

# Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

## Waterfowl Hunting

Welcome to Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service established the refuge in 1958 primarily for migratory birds. Public hunting is a priority public use and can provide a quality recreational experience when pursued responsibly. We allow hunting of geese, ducks and coots in accordance with State laws and the following refuge specific regulations.

Season dates and bag limits are set by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The refuge allows waterfowl hunting on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

We require refuge waterfowl hunting permits. Permit fees are \$10 on Saturday and \$5 on Tuesday and Thursday. Up to three hunters can share each permit.

We conduct a pre-season lottery to select hunters for the first two Saturdays. In order to streamline the lottery process, applications are now done online at <https://IroquoisNWR.RecAccess.com>. No paper applications will be accepted. Additionally, there is a \$5 application fee to cover administration costs.

Applications can be filled out online from Aug. 15- Sept. 15. If selected, hunters will receive email notification. Hunters are required to have a copy of their lottery win receipt with them the morning of their hunt.

Blind drawing, hunter standby, and non-lottery hunt days for the first split will be similar to previous years with morning draws for hunt blinds beginning at 5am, details continued.

### New for 2020

Individual hunting stands will be decided on the morning of the hunt through a random drawing. In order to practice social distancing, the drawing location has changed this year. You must check in at the Iroquois NWR Shop located at 1101 Casey Road, Basom, NY 14013 by 5:00 a.m. to participate in the hunt. Please wear a mask.

Google Maps may try to take you to Sour Springs Road, so ensure it is directing you to the Iroquois NWR Admin Building at the above address.

As you drive in, you will receive a draw chip from a staff member. Be sure to have your Waterfowl Identification Card, valid New York State hunting license, Harvest Information Program (HIP) number, and signed Federal Duck Stamp. Any partners you wish to bring (maximum of two (2)) must possess the same documentation as well.

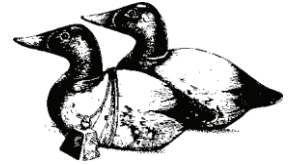
Parking is limited so we highly encourage you to carpool with your hunt partners. If you arrive separately please have them remain at or near their vehicles. Your group of up to 3 may come forward to the "on deck" area when your number is called. Only ONE person per group will come up to select a hunt stand and turn in the group's chips and money.

Stand availability depends on habitat conditions and staff time to prepare stands. If you must leave the hunt early, your partners must also leave.

The refuge will be open for the second split of Waterfowl season by permit only and on a first come, first served basis conducted through RecAccess.

### Hunt Areas

We allow waterfowl hunting from designated stand markers in Cayuga, Mohawk, and Oneida Pools. A limited number of permits are distributed for free roam hunting of Mohawk Pool. All other areas are closed. The number of available permits is decided based on habitat conditions and staff resources.



### Hunt Hours

Hunt times are ½ hour before legal sunrise until noon. Check out by returning your Migratory Bird Hunt Report form to the Waterfowl Permit Station no later than 1:00 pm.

### Hunters with Disabilities

One hunt stand is available for hunters with a permanent disability who possess or qualify for an America the Beautiful Access Pass. Hunters who wish to be in the lottery draw for the first two Saturdays, should complete and mail a **Migratory Bird Hunt Application** to the address listed below. Please indicate "Handicap Blind" at the top of the application. There is no application fee for the handicapped blind.

For all other hunt days, hunters must submit their name by 12:00 pm the day prior to the hunt. A separate lottery will be held and selected individuals will be notified prior to close of business the day before the hunt. The permit allows for two helpers who may also hunt.

### Vehicles

Vehicles are only allowed on established roads marked open for vehicular travel. Vehicles must be parked off the lane of travel and clear of gate. ATV's and snowmobiles are not allowed.

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