

LAKE SHELBYVILLE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA WATERFOWL HUNTING FACT SHEET

Regular Waterfowl Season

1. Waterfowl hunting will be permitted in the Lake Shelbyville Fish & Wildlife Management Area except as described below and in duly posted restricted and "NO HUNTING" areas, developed recreation areas, and within 200 yards of construction sites, and residences.
2. Waterfowl hunting will be allotted by a daily drawing conducted at check stations for the first 2 days of the regular waterfowl season in the Fishhook, Jonathan Creek, Mc Gee and North Dunn Waterfowl areas.

The Fishhook and the Jonathan Creek Waterfowl areas are drawn at the Fishhook check station west of Allenville. The North Dunn and the Mc Gee Waterfowl areas are drawn at the site office east of Bethany on Route 121.

Parties will register for the drawings between 4:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. CDT on those days. Drawings will be at 5:00 A.M. on the first 2 days of the regular waterfowl season. Parties will register as they intend to hunt, with not more than (4) names per card.

Each party drawn will be allowed to choose one of the staked sites in the Fishhook, Jonathan Creek, Mc Gee and North Dunn Waterfowl Areas. Parties will select sites in the order they are drawn. Maximum party size is (4) persons. In addition, the following special regulations will apply:

- A. All parties must hunt within 10 yards of their assigned stake.
 - B. All parties must be in place by one-half hour before shooting time.
 - C. All parties are required to check out and report their harvest by 2:00 P.M. following each hunt.
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1. Hunters in Jonathan Creek, Mc Gee and North Dunn Waterfowl Areas must hunt within 10 yards of a numbered stake at all times during the waterfowl season. Hunters in the Fishhook Waterfowl Area will hunt within 10 yards of a numbered stake on a first come – first served basis for the first 14 days of the Illinois Central Zone duck season, then 200 yards between hunting parties starting the 15th day of the season.
 2. During the Central Zone Duck Season, only waterfowl hunting is permitted in Fishhook, North Dunn, Jonathan Creek and McGee waterfowl areas. Beginning the day following the closure of Central Zone Duck Season, upland game hunters may hunt pheasant, rabbit, and quail on these sites after 1:00 P.M. **Upland hunters must use non-toxic shot in these waterfowl areas** and must abide by all other statewide regulations.
 3. Daily shooting hours will be from legal opening time to 1:00 P.M. on State Managed Lands and Waters.
 4. Each hunting party in the Fishhook, Jonathan Creek, Mc Gee and North Dunn Waterfowl Areas are required to hunt over a minimum of (12) full-sized decoys.
 5. The building of permanent blinds of any kind or other structural works on the Federal Project Lands is prohibited. All blinds must be of a portable nature or constructed with natural vegetation located at the blind site and must be removed or dismantled at the end of the day's hunt.
 6. No goose pits may be built or dug on State Managed Lands.
 7. Motors of over 10 HP shall not be operated in the Fishhook, Jonathan Creek, Mc Gee and North Dunn Waterfowl Management Areas.
 8. No public activity or presence will be permitted in duly posted waterfowl refuges.
 9. During the regular waterfowl season, only licensed waterfowl hunters with valid site waterfowl permits who are in the pursuit of waterfowl will be permitted on the Kaskaskia River from the Strickland boat access north to the Canadian National Railroad Bridge from one-half hour before sunrise until 1:00 P.M.
 10. While in the field, hunters must maintain their bag separate and distinct from that of all other hunters.
 11. Early Teal, Early Canada Goose, Youth Duck: Statewide hours and regulations. 200 yards between hunting parties. No drawings will be held.
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13. A FREE WATERFOWL SITE PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO HUNT ON THE SHELBYVILLE FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA DURING THE EARLY TEAL, EARLY CANADA GOOSE, AND THE REGULAR DUCK AND GOOSE SEASON, AND MUST BE IN POSSESSION WHILE HUNTING WATERFOWL. FREE SITE HUNTING PERMITS (WINDSHIELD CARDS) ARE REQUIRED FOR SPECIES AS NOTED. THESE ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.DNR.ILLINOIS.GOV. NAVIGATE TO "HUNTING/TRAPPING" AND THEN "PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS" TO PRINT THESE PERMITS. HUNTERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO THIS WEBSITE PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 15TH EACH YEAR TO RECORD HARVEST INFORMATION. FAILURE TO SUBMIT DATA WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF HUNTING PRIVILEGES FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
 14. NON-TOXIC or STEEL SHOT IS REQUIRED WHILE WATERFOWL HUNTING.
 15. ALL STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS APPLY.