

## MERCER CONTROLLED WATERFOWL HUNTING INFORMATION

The enclosed special area hunting permit is required to hunt on the Mercer Wildlife Area. All blinds will be constructed by the Division of Wildlife.

### Regulations for Controlled Waterfowl Hunts

The migratory waterfowl hunting laws are in effect with the following additions:

1. **Your blind location will be chosen at a mandatory check-in the morning of your hunt at the Mercer Wildlife Area headquarters 6115 St. Rt. 703 Celina OH 45822. The check-in for all waterfowl hunts will be at 5:30 AM.**
2. You must place your special area hunting permit on the dashboard of your vehicle so that it is in plain view.
3. If you are unable to make your hunt, or transfer the permit you must call Mercer WA at 419-236-8838 at least 48 hours prior to the day of your scheduled hunt. We will fill unused spots with standby hunters after permit holders have chosen their blinds for the day. Failure to do so may jeopardize future chances for a permit.
4. **Legal shooting hours: Morning Hunt** – start of legal shooting time until 1:00 pm.  
**All Day Goose Only Hunt** – January 7 – February 11: start of legal shooting time until sunset.
5. All hunters must be out of the blinds/field within 1 hour of closing time (2:00 for morning hunts).
6. **You must complete the hunter survey form and all hunter harvest information at the completion of the hunt and turn in to personnel on-site or the controlled hunt survey box. Blinds 1-4 survey box is located at the shop (check-in location) on north side of St. Rt. 703 and Blinds 6 & 7 survey box is located near the fish hatchery office building. The survey boxes are labeled and completed survey form and permit should be turned in at the completion of the hunt.** The survey/hunter information is being done this way to streamline the process and make it easier for blinds to check-out without having to come to the Area.
7. All shooting must take place at the assigned blind, or within 100 yards of the assigned blind when pursuing a cripple.
8. No more than two hunters per blind. (Observers are welcome)
9. Each hunter may possess not more than 25 steel or non-toxic shot shells.
10. It is the hunter's responsibility to find an assigned blind after check-in is completed. Vehicles shall not be used as transportation to and from the field blinds. Vehicles are to be kept on designated roads and parking lots at all times. Parking is allowed only in designated areas as shown on the map.
11. A handicapped accessible blind is available if needed. Please contact Mercer Waterfowl Area at (419)236-8838 one week prior to your hunt if required.
12. Hunters should bring their own decoys (field and floaters) and waders. A dozen silhouette goose decoys will be available in each blind and must be placed back into the blind upon departure. Blinds 1-4 are located in corn fields and/or flooded crops in order to increase waterfowl hunting opportunities. Blinds 6 & 7 are located at St. Mary's State Fish Hatchery; these blinds provide the opportunity to bag both ducks and geese over dry fields and/or water.
13. Don't forget you need all of the following:
  1. Your hunting license
  2. Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp
  3. State Wetlands Habitat Stamp
  4. HIP Registration endorsement
  5. Special Area Permit
  6. Waders
  7. Decoys (Field and/or Floaters)
  8. Field Blinds- depending on conditions and ice cover, if you prefer. Standing

corn and corn stubble is available close to blind locations, if needed due to ice.

*Division of Wildlife, Ohio Department of Natural Resources*  
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## **Mandatory Pre-hunt Check-in @ 5:30 am**

**In an effort to improve the controlled waterfowl hunts and provide better opportunities for all waterfowlers, we will have a pre-hunt check-in this season. The pre-hunt check-in will allow the permit holders to select their blind with lottery, not assigned on the permit as in the past. The check-in will allow us to fill unused permits with standby hunters after the permit holders have chosen and proceeded to their blinds. Permit holders only show up to participate about 50% of the time. We would like to see more waterfowl hunters take advantage of these quality opportunities that we offer 3 days a week (Mondays, Wednesday, and Saturdays).**

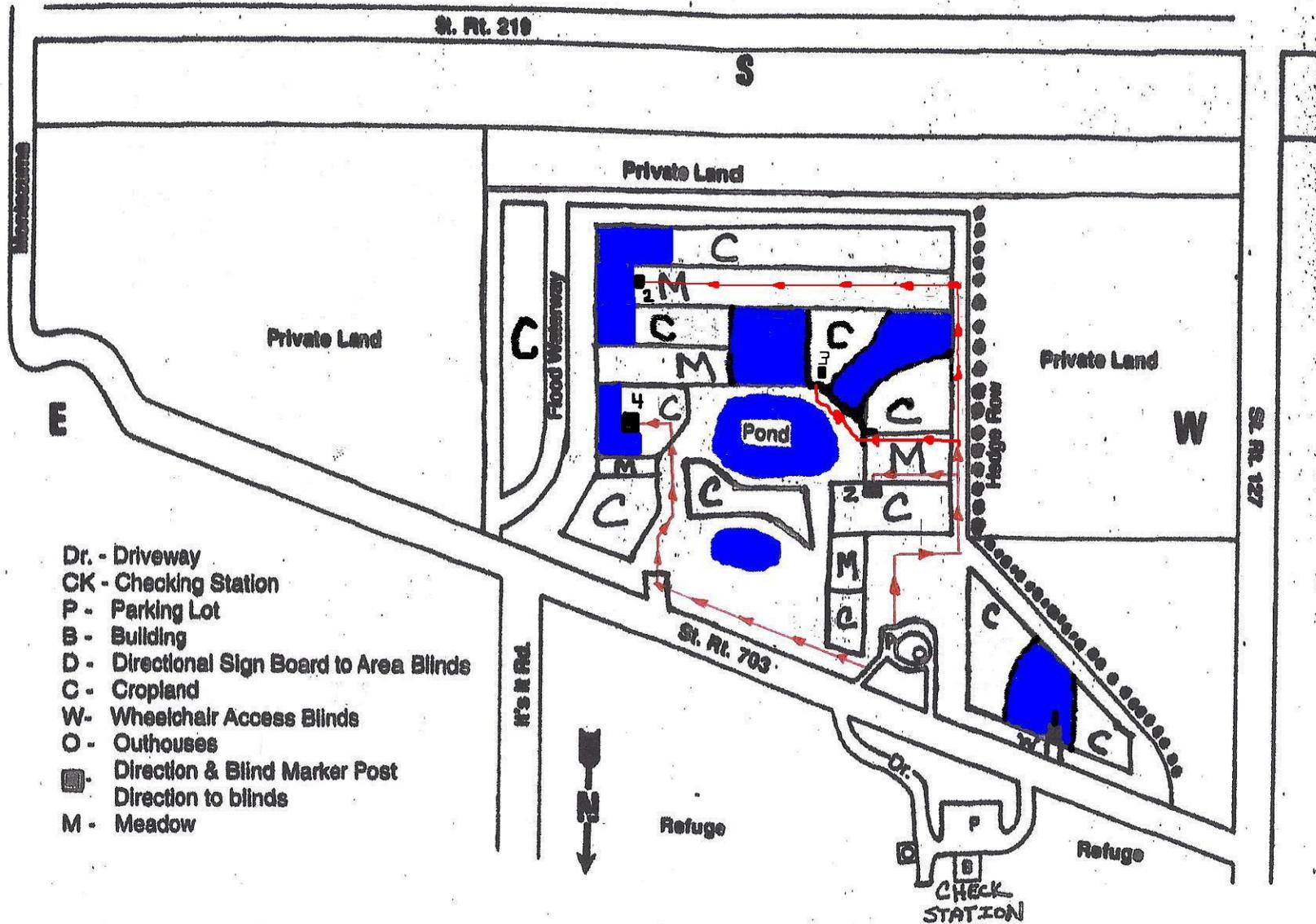
**ALL HUNTS INCLUDING THE ALL DAY GOOSE ONLY HUNTS ARE MORNING (AM) CHECK-IN THIS SEASON**

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**Thanks for your cooperation,  
Mercer Waterfowl Area**

**PS-If you are running late and cannot make the check-in at the appropriate time, you must call (419) 236-8838 prior to your check-in time for the day in order to hold your blind for the hunt day. Otherwise, any unfilled blinds will be made available to standby hunters.**

Blinds 1-4  
 6115 St. Rt. 703  
 Celina, OH 45822  
 419-236-8838  
 419-394-5170



- Dr. - Driveway
- CK - Checking Station
- P - Parking Lot
- B - Building
- D - Directional Sign Board to Area Blinds
- C - Cropland
- W- Wheelchair Access Blinds
- O - Outhouses
- - Direction & Blind Marker Post
- Direction to blinds
- M - Meadow

(Map B)  
**State Fish Farm**  
**Blinds 6 and 7**

- ← Directional Arrows
- ▲ Waterfowl Blinds
- \* Parking
- Buildings

