

Mud Lake Conservation Area 2020 Season - Controlled Waterfowl Hunting

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is pleased to be offering the Controlled Waterfowl Hunt at Mud Lake Conservation Area again this year.

For the 2020 waterfowl season, hunting will be offered **on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays** from 2 designated hunting blinds at the site. As Hunting Blind #3 is inaccessible for most, this blind will not be included in the lottery.

The fees and lottery/ draw in effect for this year include:

- i) no fee for hunting blind this year
- ii) a lottery/draw will be held to reserve the use of hunting blinds for the first two weeks of the duck season (September 26 through October 9, 2020)
- iii) a NPCA hunting permit is required to hunt at this site. As part of this permission a hunting harvest report must be completed and received at the NPCA office by December 31, 2020. Failure to return the report will result in loss of hunting eligibility for 2021
- iv) retriever dog platforms are provided on all hunting blinds

To be included in the lottery/draw, please complete the ballot below and **return** it by mail, email, facsimile, or in person, to our office no later than **August 31, 2020**. All applicants will be notified of results by regular mail/ email.

Please note hunting times will be posted at the site. They will be approximately ½ hour AFTER sunrise to ½ BEFORE sunset per NPCA policies. Should you require any additional information please contact Kim Frohlich at (905) 788-3135 ext. 241.

*NOTE: Please visit the site beforehand to check site conditions. From October 12, 2020 onwards hunting blinds are on a first come-first served basis.

Mud Lake Waterfowl Hunt Lottery Form

Please complete this form and **return** to NPCA office **by August 31, 2020**, to enter your name in the blind reservation lottery for the first two weeks of the waterfowl hunting season.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ email: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: _____

OUTDOORS CARD #: _____ expiry date _____

Valid NPCA Hunting Permit #: _____ *(required to be eligible for hunting lottery)*

Please check dates you are able to attend
(no cancellations of selected blinds will be made)

Sept. 26, 2020

Sept. 28 Oct. 5

Sept. 30 Oct. 7

Oct. 2 Oct. 9

Oct. 3

Notice for Hunting

Practices for Reducing the Spread of COVID-19

In response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to limit the spread of illness, **the following protocols will be upheld through the 2020 Waterfowl Hunting Season.** Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and additional measures may be required for the fall season. Updates will be provided in advance of the season.

- Hunters are not permitted to enter the Conservation Area if they have come into a known or probable case of COVID-19, have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days, or if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms:
 - fever (feeling hot to the touch, a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher)
 - chills
 - cough that's new or worsening (continuous, more than usual)
 - barking cough, making a whistling noise when breathing (croup)
 - shortness of breath (out of breath, unable to breathe deeply)
 - sore throat
 - difficulty swallowing
 - runny, stuffy or congested nose (not related to seasonal allergies or other known causes or conditions)
 - lost sense of taste or smell
 - pink eye (conjunctivitis)
 - headache that's unusual or long lasting
 - digestive issues (nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain)
 - muscle aches
 - extreme tiredness that is unusual (fatigue, lack of energy)
 - falling down often
- **Hunters are reminded to practice appropriate hand hygiene and to bring their own hand sanitizer** (handwashing stations and sanitizer will not be provided)
- **Maintain physical distancing where possible and follow provincial guidelines regarding times when distancing cannot be maintained (i.e. people are advised to wear a mask)**
- Practice cough and sneeze etiquette by covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your sleeve
- All litter and waste must be removed from hunting blinds after use, please dispose of litter appropriately in marked receptacles in the conservation area, or take it home to dispose
- Post NPCA Waterfowl Hunting Lottery: Contactless payment and booking will be available by contacting Binbrook Conservation Area directly by phone

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