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IDNR Announces Schedule of Waterfowl Blind Site Drawings *Drawings to be held for public hunting area waterfowl blind sites*

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Waterfowl hunters are encouraged to mark their calendars for upcoming waterfowl hunting blind site random drawings to be held at several public hunting areas in Illinois in June, July and August.

Duck and goose hunters must register in person for waterfowl blind site drawings and must be present at the drawing – held at each location designated below immediately after the registration period – to claim their blind sites. Mail-in registrations are not accepted. Unless otherwise stated, blind allocations for these sites are good for one year.

To participate in a drawing, all applicants must present a 2016 or 2017 regular Illinois hunting license (no apprentice or youth license), a 2016 or 2017 Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp at the time they register, unless exempted by law, and valid photo identification. Applicants must be at least 16 years old by the date of the drawing.

Applicants needing to purchase new licenses and stamps should do so prior to the drawing. Most blind drawing locations will not have license sales available. Licenses and stamps are available at any DNR Direct license and permit vendor, through the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov, or by calling 1-888-6-PERMIT (1-888-673-7648).

Registrants are no longer required to possess a valid Illinois Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) card from the Illinois State Police to participate in blind drawings. Also, in order to be an eligible applicant for the drawing, the participant must not have his or her hunting privileges suspended or revoked by the IDNR or any other jurisdiction at the time of the drawing. Out-of-state residents must have a 2016 or 2017 non-resident hunting license for Illinois and a 2016 or 2017 Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp.

Note: The photo ID requirement for all applicants is a new rule for this year's drawings.

The schedule for 2017 blind drawings is listed below:

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017 (Blinds allocated for three years)

- Horseshoe Lake State Park, Madison County: Picnic shelters 1 and 2 located near the site main entrance.
- Mississippi River SFWA – Batchtown and nearby Mississippi River blinds: Batchtown Ball Diamond, in Batchtown.
- Mississippi River SFWA – Calhoun Point and Illinois River Blinds: Brussels Community Park, by school and ball diamond in Brussels.
- Mississippi River SFWA – Fuller Lake: Brussels Community Park, by school and ball diamond in Brussels.
- Mississippi River SFWA – Glades/12 Mile Island: Alton Wood River Sportsmen Club, 3109 Godfrey Rd., Godfrey, IL
- Mississippi River SFWA – Godar/Diamond: Calhoun County Fairgrounds, North of Hardin on RT. 100.
- Mississippi River SFWA – Helmbold Slough: Brussels Community Park, by school and ball diamond in Brussels.
- Mississippi River SFWA – Piasa Island: Alton Wood River Sportsmen Club, 3109 Godfrey Rd., Godfrey, IL
- Mississippi River SFWA – Red’s Landing: Calhoun County Fairgrounds, North of Hardin on RT. 100.
- Mississippi River SFWA – Rip Rap Landing: Calhoun County Fairgrounds, North of Hardin on RT. 100.
- Mississippi River SFWA – Stump Lake: Alton Wood River Sportsmen Club, 3109 Godfrey Rd., Godfrey, IL

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017 (Blinds allocated for two years)

- Mississippi River Pool 21 and Pool 22: registration 10 a.m. - noon at the Twin Oaks Sportsman's Club, 2707 Bonansinga Dr., Quincy.
- Mississippi River Pool 24 registration 10 a.m. - noon at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Office, Route 106 West, Pittsfield.

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017 (Blinds allocated for one year)

- Chain O' Lakes State Park and Redwing Slough/Deer Lake State Natural Area, Lake County: registration for both sites 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Oak Point day use area, 1/5 mile east of the Fox River on the south side of Illinois Route 173. Hunters will be allowed to register for only one of the two sites.
- Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area, Will County: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the site office, two miles northwest of Wilmington off exit 241 on Interstate 55.
- Kankakee River State Park and Momence Wetlands, Kankakee and Will Counties: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for both sites at the Kankakee River State Park office, five miles northwest of Bourbonnais on Illinois Route 102. Hunters will be allowed to register for only one of the two sites.
- Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area, Grundy County: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the site office just off Illinois Route 53, two miles southeast of Braceville.
- Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area, DeKalb County: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the park office. Directions - go 2½ miles south of Shabbona on Shabbona Road, turn east on Shabbona Grove Road and go ½ mile (office is on left side of the road).
- Sinnissippi Lake, Whiteside County: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Harry Oppold Marina, on Stouffer Road on the east edge of Sterling.
- William Powers State Recreation Area, Cook County: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the boat launch, 126th St. and Ave. 0, Chicago.

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017 (Blinds allocated for one year)

- Anderson Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, Fulton County: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the area check station, 13½ miles southwest of Havana on Illinois Route 100.
- Clear Lake, Mason County: registration 10a.m. - 2 p.m. at Sand Ridge State Forest Headquarters, 25799E CTY RD. 2300N, Forest City. Phone (309) 597-2212. Follow the signs from Manito or Forest City.
- Lake DePue State Fish and Wildlife Area, Bureau County: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Park, ¾ miles west of DePue on Illinois Route 29.
- Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area including the Sparland Unit, Marshall County: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the area check station, five miles south of Lacon on Illinois Route 26.

- Meredosia Lake in Morgan and Cass Counties (allocated for 2 years): registration 12 noon - 2 p.m. at the Jim Edgar Panther Creek Hunter Check-In Building (located adjacent to the JEPC site office, approximately 7 miles southeast of Chandlerville), 10149 County Highway 11, Chandlerville, IL 62627.
- Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, Fulton County: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the area check station, three miles south of Banner on Route 24.
- Sanganois State Fish and Wildlife Area, Cass and Mason Counties: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. On the east side of the maintenance building, two miles north of Chandlerville on Illinois Route 78 (follow the signs to Sanganois).
- Spring Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area and Pekin Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, Tazewell County: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the south park office area, two miles north of Manito on County Rd. 16 (Manito Rd.) and eight miles west and south on Spring Lake Rd.
- Starved Rock State Park, LaSalle County: registration 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Point Shelter day use area on Illinois Route 71, about four miles east of Illinois Route 178 or 5½ miles west of Illinois Route 23 in South Ottawa.
- Woodford State Fish and Wildlife Area, Woodford County: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the area check station, 5½ miles north of Spring Bay on Illinois Route 26.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017 (Blinds allocated for two years)

- Mississippi River Pool 16: Registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, 19408 Loud Thunder Rd., Illinois City.
- Mississippi River Pool 17: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at New Boston City Park.
- Mississippi River Pool 18: registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Delabar State Park, two miles north of Oquawka.

Additional hunting information and maps on the above sites can be accessed at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/FactSheets/Pages/default.aspx>

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