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Lake Shelbyville Dove Hunt Applications Available

Lake Shelbyville - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Shelbyville will be conducting a dove hunt on opening day of dove season, September 1, 2013, at Ree's Ridge and Refuge Point Dove Fields. On September 1, four hunts will take place, one in the morning at each field (7 a.m.- 11 a.m.) and one in the afternoon at each field (1 p.m. - 6 p.m.). A permit is required to participate in the hunts on opening day. Permit applications can be picked up at the Lake Shelbyville Project Office Monday through Friday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., or obtained online at:

<http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/LakeShelbyville/Recreation/WildlifeViewing.aspx>

Applicants will be able to indicate their preference for the hunts (a.m., p.m., or either). Permit applications must be received at the Lake Shelbyville Project Office no later than 4 p.m. on August 13, 2013. A \$30.00 permit fee will be assessed to all successful applicants. In lieu of the \$30.00 fee, the application fee for youth hunters will be a donation of 10 nonperishable food items on the day of the hunt that will go to a local food bank. One permit will allow two hunters the use of a designated hunting blind. The public drawing for permits will take place on August 14, 2013 at 8 a.m. at the Lake Shelbyville Project Office. Applicants do not have to be present for the drawing; successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by phone within 2 days of the drawing. Hunting blinds for both hunts will be drawn at the field before each hunt on September 1.

The youth hunt is limited to children sixteen years old and under. A hunting assistant who is a parent, legal guardian, or family member of at least eighteen years of age must accompany each youth. The hunting assistant will be able to hunt with the youth they accompany. Youths and their guardians will only be allowed to hunt one of the time slots to ensure maximum amount of participation.

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Ree's Ridge Dove Field is approximately 10 acres in size and can accommodate 14 blinds (28 hunters/field). Refuge Point Dove Field is approximately 14.7 acres in size and can accommodate 14 blinds (28 hunters/field). Access to Refuge Point is through private property and hunters will be escorted by Corps personnel on September 1st. Beginning September 2nd, and throughout the remainder of the 2013 dove season, access to Refuge Point will only be allowed by **BOAT** or by walking due south on Government property from the parking area on the northeast side of Findlay Bridge. Access will **NOT** be allowed through private property. In the past this privilege was abused and we risk losing the use of this dove field if it continues.

Both fields will be on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning September 2nd and throughout the remainder of the season. Hunting will only be allowed from designated blinds and statewide shooting hours will be in effect (sunrise to sunset). For additional information concerning dove hunting at Lake Shelbyville, contact Natural Resources Specialists Lee Mitchell or Ashley Florey at (217) 774-3951 Ext: 7049.