

Waterfowl Hunt Draw Information

Kankakee Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in a reserved draw hunt opportunity. It is important to note that areas participating in reserved hunts are managed by various agencies and may have unique restrictions that each hunter must follow. Please read each area's information packet carefully before pursuing a hunt.

Applying:

You must obtain a valid Indiana hunting license, and an Indiana waterfowl privilege stamp before applying. Visit our [waterfowl & migratory game birds](#) page to learn more about waterfowl hunting requirements. Each hunter is eligible to select five dates from any participating property when applying. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt waterfowl. There are 6 spots available per reservation day.

A HIP number and Federal Duck Stamp are required to hunt waterfowl. Hunters must register at GoOutdoorsIN.com or by calling 260-323-5378. There is no cost to register for a HIP number.

Allowed Equipment:

- Non-toxic shot is required for all waterfowl hunting nationwide.
- The shotgun used must not be capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.
- It is illegal to use a shotgun larger than 10-gauge.
- All waterfowl hunters are limited to a maximum of 25 shells per hunter.

Bag Limit:

- The daily bag limit for teal is six.
- The daily bag limit for coots is 15.
- The daily bag limit for mergansers is five, which may include no more than two hooded mergansers.
- The daily bag limit for ducks is six, which may include no more than four mallards (two of which may be hens), three wood ducks, two canvasbacks, three pintail, two redheads, two black ducks, one mottled duck, and one or two scaup. The daily bag limit may include 1 scaup on or before Nov. 7 in the North Zone. The daily bag limit may include 2 scaup after those dates.
- Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Hunting Hours:

- Kankakee FWA has a daily drawing at 4:30 a.m. CT (5:30 a.m. ET) at the property headquarters.
- All waterfowl hunting in the marsh ends at noon CT.
- Hunting hours in the corn units are from 7:30 AM CT to 1:00 PM CT. Gates will open at 6:30 AM. After ice conditions have been determined hunting hours will change to legal to noon CT.

Hunt Information:

- Kankakee FWA provides habitat and hunting opportunities for a wide variety of waterfowl species.

- There is no waterfowl hunting at Kankakee FWA during the September waterfowl seasons.
- During the regular waterfowl season, there is a draw every day at 4:30 a.m. CT at the Kankakee FWA headquarters. All hunters must register and sign in for the draw before 4:30 a.m. CT.
- To enter the draw, hunters must be in a party of two or three licensed hunters. Single hunters may take spots available after the draw.
- Kankakee FWA provides boats and oars for most blinds. Individuals may use a trolling motor and must bring a life jacket for each person who uses a boat.
- There is a 25-shotgun shell limit per hunter.
- Waterfowl harvest sheets are posted weekly at Kankakee FWA headquarters during waterfowl season.
- Water levels can vary based on location and time of year. Hunters may not be able to boat to all blinds and may need to walk to specific locations. Contact the property office for more details.
- The opening day for the corn units is Nov. 2nd regardless of water or bird conditions.
- The corn units are hunted on a rotation. From Nov. 2nd until Nov. 14th they are on a 3 day rotation (1 hunt, 2 rest). Nov. 17 until ice-up they are hunted every other day. Ice-up is determined by property staff when there is meaningful ice and not a freeze thaw. November corn dates are 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, and 29. December corn dates are 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, and 27.
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- Hunting hours in the marsh units are legal until noon CT.
- [Waterfowl Blind Map](#)
- Waterfowl reservation days are: Oct. 24 and 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 26 and 27. Six parties are selected on each reservation day.
- Ten-Mile Road is closed to vehicle traffic except **drawn** waterfowl hunters during the waterfowl season. All other activities are walk-in only.
- When corn units open the property will go on a rotation. The "River Blinds" (9Y-12Y and 3K) will be closed.
- Kankakee FWA offers over 40 waterfowl hunting opportunities when completely open.
- Boats and blinds are provided. There are 11 areas that do not offer a boat or blind (L1, L2, 19Y, 20Y, RL1, RL2, N1, N2, C19, C10 & N3).
- GPS points are provided for each of the blinds in the office. We strongly encourage new users to take pictures of our blind book.

Area Information:

Kankakee FWA provides outdoor recreational opportunities while maintaining 4,199 acres of land, including open water, marshes, riparian timber, periodically flooded crop fields, and 11 miles of river. Kankakee FWA is known for its excellent waterfowl and dove hunting opportunities. Kankakee is also a popular destination for fishing, birding, and kayaking.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Kankakee FWA property office at 574-896-3522 and/or KankakeeFWA@dnr.IN.gov.

