
2023 Waterfowl Draw Information Kankakee Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested or selected to participate in a 2023 Indiana 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 Waterfowl Draw Hunt is Aug. 20 – Sept. 24, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid Indiana hunting license, and an Indiana waterfowl privilege stamp before applying. Visit our page on [waterfowl & migratory game birds](#) to learn more about waterfowl hunting requirements. Each hunter is eligible to select five dates from any participating property when applying. Dates can be seen when applying. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt waterfowl.

A HIP number is also required to hunt waterfowl. Hunters must register at indianaoutdoor.IN.gov or by calling 866-671-4499. There is no cost to register.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment

- Non-toxic shot is required for all waterfowl hunting nationwide.
- Firearms 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.
- All waterfowl hunters are limited to a maximum of 25 shells per day.

Bag Limit:

- The daily bag limit for teal is six.
- The daily bag limit for coots is 15.
- The daily bag limit for mergansers is five, which may include no more than two hooded mergansers.
- The daily bag limit for ducks is six, which may include no more than four mallards (two of which may be hens), three wood ducks, two canvasbacks, one pintail, two redheads, two black ducks, one mottled duck, and one or two scaup.
- The possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Hunting Hours:

- Kankakee FWA has a daily drawing at 4:30 a.m. CT (5:30 a.m. ET) at the property headquarters.
- All waterfowl hunting ends at noon CT.

- If you are hunting the corn unit, its gate will open at sunrise, and hunting hours are one half-hour after sunrise to noon. All other units are from legal to noon CT.

Hunt Information:

Kankakee FWA provides habitat and hunting opportunities for a wide variety of waterfowl species. There is no waterfowl hunting at Kankakee FWA during the September waterfowl seasons. During the regular waterfowl season, there is a draw every day at 4:30 a.m. CT at the Kankakee FWA headquarters. All hunters must register and sign in for the draw before 4:30 a.m. CT. To enter the draw, hunters must be in a party of two or three licensed hunters. Single hunters may take spots available after the draw.

Kankakee FWA provides boats and oars for most blinds. Individuals may use a trolling motor and must bring a life jacket for each person who uses a boat. There is a 25-shotgun shell limit per hunter. Waterfowl harvest sheets are posted weekly at Kankakee FWA headquarters during waterfowl season. Water levels can vary based on location and time of year. Hunters may not be able to boat to all blinds and may need to walk to specific locations. Contact the property office for more details.

Ask at the property headquarters for the opening date of the corn units. The corn unit opener is normally around Nov. 1. The corn units are hunted on a three-day rotation. The west corn unit will be hunted one day, then the next day the east corn unit will be hunted, and both units will rest on the third day. This process will repeat throughout waterfowl season. Hunting hours in the corn units are from one half-hour after sunrise to noon CT. The gate will open at sunrise. Hunting hours in the marsh units are legal until noon CT.

[Waterfowl Blind Map](#)

Waterfowl reservation days are opening weekend, Oct. 28, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 15, Nov. 23, Nov. 24, and Nov. 30. Six parties are selected on each reservation day. Ten-Mile Road is closed to vehicle traffic except drawn waterfowl hunters during the waterfowl season. All other activities are walk-in only. Late goose hunting season will be done through hunt draws on Sundays and Thursdays at 5:30 a.m. CT during January and February: [2023 late season goose hunting rules for Kankakee FWA.](#)

When the corn units open, the property will go on a three-day rotation. (West corn [C1-C9], East corn[C10-C11], River channel [9Y-12Y and 3K.]) The Marsh will be hunted every day.

Kankakee FWA offers over 40 waterfowl hunting opportunities when completely open. Boats and Blinds are provided. There are 5 areas that do not offer a boat or blind (L1, L2, 19Y, 20Y, RL1, RL2.) Two corn blinds do not have boats and must be walked to the provided blind (C10 & C19.) GPS points are provided for each of the blinds in the office. We strongly encourage new users to take pictures of our blind book.

Area Information:

Kankakee FWA provides outdoor recreational opportunities while maintaining 4,199 acres of land, which includes open water, marshes, riparian timber, periodically flooded crop fields, and 11 miles of river.

The entire area is situated in what was called the Kankakee Grand Marsh, which once covered hundreds of thousands of acres. Most of the marsh was drained in the late 1800s for agricultural use.

In 1920, the State purchased 2,312 acres of the remaining marsh for a Civilian Conservation Corps camp that housed as many as 400 workers. The area later became established as a game preserve, and during the 1950s,

waterfowl management was undertaken by the State. In 1982, the property acquired 1,016 acres of private land and developed it into wildlife habitat. Ten years later in 1992, an additional 767 acres were added. The most recent addition to the property, 104 acres, occurred in 2010.

Kankakee FWA is known for its excellent waterfowl and dove hunting opportunities. Kankakee is also a popular destination for fishing, birding, and kayaking. For questions or concerns about Kankakee FWA, email KankakeeFWA@dnr.IN.gov.

Most revenues used in land acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of Kankakee FWA are derived from the sale of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses. Funds are also received from the federal Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson programs to aid fish and wildlife restoration. These funds are derived from taxes placed on sport hunting, shooting, and fishing equipment. Indiana hunters and anglers are proud to provide this property for the enjoyment of all people.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Kankakee FWA property office at 874-896-3522 and/or KankakeeFWA@dnr.in.gov.

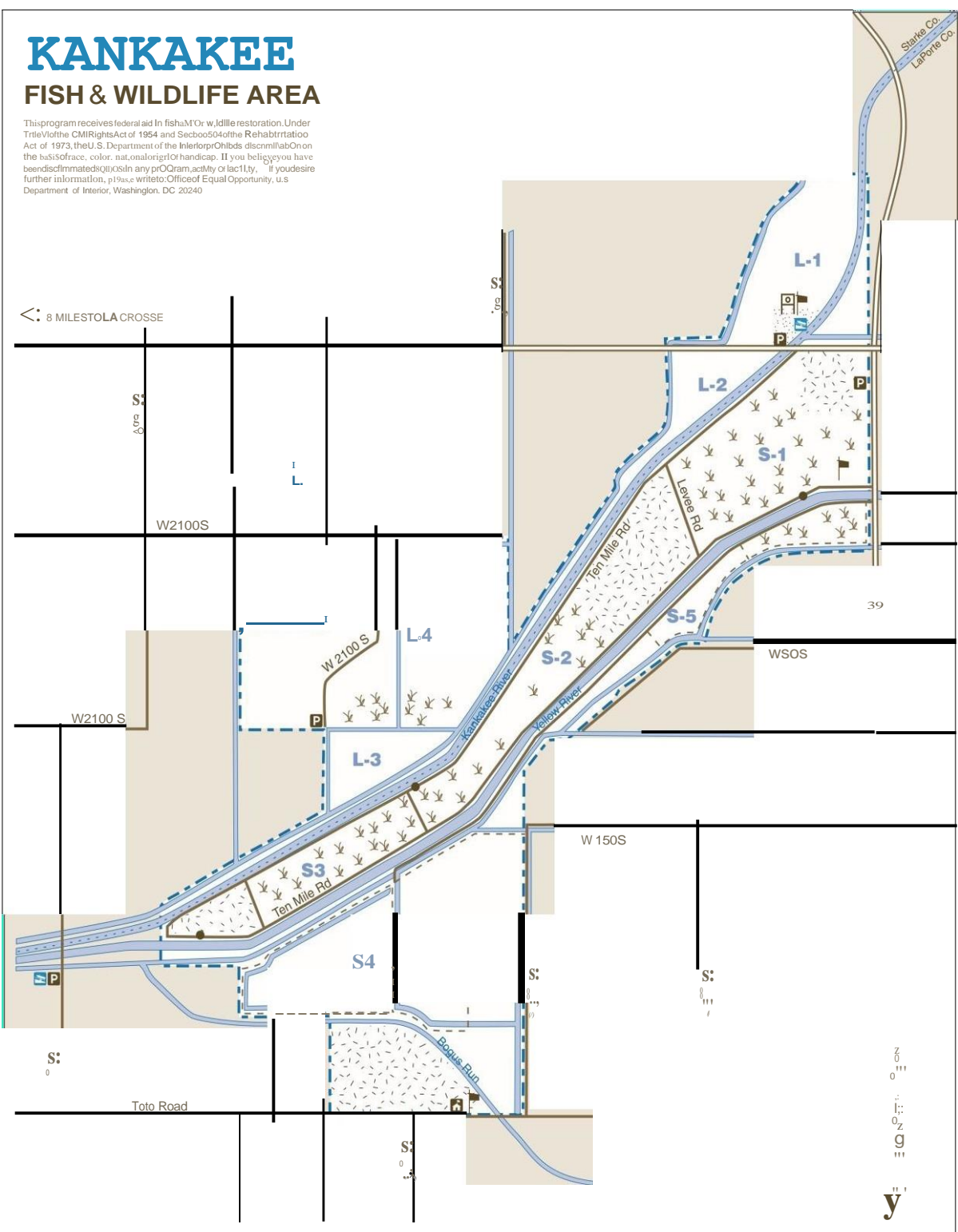
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[Kankakee Fish & Wildlife Area Waterfowl Map](#)

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	Boundary		Boat Launch
	Road		Parking
	Authorized Road		Headquarters
	County Line		Spillway
	Marsh		Self-Service Drop Box
	Safety Zone		Info Self-Serve Check-In
	Waterfowl Rest Area		

North

 Approximate Scale: Miles



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 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 Miles