

WMA Waterfowl Draw Hunts

MDWFP implemented its first permitted waterfowl draw hunts on Muscadine Farms WMA in 2002. Since then, permitted draw hunts have been developed on many priority WMAs to provide a quality waterfowl hunting experience and to maintain waterfowl use of WMAs. During the past few years, MDWFP has observed that many hunters who apply for these hunts and are successfully drawn do not participate in their hunt. MDWFP has made it a priority to increase utilization of draw permits by using the following procedures for the waterfowl draw system:

- 1) All draw hunt applications will only be accepted online.
 - Multiple draws will be conducted before and during the waterfowl season (see calendars below).
 - Applicants are not limited to a maximum number of WMA draw hunt applications.
 - All hunts are 1-day hunts.
 - The number of waterfowl hunters drawn for a hunt will equal the number of hunt units that can be flooded.
- 2) On WMAs with stand-by hunting opportunities, the drawn hunters will receive preference for hunt units. After drawn hunters have selected their hunt units, the stand-by hunters will draw for the order in which they will select any hunt units left available.
- 3) Encouraging new waterfowl hunters to hunt WMAs is a priority for MDWFP, and a specified number of first-time applicants are selected for each hunt.

WMA Waterfowl Draw Hunt Regulations

- Permitted Draw Hunts for waterfowl are conducted on 8 WMAs (Pearl River [youth only], Charlie Capps, Howard Miller, Mahannah, Muscadine, Indianola, Trim Cane, and Tusculmbia).
- There will be 5 separate application periods and drawings for waterfowl hunts on WMAs, and each draw will cover the hunts in a 2-week hunt period. See calendars below for each WMA.
- The application periods will run consecutively, with each application period open for 2 weeks.

Waterfowl Application Periods:

Draw Period 1: Oct. 30 – Nov. 12

Draw Period 2: Nov. 13 – Nov. 26

Draw Period 3: Nov. 27 – Dec. 10

Draw Period 4: Dec. 11 – Dec. 24

Draw Period 5: Dec. 25 – Jan. 7

- There will be approximately 2 weeks from the closing date of an application period until the first hunt day included in that period.
- Hunters may apply for hunts in each hunt period on as many WMAs as they wish but may submit only one application per WMA per application period.
- Applicants will be notified by email only if successfully drawn.
- All selections are conducted by computer algorithm that gives preference to hunters that have not been selected for a hunt on a particular WMA in the past.
- Applicants must be 16 years of age or older.
- Hunting party size will be 3 or 4 hunters, depending on the WMA.

Waterfowl Draw Hunt Dates 2017 - 18

Howard Miller WMA (Tues, Thurs, and Sat)				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 25	Dec. 12	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23
Dec. 2	Dec. 14	Dec. 28	Jan. 11	Jan. 25
Dec. 7	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
Dec. 9	Dec. 19	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	
	Dec. 21	Jan. 4	Jan. 18	
	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20	

Mahannah WMA (Mon, Wed, and Sat)				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 25	Dec. 11	Dec. 25	Jan. 8	Jan. 22
Dec. 2	Dec. 13	Dec. 27	Jan. 10	Jan. 24
Dec. 6	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
Dec. 9	Dec. 18	Jan. 1	Jan. 15	
	Dec. 20	Jan. 3	Jan. 17	
	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20	

Trim Cane WMA (Wed and Sat)				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
	Dec. 13	Dec. 27	Jan. 10	Jan. 24
	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
	Dec. 20	Jan. 3	Jan. 17	
	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20	
Youth Waterfowl Feb 3				

Pearl River WMA - Youth Waterfowl (Sat)				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 18	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
Nov. 25	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20	Feb. 3
Dec. 2				
Dec. 9				

Tuscumbia WMA Unit 2 (Wed and Sat)				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
	Dec. 16	Dec. 27	Jan. 10	Jan. 24
	Dec. 20	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
	Dec. 23	Jan. 3	Jan. 17	
		Jan. 6	Jan. 20	

Indianola WMA (Tues, Thurs, and Sat)				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 25	Dec. 12	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23
Dec. 2	Dec. 14	Dec. 28	Jan. 11	Jan. 25
Dec. 7	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
Dec. 9	Dec. 19	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	
	Dec. 21	Jan. 4	Jan. 18	
	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20	

Charlie Capps WMA (Wed and Sat)				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 25	Dec. 13	Dec. 27	Jan. 10	Jan. 24
Dec. 2	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
Dec. 6	Dec. 20	Jan. 3	Jan. 17	
Dec. 9	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20	

Muscadine Farms WMA (Tues, Thurs, Sat, and Sun)				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 25	Dec. 12	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23
Nov. 26	Dec. 14	Dec. 28	Jan. 11	Jan. 25
Dec. 2	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
Dec. 3	Dec. 17	Dec. 31	Jan. 14	Jan. 28
Dec. 7	Dec. 19	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	
Dec. 9	Dec. 21	Jan. 4	Jan. 18	
Dec. 10	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20	
	Dec. 24	Jan. 7	Jan. 21	