



WILDLIFE DISTRICT TWO CONTROLLED WATERFOWL HUNTING RULES



- Hunting by permit is restricted to assigned units in the “Controlled Waterfowl Hunting Area” and “State Wildlife Refuge” areas.
- Hunters must complete their registration card prior to any drawing (each hunter may only register once and hunters need to be present to enter on-site drawings). Registration periods will be officially closed prior to the start of any drawing.
- As a name is drawn, the hunter will select an available zone (and date if applicable), which will be noted on the permit card.
- Names will be drawn until dates and areas are all filled.
- The permittee can bring up to 2 hunting guests who must sign and include their Customer ID number on the permit prior to entering the marsh unless otherwise stated in hunt-specific rules.
- All boats must be operated at no wake speeds. Both electric and gas motors are permitted at all areas except at Killdeer Plains (electric motors only).
- Permits are only valid for the date and time designated on the permit. The permit card must be dropped off at a designated drop box, and hunters must record the number of waterfowl harvested on the permit card.
- Permittees may enter the marsh no earlier than one hour before legal shooting time in the morning, and leave within one hour after legal shooting time.
- No hunting from dikes.
- Designated parking areas must be used. Parking outside of designated parking areas is prohibited.
- Each hunter is limited to 25 nontoxic shells.
- Hunting on any road, trail or within a safety zone is prohibited.
- Shooting any animal other than legal waterfowl species is prohibited.
- A list of permittees will be provided to wildlife officers, and hunters may be checked at the parking areas as well as in the marsh.
- Detailed information (including maps) will be distributed with permits or may be obtained from the wildlife area offices.
- Failure to follow these controlled hunt rules and conditions could result from dismissal from the hunt, in addition to criminal charges pursuant OAC 1501:31-9-01(u).

Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area

- A morning drawing will be held at 5:15 a.m. each hunt day (**6:15 a.m. after deer gun season**). Hunt days will be: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for all waterfowl seasons, and both days of the Youth Waterfowl season.
- After the morning drawing, any remaining permits will be available through a self-serve system. Instructions will be located at the registration area.
- **All permits will be valid for the entire hunt day except for units located in Pond 27, which will be valid until noon.** Pond 27 units are only available Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Hunting within 200 feet of any dike is prohibited.
- There will be no controlled waterfowl hunts during the week of deer gun season.

Pickrel Creek Wildlife Area

- A morning drawing will be held at 5:15 a.m. each hunt day. An afternoon drawing will be held at 11 a.m. each hunt day. Hunt days will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday for all waterfowl seasons. Hunt days for the teal season will begin the opening day of teal (see Opening Day Teal Lottery Card drawing below).
- Morning permits are valid until noon.
- Afternoon permits are valid beginning at 12:30.
- After the drawings, any remaining permits will be available through a self serve system. Instructions will be located at the registration area.
- **Opening Day Teal Lottery Card Drawing is now being held through the computer lottery system (see below).**
- Controlled Hunt Computer Lottery Drawing Opportunities:
 - Adult Drawings:
 - **Now includes** the opening morning of the early teal season and Labor Day if it falls on the same weekend as the opening day for early teal season.
 - A second hunt is for the opening morning of the regular waterfowl season.
 - Youth Drawings:
 - **Now includes** the opening afternoon of the early teal season and Labor Day if it falls on the same weekend as the opening day for early teal season.
 - A second hunt is for the opening afternoon of the regular waterfowl season.
 - Youth and adult hunters will need to apply online at wildohio.gov.
 - The deadline for the computer lottery is July 31, 2016.
 - Successful applicants will receive a permit and special instructions in the mail by late August.

CONTROLLED WATERFOWL HUNTING RULES **continued.**

Magee Marsh Wildlife Area

- A special drawing will be held **Wednesday, August 17th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Magee Marsh Wildlife Area beach parking lot for permits to hunt the area during the early waterfowl season. **Registration will be from 5 to 6:20 p.m.**
 - Hunters must complete their registration card prior to the start of the drawing and place it in the cylinder (only one card per hunter).
 - Names will be drawn until all permits are filled.
 - The permit is valid for the entire day of the hunt. Hunters may enter or leave the marsh at any time within one hour before legal shooting time and must leave by one hour after sunset, but once hunters have left the marsh, may not re-enter.
 - This hunt does not affect eligibility to hunt Magee Marsh during the regular waterfowl season.
 - Permits are transferable.
 - All shooting must take place within 75 yards of the assigned blind.
 - Teal and Canada geese may be taken.
 - **Note for 2017:** the Magee hunt for early waterfowl season will be held by computer lottery starting June 1, 2017.
- Controlled Hunt Computer Lottery Drawing opportunities: apply at wildohio.gov
 - Youth Drawings:
 - A hunt for youth ages 15 and under during the Youth Waterfowl season.
 - A second hunt for youth ages 17 and under for opening day of the regular waterfowl season.
 - Adult Drawing:
 - Hunt days will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday beginning with the second hunt day and continue through the first two weeks of the regular waterfowl season.
- Daily drawings will begin the third week of the regular waterfowl season.
 - A morning drawing will be held at 5:15 a.m. each hunt day. Hunt days will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.
 - The daily permit is valid **until 3:00 pm each hunt day**. Once hunters leave the marsh, they may not re-enter.
 - After the drawing, any remaining permits will be available through a self-serve system. Instructions will be located at the registration area.
 - Permittees can bring two additional guests.
 - Boats are required to access all blinds.

Pipe Creek Wildlife Area

- A special drawing will be held **Thursday, August 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Osborn Park **** in Huron for permits to hunt the area during the early waterfowl and the regular waterfowl seasons. **Registration will be from 5 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.**
 - Hunters must complete their registration card prior to the start of the drawing and place it in the cylinder (only one card per hunter).
 - Names will be drawn until all permits are filled.
 - The permit is valid for the entire day of the permit.
 - Permits are transferable.
 - It is unlawful to hunt from or within 100 feet of the outside dike.
 - Permits are to be placed in the drop box at the Pipe Creek Wildlife Area parking area at the conclusion of the hunt.

East Sandusky Bay MetroPark

- A special drawing will be held **Thursday, August 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Osborn Park **** in Huron for permits to hunt the area during the early waterfowl and the regular waterfowl seasons. **Registration will be from 5 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.**
 - Hunters must complete their registration card prior to the start of the drawing and place it in the cylinder (only one card per hunter).
 - Names will be drawn until all permits are filled.
 - Weekly permits are valid for the designated hunt segment, and only in areas marked on the hunt map.
 - Permits are transferable.
 - Hunting areas can only be accessed using boats. Three permits will be issued for boat hunts only. Lay-out boat hunt permittees must hunt and retrieve waterfowl in the areas designated on the hunt map.
 - Low water conditions in Sandusky Bay may prohibit permit holders from hunting their designated area, if this occurs, new permits will not be issued.
 - Lay-out rigs, decoys and boats must be removed from the East Sandusky Bay MetroPark at the conclusion of each day's hunt.
 - The nearest boat ramp for public use is the Sandusky City Ramp located at the end of Shelby Street.
 - **Permits are to be placed in the drop box at the Pipe Creek Wildlife Area parking area at the conclusion of the hunt.**

**** Osborn Park is located at 3910 Perkins Ave.; Huron, OH 44839.**

Unless other direction is given: Adult participants are required to present their current year's Ohio Wetland Habitat Stamp or Resident Hunting License. Youth Hunters are required to bring their current Resident Youth Hunting License to be eligible to participate in the drawings.

Note: It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, trade, or barter any ODNR Division of Wildlife issued controlled hunting, fishing or trapping permit.

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