


# Migratory Bird Season Dates Approved by Ohio Wildlife Council

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*Ohio's hunting season opens September 1*

### Printable Version of Season Dates & Bag Limits

COLUMBUS, OH – The Ohio Wildlife Council has approved the state's early migratory game bird hunting seasons for this fall, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife. September 1 kicks off the state's hunting season with the opening of dove, Canada goose, rail, moorhen and snipe.

Ohio's dove season runs September 1 through October 23 and December 17 through January 2, 2012, with a daily limit of 15 birds and a possession limit of 30 birds.

**Controlled dove hunts** will be offered at Fallsville, Rush Run, Spring Valley, Indian Creek and Bott state wildlife areas. Bott Wildlife Area will hold its drawings at the Indian Creek Headquarters. These controlled hunts will take place Thursday, September 1 and Friday, September 2; hunting hours will be noon to sunset. Controlled dove hunts will also be offered at St. Marys Fish Hatchery on September 1, 3, 6, 10, 13 and 17. Youths 17 years old and younger will be given priority on September 1st and 3rd.

Opening day drawings for all of these hunts will take place at noon, Saturday, August 27, at the respective public area headquarters. Drawings for the other hunts will be held the day of the hunt at noon. Maps and details are available at [wildohio.com](http://wildohio.com). Questions about any of these hunts should be directed to the Division of Wildlife's Southwest District office at (937) 372-9261 (937) 372-9261.

Canada geese may be hunted statewide September 1-15, during the special early season, with a daily limit of four birds and possession limit of eight birds after the first day. The Mercer Goose Zone will not be open during the early Canada goose season. A map of the area closed to Canada goose hunting during the early season is available online at [wildohio.com](http://wildohio.com).

The early teal hunting season will open September 3 and end September 18, with a daily bag limit of four birds and possession limit of eight after the first day.

Waterfowl hunters must have a valid hunting license in addition to a state wetlands habitat stamp endorsement, a federal duck stamp and a Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification. Anyone who intends to hunt migratory game birds must obtain a new HIP certification each year.

Sora rails, Virginia rails and moorhens can be hunted September 1 through November 9, with a daily limit of 25 rails and 15 moorhens. Hunting season for snipe will be September 1 through November 27 and December 17 through January 4, 2012 with a daily bag limit of eight. The woodcock hunting season is open October 8 through November 21, with a daily bag limit of three birds and a possession limit of six birds.

Hunting hours during the seasons for rails, moorhens, snipe, woodcock, teal, doves and Canada geese are sunrise to sunset. The only exceptions will be on wildlife areas that have specially posted hunting times for doves.

The 2011-12 Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations and the 2011 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons brochure can be found on line at [wildohio.com](http://wildohio.com). The 2011 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons brochure will be available by late August at license outlets, Division of Wildlife district offices, or by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE 1-800-WILDLIFE.

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## Ohio State Parks Duck Blind Lotteries Set for August 20

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More than 290 permits are available to hunters wishing to hunt ducks and geese from a blind at an Ohio State Park lake this waterfowl hunting season.

**COLUMBUS, OH** – More than 290 permits are available to hunters wishing to hunt ducks and geese from a blind at an Ohio State Park lake this waterfowl hunting season. A lottery drawing for the permits will be held at 17 state parks and two wildlife areas the morning of Saturday, August 20.

Interested applicants must appear in person at a participating state park office with proof of a 2011 Ohio hunting license, state wetlands stamp endorsement in the applicant's name, and a signed 2011 or 2010 federal duck stamp. Applicants under the age of 18 are encouraged to have a parent or legal guardian present to sign the permit contract, and must provide the required license and stamps.

Participating state parks include Portage Lakes and West Branch in northeast Ohio; East Harbor, Indian Lake and Lake Loramie in northwest Ohio; Adams Lake, Buck Creek, Caesar Creek, Cowan Lake, East Fork, Hueston Woods, and Rocky Fork in southwest Ohio; and Alum Creek, A.W. Marion, Buckeye Lake, Deer Creek, and Delaware in central Ohio.

Applications will be taken beginning at 7:30 a.m. at most parks, with the lottery drawings at 8 a.m. at the park office, unless otherwise noted in the listing below.

Each hunter can apply for only one duck blind permit and no one can apply or draw for another person. There is a \$50 non-refundable permit fee for the state park lottery winners. Most locations accept cash, checks or credit cards for payment, except for Portage Lakes where payment is by cash (exact change) or check only. Lottery winners have 45 days to construct their blinds and all blinds must be dismantled by March 15, 2012.

Hunters wishing to participate in the lotteries at Delaware or Indian Lake state parks are advised that the nearby Delaware marina, and the Indian Lake park office and commissary no longer sell hunting licenses and duck stamps. Hunters should purchase their license and stamp from another vendor prior to the lotteries.

Waterfowl hunting opportunities are also available through lottery drawings for blinds at the Mercer Wildlife Area on Grand Lake St. Marys, and the Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area adjacent to Mosquito Lake State Park. The drawings will be held at the respective wildlife area offices on August 20. There is no fee for use of the blinds at these areas. Lottery participants must also have a current Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification.

Information on waterfowl hunting seasons, locations and restrictions will be discussed by park staff and wildlife officers during the lotteries. For general information about hunting seasons and regulations, call 1-800-WILDLIFE 1-800-WILDLIFE or visit [wildohio.com](http://wildohio.com) online.

The ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR Web site at [ohiodnr.com](http://ohiodnr.com).

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**EDITORS NOTE:** A list of park addresses and telephone numbers, along with the number of duck blinds available at each participating park, is below.

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**For further information, contact:**

Jean Backs, Ohio State Parks

**2011 Ohio State Park Duck Blind Lottery****2 blinds**

Adams Lake State Park

Scioto County

14633 State Route 41

West Union, Ohio 45693

7:30 AM/ 8:00 AM

Meet at the park maintenance shop

**25 blinds**

Alum Creek State Park

Delaware County

3615 South Old State Rd

Delaware, OH 43015-9673

8:30 AM/ 9:00 AM

(740) 548-4631

(740) 548-4631

**3 blinds**

A.W. Marion State Park

Pickaway County

20635 Waterloo Road

Mt. Sterling, OH 43143

8:30 AM/ 9:00 AM

(740) 869-3124

(740) 869-3124

Deer Creek park office

**19 blinds**

Buck Creek State Park

Clark County

1901 Buck Creek Lane

Springfield, OH 45502-8801

8:30 AM/ 9:00 AM

(937) 322-5284

(937) 322-5284

**16 blinds**

Buckeye Lake State Park

Fairfield/Licking/Perry Counties

2905 Liebs Island Road

Millersport, OH 43046-0488

7:30 AM/ 8:00 AM

(740) 467-2690

(740) 467-2690

**21 blinds**

Caesar Creek State Park

Warren/Clinton Counties

8570 E. State Rte. 73

Waynesville, OH 45068-9719

7:30 AM/ 8:00 AM

(513) 897-3055 (513) 897-3055

Meet at the main beach house

10 blinds

Cowan Lake State Park

Clinton County

1750 Osborn Road

Wilmington, OH 45177

7:30 AM/ 8:00 AM

(937) 382-1096 (937) 382-1096

14 blinds

Deer Creek State Park

Pickaway/ Fayette Counties

20635 Waterloo Road

Mt. Sterling, OH 43143-9501

8:30 AM/ 9:00 AM

(740) 869-3124 (740) 869-3124

25 blinds

Delaware State Park

Delaware County

5202 U.S. 23 North

Delaware, OH 43015-9714

8:30 AM/ 9:00 AM

(740) 548-4631 (740) 548-4631

Meet at the marina

24 blinds

East Fork State Park

Clermont County

3294 Ellick Rd.

Bethel, OH 45106-9327

7:30 AM/ 8:00 AM

(513) 734-4323 (513) 734-4323

5 blinds

East Harbor State Park

Ottawa County

1169 North Buck Rd.

Lakeside-Marblehead, OH 43440-9610

7:30 AM/ 8:00 AM

(419) 734-4424 (419) 734-4424

12 blinds

Hueston Woods State Park

Preble/ Butler Counties

6301 Park Office Rd.

College Corner, OH 45003-9040

7:30 AM/ 8:00 AM

(513) 523-6347 (513) 523-6347

35 blinds

Indian Lake State Park  
Logan County  
12774 State Rte. 235 North  
Lakeview, OH 43331  
8:00 AM/ 8:30 AM  
(937) 843-2717 (937) 843-2717

19 blinds  
Lake Loramie State Park  
Shelby/ Auglaize Counties  
4401 Ft. Loramie Swanders Rd.  
Minster, OH 45865-9311  
7:30 AM/ 8:00 AM  
(937) 295-2011 (937) 295-2011

71 blinds  
Mercer Wildlife Area  
Mercer / Auglaize Counties  
Wildlife Area Headquarters  
5116 State Route 703  
Celina, Ohio 45822  
7:30 AM/ 8:00 AM  
(937) 372-9261 (937) 372-9261

75 blinds  
Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area  
Trumbull County  
Wildlife Area Headquarters  
8303 North Park Ave.  
Bloomfield, OH  
8:00 AM/ 9:00 AM  
(440) 685-4776 (440) 685-4776

29 blinds  
Portage Lakes State Park  
Summit County  
5031 Manchester Road  
Akron, OH 44319-3999  
8:00 AM/drawing immediately following  
(330) 628-4720 (330) 628-4720  
Meet at the park office garage

16 blinds  
Rocky Fork State Park  
Highland County  
9800 North Shore Dr.  
Hillsboro, OH 45133-9205  
8:30 AM/ 9:00 AM  
(937) 393-4284 (937) 393-4284  
Meet at campground amphitheater

16 blinds  
West Branch State Park

Portage County

5708 Esworthy Road, Route #5

Ravenna, Ohio 44266-9659

8:00 AM/drawing immediately following

(330) 296-3239      (330) 296-3239

# Special Controlled Dove Hunt Drawings set for Southwest Ohio

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Written by: ODNR Division of Wildlife

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## 2011 Special Controlled Dove Hunt Drawings set for Southwest Ohio

XENIA, OH – The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife will again hold controlled hunts on Fallsville, Indian Creek, Bott, Spring Valley, and Rush Run Wildlife Areas by permit only Sept. 1 and 2, 2011. These areas will be open to all other dove hunters after the first 2 days of the season. Youth priority hunts will take place at St. Marys Fish Hatchery. Accommodations will be provided to handicapped dove hunters that are selected for the controlled dove hunts. They should contact the staff at the wildlife areas.

Rush Run, Fallsville, Spring Valley, Indian Creek, and Bott wildlife areas will hold drawings, for controlled hunts on Saturday, August 27th at the respective public hunting area headquarters at 12:00 p.m. (noon). Drawings for the Sept. 2nd hunt will be held the day of the hunt at noon. There will be no drawings held on Thursday, September 1. Bott wildlife area will hold its drawings at the Indian Creek Headquarters.

St. Marys Fish Hatchery "opening day" hunt will be drawn on August 27, 2011, 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the hatchery. Drawings for September 3rd, 6th, 10th, 13th and 17th will be held at noon on the days of the hunts at the St. Marys Fish Hatchery. **Youth will be given priority on the September 1st and 3rd hunts only.** An adult must be present with the youth(s). The office address is 01735 Feeder Rd. St. Marys, OH 45885. The hatchery office phone number (419) 394-5170 (419) 394-5170. You can download a [map of Grand Lake St. Marys](#) online at:

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Home/FishingSubhomePage/LakeMapLandingPage/GrandLakeStMarysFishingMap/tabid/19519/Default.aspx>. The hatchery is located at the east end of the lake.

Hours for dove hunting on District Five wildlife areas, controlled and non-controlled, are noon to sunset from Sept. 1-10, 2011. Hours are sunrise to sunset for the remainder of the dove hunting season.

In order to participate in the drawings hunters will be required to present a 2011-2012 hunting license and current Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification prior to the drawing. HIP certification is free and can be accomplished by calling 1-877-HIP-OHIO 1-877-HIP-OHIO. For more information on HIP please go to <http://www.fws.gov/hip/>

Hunters with questions are encouraged to call the Wildlife Area headquarters or the Wildlife District Five office for information on these controlled hunts, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ohio's dove hunting season runs September 1 through October 23 and December 17 through January 2, 2012, with a daily limit of 15 birds and a possession limit of 30 birds. Special controlled dove hunting rules, information and [maps are available online](#) at

<http://ohiodnr.com/Home/HuntingandTrappingSubhomePage/DoveFieldLocations/tabid/18642/Default.aspx>.

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For information contact:  
Wildlife District Five Headquarters  
(937) 372-9261 (937) 372-9261  
-or-  
Fallsville Wildlife Area  
(937) 987-2508 (937) 987-2508  
-or-  
Indian Creek and Bott Wildlife Area  
(513) 875-2111 (513) 875-2111  
-or-  
Mercer Wildlife Area  
(419) 268-2020 (419) 268-2020  
-or-  
Rush Run Wildlife Area  
(513) 726-6795 (513) 726-6795  
-or-  
Spring Valley Wildlife Area  
(937)488-3115 (937)488-3115

# Grand Lake St. Marys State Park, Clark Lake and Spring Valley Wildlife Areas Duck Blind Lottery Set

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## **Grand Lake St. Marys State Park, Clark Lake and Spring Valley Wildlife Areas Duck Blind Lottery Set**

DAYTON, OH – The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife will be hosting a lottery drawing for the duck blind permits on Grand Lake St. Marys, Clark Lake and Spring Valley wildlife areas at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 20, 2011.

Drawings for Clark Lake and Spring Valley wildlife areas will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife's District Five Headquarters at 1076 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia, Ohio 45385. The drawing will be held promptly at 8 a.m. Hunters are advised to arrive at 7:30 a.m.

Drawings for Grand Lake St. Marys will be held at the ODNR Division of Wildlife's Mercer Wildlife Area Headquarters at 5116 State Route 703, Celina, Ohio 45822. The drawing will be held promptly at 8 a.m. Hunters are advised to arrive at 7:30 a.m.

Interested applicants must appear in person with a 2011 Ohio hunting license and 2010 state wetlands stamp endorsement in the applicant's name, and a signed 2010 or 2011 federal duck stamp. Applicants under the age of 18 are required to have a parent or legal guardian present to sign the permit contract.

Participants will need to be present in order to be drawn. Each hunter can apply for only one duck blind permit and no one can apply or draw for another person.

The dates of the 2011 fall waterfowl hunting season have not yet been determined by the Ohio Wildlife Council, but generally fall in the later part of October. For information about hunting seasons, call 1-800-WILDLIFE 1-800-WILDLIFE or visit [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) online.

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Mercer Wildlife Area  
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# Southwest Ohio Youth Pheasant Hunting Opportunity

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CAMDEN, OH – Mulberry Pheasantry of Camden, Ohio in conjunction with the Butler County Chapter of Pheasants Forever is once again holding a youth pheasant hunt complete with guides and hunting dogs on Saturday and Sunday November 12 & 13, 2011. The hunt will take place at Mulberry Pheasantry Hunting Preserve, 6099 S.R. 725, Camden, Ohio 45311.

There is a fee of \$20.00 and includes 2 roosters, 1 lunch, a blaze orange hunting vest or blaze orange ball cap, gun safety discussion and bird cleaning demonstration. A limit of 75 youth per day has been set for this event. Registration deadline is November 7, 2011.

Youth hunters must pre-register by calling Tony or Wilma Petry. Mail in registration forms can be downloaded at <http://www.butlercountypf.com/> . Youth that pre-register by mail will be contacted prior to the hunt.

Youth hunters must have successfully completed the ODNR Division of Wildlife's Hunter Safety course prior to the hunt and have a valid hunting license. All youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. Participants are required to wear hunter orange.

For more youth hunting opportunities visit [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) .

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