

Waterfowl Draw Hunts

MDWFP implemented its first permitted waterfowl draw hunts at Muscadine Farms WMA in 2002. Since then, permitted draw hunts have been developed at 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, so the following changes were made to the waterfowl draw system:

- 1) All draw hunt applications will be accepted online.
- 2) More hunters will be drawn for waterfowl hunts on WMAs. How?
 - Multiple draws will be conducted during the waterfowl season (See calendar).
 - Applicants are not limited to a maximum number of WMA draw hunt applications.
 - All hunts will be 1-day hunts.
 - The number of waterfowl hunters drawn for a hunt will increase to the number of hunt units that can be artificially flooded on opening day.
- 3) 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 remaining hunt units.
- 4) Encouraging new waterfowl hunters to hunt WMAs is a priority for MDWFP, and a specified number of first-time applicants will be 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 Tuscumbia).
- 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 (see schedule below).

Waterfowl Application Periods:

Period 1: Nov. 2 – Nov. 15

Period 2: Nov. 16 – Nov. 29

Period 3: Nov. 30 – Dec. 13

Period 4: Dec. 14 – Dec. 27

Period 5: Dec. 28 – Jan. 10

- 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 apply only once 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 2015 - 16

Howard Miller WMA				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 28	Dec. 15	Dec. 29	Jan. 12	Jan. 26
Dec. 5	Dec. 17	Dec. 31	Jan. 14	Jan. 28
Dec. 10	Dec. 19	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	Jan. 30
Dec. 12	Dec. 22	Jan. 5	Jan. 19	
	Dec. 24	Jan. 7	Jan. 21	
	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23	

Mahannah WMA				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 28	Dec. 14	Dec. 28	Jan. 11	Jan. 25
Dec. 5	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
Dec. 9	Dec. 19	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	Jan. 30
Dec. 12	Dec. 21	Jan. 4	Jan. 18	
	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20	
	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23	

Trim Cane WMA				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
	Dec. 19	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	Jan. 30
	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20	
	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23	
			Youth Waterfowl	Feb 6

Pearl River WMA - Youth Waterfowl				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 21	Dec. 19	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	Jan. 30
Nov. 28	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23	Feb. 6
Dec. 5				
Dec. 12				

Tuscumbia WMA				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
	Dec. 19	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	Jan. 30
	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20	
	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23	

Indianola WMA				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 28	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	Jan. 30
Dec. 9	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20	
Dec. 12	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23	

Charlie Capps WMA				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 28	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	Jan. 30
Dec. 9	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20	
Dec. 12	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23	

Muscadine Farms WMA				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 28	Dec. 15	Dec. 29	Jan. 12	Jan. 26
Nov. 29	Dec. 17	Dec. 31	Jan. 14	Jan. 28
Dec. 5	Dec. 19	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	Jan. 30
Dec. 6	Dec. 20	Jan. 3	Jan. 17	Jan. 31
Dec. 10	Dec. 22	Jan. 5	Jan. 19	
Dec. 12	Dec. 24	Jan. 7	Jan. 21	
Dec. 13	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23	
	Dec. 27	Jan. 10	Jan. 24	