

Horicon Marsh Learn to Hunt Waterfowl



2026 Information



Requirements:

Horicon National Wildlife Refuge is offering novice hunters ages 10-adult an opportunity to participate in a mentored waterfowl hunt at Horicon Marsh.

Applicants are not required to have completed hunter education certification to participate in a mentored Learn to Hunt program but do need to obtain a DNR customer number prior to the Learn to Hunt classroom session.

Classroom: September 19th, 2026

After notification of selection for this year's hunt, novice hunters must complete a four-hour orientation and training class prior to their drawn hunt date. The class covers waterfowl identification, gun safety, water safety, duck calling, range estimation and hunting tactics as well as environmental stewardship.

Class will be held 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center located at W4279 Headquarters Rd., Mayville off Cty Rd Z on the east side of Horicon Marsh. There is no cost to participate in the Learn to Hunt program and a free lunch will be provided during the class courtesy of Friends of Horicon refuge.

Hunts: September 19th (3:30 p.m.- close) & September 20th (5:00am – 10:00 a.m.)

The hunts will be mentored by experienced waterfowl hunters. There will be one mentor per hunter and only the novice hunter will be allowed to hunt on one of the dates listed above. Parents are encouraged to accompany youth during both the class and hunt to share the experience and take photos but not required.

Please prioritize your hunt day request as #1 and 2 and we will do our best to accommodate.

September 19 (afternoon hunt) ____

September 20 (morning hunt) ____

Submit Application:

Applications must be received via mail/email by September 6th, 2026. Email to horicon@fws.gov or mail to Attn: Waterfowl LTH Horicon National Wildlife Refuge W4279 Headquarters Road, Mayville, WI 53050.

Please contact Erin Railsback, Visitor Services Manager at Horicon National Wildlife Refuge at 920-937-0032 or email Erin_Railsback@fws.gov if you have questions.

The program is hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, Friends of Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, Ducks Unlimited and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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1.) **Applicant Name** _____

Parent or Guardian Name/Phone/Email (if applicant is under 18)

2.) **Applicant Date of Birth** _____ 3.) **Sex** _____

*Age and sex are confidential & solely used for best pairing options for mentors & students.

4.) **Applicant Address/Email/Phone**

5.) **Applicant DNR Customer Number (*required)**

6.) **Have you participated in the Horicon Marsh Learn to Hunt Waterfowl before?**

_____ (Preference is given to first time applicants)

7.) **Do you have a shotgun available to use for the hunt?** _____

8.) **Gauge of your shotgun - 12 ga / 20 ga** _____

9.) **Will you be bringing a hunting dog with you?** _____

10.) **Is there a need for any special accommodations?** _____

11.) **What, if any, hunting and or gun handling experience have you had?**

12.) **Emergency Contact Name/Phone Number**

Please keep the application information and return only this page.