

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge
Waterfowl Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities
Fact Sheet and Application Instructions for Hunter

2026 Waterfowl Hunt River Bottoms Tract

- **Application Instructions** - When filling out the application, please fill out this page and complete highlighted sections on the application (**page 2**). Please also sign the attendance permit on the **fourth page on section #9**, we will sign and send a copy back to you. You may hunt both the weekend and weekday hunts.
- **Hunter Information - Who Will be your Assistant/Volunteer?** - Hunters may have one hunting assistant to assist them unless other arrangements have been authorized. Non-hunting volunteers may also accompany each hunter depending on needs. Do you need assistance? Please place a check mark next to the correct answer.
 - ☐ **Yes, I have an assistant I usually hunt with:**
Name of the assistant: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____ Email: _____
 - ☐ **No, I don't have an assistant.** Please provide one for me.
- **Hunt Dates:** Please place a check next the dates you would like to hunt:
 - ☐ Saturday October 17
 - ☐ Sunday October 18
 - ☐ Monday, October 19
 - ☐ Tuesday, October 20
 - ☐ Wednesday, October 21
 - ☐ Thursday, October 22
 - ☐ Friday, October 23 – **hunt will be closed by 12:00 pm in preparation for the Womens Learn to Hunt**
 - ☐ I plan to attend lunch at the OWL on Sunday October 19 at noon (open to anyone regardless of when you hunt)

Special Reminders

- All hunters with disabilities must possess a Class A or C Hunting permit to be eligible to hunt in this special hunt.
- All hunting participants are required to have a Refuge Permit, a valid Wisconsin small game license, and State & Federal stamps.
- Hunting from a hand powered boat or boat with an electric motor will be allowed. A small boat may be used to set decoys and retrieve birds. Hunters should be considerate of other hunters.
- Don't forget to check your hunting dates on the front of this form.
- Please fill out the enclosed application and return it to the Refuge by October 2, 2026.
- If you need additional information or have questions, please contact Dana M. Schelling at 608-406-1618 or email dana_schelling@fws.gov
- Please return this form and your application to: **Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge W28488 Refuge Rd., Trempealeau, WI 54661**
In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), the refuge must collect hunter information on the application you received.
- You can also return this form and the pre-signed permit in the refuge drop box. The mail drop box located in the Contact Station/Office parking area. There will be a sign indicating it is the area to drop off applications.



HUNT APPLICATION/PERMIT
National Wildlife Refuge System

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge
W28488 Refuge Road
<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/trempealeau>



PERMIT (Refuge Use Only)

Permit Number/Type: _____
October 23, 2026.

Valid for Season: Waterfowl Hunt for Persons with Disabilities October 17 -

Follow instructions in the refuge hunt publication; not all fields may be required. Read and comply with all refuge regulations, including application deadlines. All information must be received by or postmarked by close of business Friday October 2, 2026.

- ☐ Day Hunting Authorized
☐ Night Hunting Authorized
☒ Lottery Application (This application serves as lottery submission).
☐ Mobility Impaired Blind Reservation (requires refuge verify proof of disability)

Hunt Permit Application

License Type

State Issued Hunter Ident./License No.

Date of Application _____

Method (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Rifle ☒ Shotgun ☐ Archery
☐ Falconry ☐ Muzzleloader

Species Permit Type (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Deer ☐ Turkey ☐ Feral Hog ☐ Migratory Bird ☒ Waterfowl ☐ Raccoon
☐ Opossum ☐ Youth Turkey ☐ Youth Hunt ☐ Other (Describe)

Primary Hunter Contact Information

Full Legal Name

- ☐ Check if Youth Hunter (Aged 11 through 18 years old)
Age at Time of Hunt (Youth Hunter Only)

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Daytime Phone (Incl. Area Code)

Cell Phone (Incl. Area Code)

Email Address

Party Members [If applicable, hunter and Personal Assistant, Youth Hunter (Adult Sponsor and/or Personal Assistant)]

1.

2.

3.

Parent/Guardian Contact Information (Required Only for Youth Hunters)

Full Legal Name of Parent/Guardian

Relationship to Youth
(Select One)

Description for "Other"

Hunter's Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Daytime Phone (Incl. Area Code)

Cell Phone (Incl. Area Code)

Email Address

Hunt Dates

The Weekend hunt dates are Saturday October 17, 2026, and Sunday October 18, 2026 - Weekday hunt is Monday October 19, 2025 - Friday October 23, 2026, at 12:00pm.

Important Additional Information

Please see attached special conditions.

I have read and understand the refuge hunt regulations and agree to abide by the regulations governing hunting on the refuge.

Hunter Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)
(Required for hunters less than 18 years old)

Parent/Guardian Signature

FOR USFWS USE ONLY

(Refuge can customize this section)

Date Received: _____ ☐ Payment Exempt/No Fee ☐ Payment Required Payment Amount: _____

Payment Type: ☐ Personal Check ☐ Cashier's Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Other:

Notes:

NOTICES

All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) as amended and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k – 460k-4, 640K-3, & 664).

Purpose: The collection of personal information is to verify that an individual is eligible to receive a permit to conduct monitored activity on areas within the National Wildlife Refuge System, national fish hatcheries, and other conservation areas administered by the Secretary of the Interior for fish and wildlife purposes.

Routine Uses: The individual's information will be used to verify permit status, provide permittees with permit-related information, and monitor activities conducted under a permit. This information may be shared in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the routine uses listed in the System of Records Notices: FWS-5 National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permits; FWS-21 Permits System; FWS-10 National Fish Hatchery Special Use Permits.

Disclosure: Providing the information is voluntary; however, as a requirement for maintaining a Federal permit under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, failure to disclose the requested information may be sufficient cause for revocation of the permit.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) to provide the refuge managers the information needed to decide whether or not to allow the requested use, and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is voluntary; however, submission of the requested information is required to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants. Failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned OMB Control No. 1018-0140.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed application to this address.

APPLICANT DOES NOT NEED TO PRINT OR RETURN THIS PAGE



General Activities Special Use Permit

Station #:

(For Official Use Only)

Permit #:

Permit Term: From To

1) Permittee Name/Business:

2) Permit Status: a) Approved: If approved, provide special conditions (if any) in the text box below.

b) Denied: If denied, provide justification in the text box below.

[Type in additional Special Conditions or Justification for Denied Permit in the space provided]

3) Are there additional special conditions attached to the permit? Yes No

4) Are other licenses/permits required, and have they been verified? Yes No N/A

5) Are Insurance and/or Certification(s) required, and have they been verified? Yes No N/A

6) Record of Payments: Full Partial Exempt

Amount of full payment: Record of partial payments:

7) Is a surety bond or security deposit required? Yes No N/A

This permit is issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and accepted by the applicant signed below, subject to the terms, covenants, obligations, and reservations, expressed or implied herein, and to the notice, conditions, and requirements included or attached. A copy of this permit should be kept on-hand so that it may be shown at any time to any refuge staff.

8) Permit approved/issued by: (Signature and title)

9) Permit accepted by: (Signature of permittee)

Date: _____

Date: _____

General Conditions and Requirements

- 1) **Responsibility of Permittee:** The permittee, by operating on the premises, shall be considered to have accepted these premises with all facilities, fixtures, or improvements in their existing condition as of the date of this permit. At the end of the period specified or upon earlier termination, the permittee shall give up the premises in as good order and condition as when received except for reasonable wear, tear, or damage occurring without fault or negligence. The permittee will fully repay the Service for any and all damage directly or indirectly resulting from negligence or failure on his/her part, and/or the part of anyone of his/her associates, to use reasonable care.
- 2) **Operating Rules and Laws:** The permittee shall keep the premises in a neat and orderly condition at all times, and shall comply with all municipal county, and State laws applicable to the operations under the permit as well as all Federal laws, rules, and regulations governing national wildlife refuges and the area described in this permit. The permittee shall comply with all instructions applicable to this permit issued by the refuge official in charge. The permittee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent the escape of fires and to suppress fires and shall render all reasonable assistance in the suppression of refuge fires.
- 3) **Use Limitations:** The permittee's use of the described premises is limited to the purposes herein specified and does not, unless provided for in this permit, allow him/her to restrict other authorized entry onto his/her area; and allows the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to carry on whatever activities are necessary for: (1) protection and maintenance of the premises and adjacent lands administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and (2) the management of wildlife and fish using the premises and other U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands.
- 4) **Transfer of Privileges:** This permit is not transferable, and no privileges herein mentioned may be sublet or made available to any person or interest not mentioned in this permit. No interest hereunder may accrue through lien or be transferred to a third party without the approval of the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the permit shall not be used for speculative purposes.
- 5) **Compliance:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's failure to require strict compliance with any of this permit's terms, conditions, and requirements shall not constitute a waiver or be considered as a giving up of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's right to thereafter enforce any of the permit's terms or conditions.
- 6) **Conditions of Permit not Fulfilled:** If the permittee fails to fulfill any of the conditions and requirements set forth herein, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall retain all money paid under this permit to be used to satisfy as much of the permittee's obligation as possible.
- 7) **Payments:** All payment shall be made on or before the due date to the local representative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by a postal money order or check made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 8) **Termination Policy:** At the termination of this permit the permittee shall immediately give up possession to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representative, reserving, however, the rights specified in paragraph 11 below. If he/she fails to do so, he/she will pay the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as liquidated damages, an amount double the rate specified in this permit for the entire time possession is withheld. Upon yielding possession, the permittee will still be allowed to reenter as needed to remove his/her property as stated in paragraph 11 below. The acceptance of any fee for the liquidated damages or any other act of administration relating to the continued tenancy is not to be considered as an affirmation of the permittee's action nor shall it operate as a waiver of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's right to terminate or cancel the permit for the breach of any specified condition or requirement.
- 9) **Revocation Policy:** The Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may revoke this permit without notice for noncompliance with the terms hereof, or for violation of general and/or specific laws or regulations governing national wildlife refuges, or for nonuse. It is at all times subject to discretionary revocation by the Director of the Service. Upon such revocation the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, by and through any authorized representative, may take possession of said premises for its own and sole use, and/or may enter and possess the premises as the agent of the permittee and for his/her account.
- 10) **Damages:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall not be responsible for: any loss or damage to property including but not limited to crops, animals, and machinery; injury to the permittee or his/her relatives or to the officers, agents, employees, or any other(s) who are on the premises from instructions; the sufferance from wildlife or employees or representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service carrying out their official responsibilities. The permittee agrees to hold the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service harmless from any and all claims for damages or losses that may arise to be incident to the flooding of the premises resulting from any associated government river and harbor, flood control, reclamation, or Tennessee Valley Authority activity.
- 11) **Removal of Permittee's Property:** Upon the expiration or termination of this permit, if all rental charges and/or damage claims due to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been paid, the permittee may, within a reasonable period as stated in the permit or as determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service official in charge, but not to exceed 60 days, remove all structures, machinery, and/or equipment, etc., from the premises for which he/she is responsible. Within this period the permittee also must remove any other of his/her property including his/her acknowledged share of products or crops grown, cut, harvested, stored, or stacked on the premises. Upon failure to remove any of the above items within the aforesaid period, they shall become the property of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.