
2023 IPLA Late Season Waterfowl Hunt Draw

This page includes information and instructions for those interested or selected to participate in a 2023 Indiana IPLA Waterfowl Hunt Draw. 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:

The application period for the 2023 IPLA Late Season Waterfowl Hunt Draw is Oct. 1 — Oct. 29, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid hunting license, Game Bird Habitat Stamp and HIP number prior to applying. Each hunter is eligible to select one date span from any participating county when applying. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt waterfowl.

Hunters must also obtain a current Federal Waterfowl Stamp prior to hunting.

Restrictions:

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.

Bag Limit:

 The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

- Coots: 15
- Mergansers: 5 (which may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers)
- Ducks: 6 (which may include no more than 4 mallards, 2 of which may be hens)
- Wood ducks: 3
- Canvasbacks: 2
- Pintails: 1
- Redheads: 2
- Black ducks: 2
- Mottled ducks: 1
- Scaup: 1

Hunting Hours:

- Legal shooting hours for ducks and geese is one half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Hunt Information: The time frame for this hunt begins on Dec.1. The hunt ends on Jan. 13, OR the end of the season in the zone which you are selected to hunt within, whichever comes first (see chart below). Hunters will

only have access to the IPLA property during the window for which they are selected. IPLA waterfowl hunters must follow all state waterfowl hunting seasons in the chart below.

Ducks, Coots, & Mergansers

North Zone: Oct. 28 - Dec. 17
Dec. 26 - Jan. 3

Central Zone: Nov. 4-12
Nov. 24 - Jan. 13

South Zone: Nov. 11-12
Dec. 2 - Jan. 28

Geese

North Zone: Oct. 28 - Nov. 5
Nov. 18 - Feb. 11

Central Zone: Nov. 4-18
Nov. 24 - Feb. 11

South Zone: Nov. 11 - Feb. 11

- All hunters must follow all laws and obtain all necessary permits and licenses as outlined in the [Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide](#) (including license requirements, bag limits, etc.).
- Hunters are permitted for waterfowl hunting only. Removal of anything from the property other than waterfowl is prohibited.
- Drawn hunters are allowed to bring up to three (3) additional hunting partners. The drawn hunter must be present during the hunt. Additional hunting partners must also sign the release of liability waiver.
- A post-hunt survey must be completed by the drawn hunter. Failure to complete the hunt survey jeopardizes future eligibility in IPLA. Note: The hunt survey does not replace the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) reporting requirement.
- Cutting trees and tree limbs is prohibited.
- Dogs are allowed.
- Non-motorized watercraft and electric trolling motors are allowed (NO gas motors).
- Youth hunters (17 and younger) must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age.
- Hunting stands and/or blinds are not provided. Blinds may be constructed with onsite natural materials or carried in (no permanent blinds).
- Hunters must remove their blinds by the end of their assigned hunt window.
- Hunters must park in designated parking areas. Foot traffic only beyond designated parking areas. Vehicles are not allowed in other areas of the property. This includes stand/blind installation and harvest recovery. The only exception will be for special arrangements to allow access for hunters with disabilities.
- Each successfully drawn hunter and any additional partners are required to sign a liability waiver before participating in an IPLA hunt.

Area Information: IPLA properties vary in size and habitat. All waterfowl properties have some open water or river access. Some waterfowl properties are better for ducks, while others are better for geese. All waterfowl properties will allow only one waterfowl hunting party per window; however, there may be other (small game, deer, gamebird) hunters using the property at the same time. IPLA Waterfowl hunting areas can be found in each Indiana waterfowl hunting zone, Season dates vary with each zone. Hunters must identify the zone they are hunting in and abide by the hunting season dates.

IPLA Waterfowl Hunts are available in 3 counties. IPLA waterfowl applicants may select 1 location and 1 window when applying. Some counties include more than one hunt location. The number of opportunities in each county is indicated below.

- Dekalb: 1
- Sullivan: 2
- Bartholomew: 1

Contact:

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