



2015 SPECIAL TRAPPING DRAWING RULES KILLDEER PLAINS WILDLIFE AREA



- A one-time drawing will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. for trapping in the wildlife refuge on the Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area.
- All participants must register prior to 6:25 p.m., and must show a valid 2014 or 2015 Ohio Fur Taker Permit. The drawing will be held at the Killdeer Plains Check Station, located at 19100 C.H. 115; Harpster, OH 43323 (1-1/2 miles south of State Route 294 in Wyandot County). The permit will be valid for portions of the trapping season, with some restrictions on time of day.
- No one may enter the Killdeer Plains Wildlife Refuge for inspection prior to receiving a permit. After drawing successfully, the trapper may make arrangements with the Area Supervisor to access the trapping unit for the purpose of unloading equipment and scouting the area prior to the start date. The official preview date is November 1, 2015.
- Permits are not transferable. All trappers that are successfully drawn must meet with the Area Supervisor for specific instructions prior to the start of any trapping activity.
- **Reports of daily catches (harvest cards) must be deposited in the Wildlife Area headquarters Permit Box before leaving the Wildlife Area. Harvest cards will be located at the Killdeer Plains office (self-serve controlled hunt registration area). Failure to report catches for 3 consecutive days will result in the controlled trapping permit becoming invalid and another trapper will be assigned to the unit.**
- Trappers who fail to comply with the daily reporting rule will be contacted via phone (at the number designated on the registration card). Trappers will be informed they will have 48 hours to remove their trap lines and all equipment from the property. After 48 hours, no permission will be granted to enter the property. A voice mail message will count as notification.
- Controlled deer hunts will be conducted **December 1, 2, and 13, 2015 and January 16, 23, and 30, 2016** in the controlled trapping area. Though trappers will be permitted to conduct daily trapping activities on these dates, they must wear hunter orange on while in their trapping unit.
- Boats will be permitted in trapping activities, but only electric motors may be used. Boats must be removed daily or moored in an area designated by the Area Supervisor.
- Access to the Wildlife Area trapping unit will be permitted only during the daylight hours.
- The trapper shall obey all existing State of Ohio laws and Wildlife Orders. The State of Ohio reserves the right to inspect all trap lines.
- All furbearers trapped shall be removed from the Wildlife Area. No carcasses may be disposed of on the Wildlife Area.

- All furbearer species may be trapped including beavers within your unit. Beaver trapping is permitted only during the state-wide beaver trapping season.
- Issued permits do not authorize the hunting of furbearers or the use of dogs.
- The trapper must park in designated parking areas or as directed by the Area Supervisor. There will be no vehicle traffic permitted on the dikes.
- **The trapper will be permitted to designate one (1) assistant. The name of the assistant must be designated prior to the drawing.**
- **Any individual who is a permittee or an assistant may only be awarded one trapping unit for the trapping season.**
- Traps must be placed in a manner to minimize the possibility of incidental catch to waterfowl. If waterfowl are incidentally caught, they must be released immediately or taken to the Area Supervisor if injured.
- The trapper must repair, at his own expense, any damage to the access roads, parking areas, or dikes caused by the trapper or his designated assistant. Such damage must be repaired to the Area Supervisor's specifications.
- **The Area Supervisor reserves the authority to assign alternates to a unit if primary trappers are not obeying the controlled trapping rules or trapping regulations.** Examples of these situations include but are not limited to: not providing daily updates as required; not following wildlife trapping laws; or violating any rules on this sheet. Second segment trappers do not automatically have trapping rights if an alternate is needed during the first segment. Any and all alternates will be assigned from the alternate list. Also, the Area Supervisor may change the length of the permit as situations arise.
- The trapper and his designated assistant agree to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and any Department or State employee(s) from any and all liability, payments and expenses of any nature for injury or death to the cooperator, cooperator's agents or employee(s) for any damages to any property used in connection with fulfillment of the rules of trapping.
- The Permit may be terminated by the consent of both parties or it may be canceled by the State of Ohio by written notice for non-use or noncompliance by the trapper or any of the terms in the Permit. Permission may also be terminated for violation of any Ohio State laws or Wildlife Orders.
- The State of Ohio, in determining whether a trapper is responsible, shall consider the experience of the trapper, his previous conduct and performance, his facilities, and his ability to execute the rules of trapping properly.
- **NOTE:** It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, trade or barter any Division of Wildlife issued controlled hunting, fishing or trapping permit.

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