so hunters should plan to bring a chair or marsh seat as desired. All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations. Further information will be provided to the successful applicant.

#### Youth Waterfowl Controlled Hunts Available in Wildlife District Three (Northeast Ohio)

**Contact:** Wildlife District Three office at 330-644-2293.

#### **Y15 Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Trumbull County)**

**When:** Hunts will be held on selected weeks on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during the waterfowl hunting season in the North Zone. Hunting dates will be randomly assigned by computer and will be provided to successfully drawn applicants in September. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for youth under the age of 18 for one-day access to shooting fields at Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area. Successful applicants will receive one permit allowing access for themselves and one other hunter (maximum of two hunters in the same blind on the same day, the accompanying hunter can be an adult). One adult (except where noted, non-hunting adult attendants need not be licensed) 18 years of age or older must accompany any youth hunters. **FIELD BLINDS WILL NO LONGER BE PROVIDED**, however hunters are permitted to bring their own temporary blinds for use the day of the hunt. Access to blind sites is in walking distance of designated parking areas. All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations.

#### Youth Waterfowl Controlled Hunts Available in Wildlife District Five (Southwest Ohio)

**Contact:** Wildlife District Five office at 937-372-9261.

#### **Y14 Mercer Wildlife Area Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Mercer County)**

**When:** This hunt will be held on the opening morning of the waterfowl season in the Lake Erie Marsh Zone; actual date **TO BE DETERMINED**. Please see Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for season dates.

**What:** Permits will be randomly drawn by computer for youths under the age of 18 for one-day access to hunt at Mercer Wildlife Area. Blind sites will be randomly assigned at check-in the day of hunt. Successful applicants will receive one permit allowing access for themselves and one other hunter (maximum of two hunters in the same blind on the same day, the accompanying hunter can be an adult). One adult (except where noted, non-hunting adult attendants need not be licensed) 18 years of age or older must accompany any youth hunters. Access is by walk/wade in from designated parking areas and blinds are provided. All legal waterfowl are permitted to be hunted the day of the hunt; please refer to Publication 295 (Waterfowl Hunting Seasons) for regulations.