



**New York State
Parks, Recreation and
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STATE PARKS ANNOUNCE WATERFOWL BLIND DRAWINGS

Beaver Island State Park and West River Parkway:

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation have announced that lottery drawings for Waterfowl Hunting Season have been scheduled at Beaver Island State Park.

Duck season will run from October 11th through January 12th, 2026. (first half Oct 11-Nov. 2) (second half Dec. 6-Jan. 11, 2026), Goose season will run from October 25 through January 12, 2026, and Waterfowl Youth Days are September 27-28. Youth hunt will be call-in on September 22nd.

ALL blinds will be issued with IN-PERSON draws at Beaver Island State Park. Please visit the website for draw sheet information, under the "HUNTING" tab.

The first draw will be held inside the main doors of the Falconwood (old casino), and the remainder of the first half draws will be at the Park office. Doors open at 5:30pm, draws at 6:00pm.

Hunters must show proof of the Waterfowl ID course to participate in the draws at the door.

Hunters must have a valid NYS Small Game Hunting license with a signed duck stamp and proof of registration in the Harvest Information Program (HIP).

Golf Course blind A & B will be available after the course is closed for the season (Around Election Day in November).

State Parks will be including three (3) ADA blinds which are handicap accessible. Blind #31 is located within Beaver Island State Park and Blinds #41 & #42 are located on East River Road at Spicer Creek Wildlife Management Area (north of the cemetery). Waterfowl hunting is restricted to the wooden Universal Blind structure only.

For further information, you may contact the Park Office at (716)773-3271 between 8:00am and 4:30pm Monday- Friday.

Beaver Island State Park
2025 Waterfowl Hunting Information and Regulations

FIRST HALF OF SEASON

Youth Days: 9/27- 9/28-**CALL-IN ONLY** by calling 716-773-3271 from 9:00am - 12noon on Monday 9/22.

Permits MUST be picked up at the Park Office no later than 4:15pm weekdays prior to day of the hunt.

Duck Season (first half): 10/11/25 - 11/02/25

Canada Goose Season: 10/25/25-12/06/25

Draws will be held at the Falconwood for the first draw, the remainder will be held at the Park Office. Doors open at 5:30pm, draws begin at 6:00pm.

DRAW DATES

Thur. 10/9
Tue. 10/14
Thur. 10/16
Mon. 10/20
Thur. 10/23
Mon. 10/27
Thur. 10/30

HUNTING DATES

Sat.-Tue. 10/11-10/14-At Falconwood (main doors)
Wed.-Thur. 10/15-10/16
Fri.-Mon. 10/17-10/20
Tue.-Thur. 10/21-10/23
Fri.-Mon. 10/24-10/27
Tue.-Thur. 10/28-10/30
Fri.-Mon. 10/31-11/3 **** **(GOOSE ONLY 11/3- MON)**

To receive a ticket for the lottery drawing, hunters must have:

- Proof of completion of a NYS Waterfowl Identification Course (one hunter per blind must have this)
- A signed Duck Stamp
- A current NYS Small Game hunting license
- Proof of registration in Harvest Information Program (HIP) (1-888-427-5447)

Additional Rules and Regulations:

1. No more than one gun per hunter is permitted in the blind. All guns must be loaded and unloaded in the blind.
2. After the assigned group of hunters gets their bag limit, the blind will remain vacant for the remainder of the day. No more than four times the daily bag limit will be taken from any blind on any one day.
3. All State and Federal regulations that pertain to hunting migratory game birds and waterfowl in the Western Zone must be adhered to. Please refer to DEC's Waterfowl Hunting Seasons and Regulations guide.
4. A dog or boat is required for retrieving. Please have boats at the ready.
5. Lay-out boats are not allowed on Park property.
6. Hunting hours are from a half hour before sunrise to sunset.
7. Blind structures are not provided by State Parks. All hunting is limited to within 50 yards on either side of the designated blind. Each blind is limited to four occupants, including non-hunters, per day. The permittee is responsible for listing all occupants on the permit before the hunt. No substitutions may be made.
8. NO Parking on the grass. Vehicles must park in designated parking areas within the park--with the exception of blind 32--which hunters may park on the road closest to the blind. Vehicles for the West River blinds (1 - 26) must park on the multi-use bike path, water side.
9. Hunters must remove shell casings and litter from blinds.
10. Any and all unusual incidents must be reported directly to the Park Manager (628-3619) or Park Police (278-1777). Unusual incidents include, but are not limited to, damage to Park property, accidents, personal injuries, and emergencies.
11. By accepting a lottery drawing, hunters agree to indemnify and save harmless the State of New York, the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and all officers, agents, and employees from all suits, actions, or claims of any character, name and description brought for or on account of any injury of damage received or sustained by any person or persons or property or from operation of this permit, or by or from any consequences of any act, omission, neglect or misconduct on the part of anyone associated with the permittee.
12. No vehicles are allowed on the Golf Course, hunting hours for A and B are half hour before sunrise until NOON ONLY. Setting of decoys and or "blinds" and walking on elevated areas is prohibited (eg. Greens, tees, bunker)

Veteran/active military: 11/8-11/9- **part of CALL-In ONLY** on Friday 11/7.

CANADA GOOSE 11/3-12/4 Call-Ins. Permits MUST be picked up at the Park Office no later than 4:15pm weekdays prior to day of the hunt. Blinds will be filled by **CALL-IN ONLY by calling 773-3271 from 9:00am - 12noon on the following days:**

Mon. 11/3	for	Tue.-Wed. 11/4-11/5	Mon. 11/17	for	Tue.-Wed. 11/18-11/19
Wed. 11/5	for	Th.-Fri. 11/6-11/7	Wed. 11/19	for	Th.-Fri. 11/20-11/21
Fri. 11/7	for	Sat.-Mon. 11/8-11/10	Fri. 11/21	for	Sat.-Mon. 11/22-11/24
Mon. 11/10	for	Tue.-Wed. 11/11-11/12	Mon. 11/24	for	Tue.-Wed. 11/25-11/26
Wed. 11/12	for	Th.-Fri. 11/13-11/14	Wed. 11/26	for	Th.-Fri. 11/27-11/28
Fri. 11/14	for	Sat.-Mon. 11/15-11/17	Fri. 11/28	for	Sat.-Th. 11/29-12/4

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2025-2026 Waterfowl Hunting Information and Regulations
SECOND HALF OF SEASON

Duck Season: 12/6/25 - 1/11/26

Canada Goose Season: 12/6/25-1/12/26

Draws will be held at the Beaver Island Falconwood. Doors open at 5:30pm, Draw begins at 6:00pm.

<u>Draw Dates</u>	<u>Hunting Dates</u>
Thur. 12/4	Sat.-Mon. 12/6-12/8
Mon. 12/8	Tue.-Thu. 12/9-12/11
Thur. 12/11	Fri.-Mon. 12/12-12/15
Mon. 12/15	Tue.-Thu. 12/16-12/18
Thur. 12/18	Fri.-Mon. 12/19-12/22
Mon. 12/22	Tue.-Fri. 12/23-12/26
Fri. 12/26	Sat.-Mon. 12/27-12/29
Mon. 12/29	Tue.-Fri. 12/30-1/2
Fri. 1/2	Sat.-Mon. 1/3-1/5
Mon. 1/5	Tue.-Thur. 1/6-1/8
Thur. 1/8	Fri.-Mon. 1/9-1/12/26 *** Monday (12 th) goose only

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No extended Goose Season.