

2025 Waterfowl Hunt Draw Information

Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in a reserved draw hunt opportunity. 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:

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. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt waterfowl.

A HIP number and Federal Duck Stamp are required to hunt waterfowl. Hunters must register at GoOutdoorsIN.com or by calling 260-323-5378. There is no cost to register for a HIP number.

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.
- All waterfowl hunters are limited to a maximum of 25 shells per hunter.

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 daily bag limit may include one scaup before Nov. 25 in the Central Time Zone. The daily bag limit in the Central Time Zone may include two scaup after Nov. 25.
- Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Hunt Information:

To claim your reservation, you must check in at the property office before 5:30 a.m. ET on the first day of your given hunt span. Wednesday hunts are afternoon only and reservations must be claimed by 11:30 a.m. ET. Draws held Monday, Thursday, and Saturday are for two-day hunt spans and allow hunting within legal hours for the first full day and until noon ET the second day. Hunters who return to hunt for the second day of their draw period must sign in at a self-service kiosk. Hunting parties are limited to no more than three individuals and all members must be present when checking in.

If you do not claim your reservation by the times indicated above, your spot will be given to another hunter or forfeited entirely.

The property has over 50 waterfowl hunting units available on rotation, and each may hold one to four hunting parties.

On reserved hunting dates, 10 hunters are selected and allowed their choice of preferred hunting unit in the order indicated by their draw number. The hunter in reserved position #1 will choose first and reserved position #10 will be the last to pick before the remaining units are open for public drawing.

You may hunt anywhere inside the boundaries of your chosen hunting unit. No blinds, hides, boats, or layouts are provided. We encourage hunters to coordinate and cooperate with other sportsmen when multiple hunting parties are sharing a unit.

You must carry with you and return the one-day access permit received upon drawing a unit. Each permit has an area to indicate your harvest records and additional information. Please complete your permits to the best of your ability. Permits can be returned at the property office or at any self-service kiosk around the property.

Area information:

Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA), located 2 miles south of Linton, Indiana, provides quality outdoor recreation opportunities for both hunters and wildlife viewers. The 9,098-acre property is composed mostly of wet marshland habitat in low lying areas and native prairies on the upland sides. Each year, hunters successfully harvest several species, including deer, turkey, waterfowl, and quail.

The waterfowl units at Goose Pond FWA provide a wide mix of habitat types and water levels. You may find some units to be flooded crops, shallow mudline marshes, open wetland, dry fields, vegetated or wooded marshes and deepwater lake areas. We suggest scouting the area and planning your access before the hunt. Most of the property is easily hunted by walking or wading in, but a few areas may be deep enough or far enough away that a boat, kayak, or sled is needed. Various mowed paths, levees, and foot bridges are in place to aid access. If you have questions about accessing an area, call or visit the main office.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Goose Pond property office at 812-512-9185.

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