

WMA Waterfowl Draw Hunts Under COVID-19 Precautions

Due to ongoing public health concerns from COVID-19, the MDWFP has planned for adjustments to the WMA waterfowl draw hunt system to reduce staff and public interactions. We recommend the following procedures for WMAs under the waterfowl draw system for the 2020-21 hunting season:

- 1) All draw hunt applications will only be accepted online.
 - Applicants may apply for all hunts on as many WMAs as they wish but may submit only one application per WMA per application period.
 - All hunts are 1-day hunts.
 - Drawn hunters will be notified by email and will have 48 hours to confirm their hunting reservation.
 - We will open a second drawing to re-fill any unconfirmed reservations after the 48-hour period has ended. This will help to increase participation in the draw hunts. There will only be one additional drawing to re-fill hunting positions.
- 2) All drawn hunters will be randomly assigned a hunting unit.
- 3) There will be some stand-by opportunity at Howard Miller, Mahannah, Mahannah/Phil Bryant Timber, and Muscadine Farms WMA's.
- 4) 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 Details

- Permitted draw hunts are conducted on Pearl River (youth only), Charlie Capps, Howard Miller, Mahannah, Muscadine, Phil Bryant (Buck Bayou Unit), William C. "Billy" Deviney, Trim Cane, and Tuscumbia WMAs.
- There will be 5 separate applications and drawings for waterfowl hunts on WMAs, and each draw will cover the hunt days in a 2-week hunt period. Using 5 drawings allows applicants to have multiple chances to win a draw hunt, while also allowing applicants to only apply for time periods they know they will be able to hunt. See calendars below for each WMA's hunt dates.
- All applications will be open concurrently from October 1 to October 15. All drawings and notifications will be completed by November 1.
- Applicants will be notified by email only if successfully drawn.
- All selections are conducted by computer algorithm that gives preference to hunters who 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.
- Drawn hunters and their guests will sign in by 5:00 am the morning of their hunt and will proceed to their hunting unit.

WMA Waterfowl Draw Hunt Dates Within Each Draw Period for 2020 - 21

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

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

Note: Mahannah “timber” units and Phil Bryant Buck Bayou Unit will have separate drawings from the rest of Mahannah since these areas are more difficult to access and hunters will need to know what they are applying for in advance.

Trim Cane WMA (Wed and Sat)				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
		Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20
		Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23
		Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
		Jan. 2	Jan. 16	Jan. 30

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

Tuscumbia WMA Unit 2 (Wed and Sat)				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
	Dec. 9	Dec. 23	Jan. 6	Jan. 20
	Dec. 12	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23
	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	Jan. 13	Jan. 27
	Dec. 19	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	Jan. 30

William C. "Billy" Deviney WMA (Tues, Thurs, and Sat)				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 28	Dec. 10	Dec. 24	Jan. 7	Jan. 21
Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23
	Dec. 15	Dec. 29	Jan. 12	Jan. 26
	Dec. 17	Dec. 31	Jan. 14	Jan. 28
	Dec. 19	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	Jan. 30
	Dec. 22	Jan. 5	Jan. 19	

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

Muscadine Farms WMA (Tues, Thurs, Sat)				
1st Draw	2nd Draw	3rd Draw	4th Draw	5th Draw
Nov. 28	Dec. 10	Dec. 24	Jan. 7	Jan. 21
Dec. 5	Dec. 12	Dec. 26	Jan. 9	Jan. 23
	Dec. 15	Dec. 29	Jan. 12	Jan. 26
	Dec. 17	Dec. 31	Jan. 14	Jan. 28
	Dec. 19	Jan. 2	Jan. 16	Jan. 30
	Dec. 22	Jan. 5	Jan. 19	