Information about the blind at Erickson Waterfowl Production Area

The accessible blind is available for public use on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the year. It may however, be reserved by waterfowl hunters with mobility challenges during any waterfowl season (September – January). To reserve the blind, contact St. Croix Wetland Management District by calling 715-246-7784 or email stcroix@fws.gov. If the blind is unoccupied ½ hour before legal shooting time, the blind is again available on a first-come, first-served basis for any public user.

- Maximum occupancy is 4 people. Hunting dogs are welcome.
- Please keep the area looking natural by packing out any litter including shotgun shells as a courtesy to other users.
- Please close the door to the blind during and after use to avoid wind damage.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many people will the blind hold?
A: Maximum occupancy is 4 people including 2 people in wheelchairs. Hunting dogs are welcome in the blind or non-hunting dogs on a leash.

Q: Do I need a reservation to use the blind?
A: The blind is open to the public, year-round at no cost on a first-come, first-served basis. However, during any waterfowl season (usually September – January), the blind can be reserved by waterfowl hunters with mobility challenges. If the blind is unoccupied 1/2 hour before legal shooting time, the blind is available on a first-come basis.

Q: Who qualifies to reserve the blind?
A: Anyone that is eligible to receive a hunting permit for persons with disabilities from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or a member of their hunting party can reserve the blind.

Q: How do I reserve the blind?
A: To reserve the blind at Erickson WPA contact St. Croix Wetland Management District office at 715-246-7784 or email us at stcroix@fws.gov. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 3:30pm. Simply, provide your name and telephone number. As a courtesy to others, please cancel 48 hours in advance.

Q: How do I know if the blind is reserved?
A: No reservations are necessary outside of the waterfowl hunting season (February – August) as the blind is available on a first-come basis. During the waterfowl season (September – January), contact the St. Croix Wetland Management District office at 715-246-7784 or email stcroix@fws.gov to inquire whether the blind is reserved. Otherwise, if the blind is unoccupied
1/2 hour before legal shooting time September - January, the blind is available on a first-come first-served basis by any member of the public.

Q: How far in advance can I reserve the blind?
A: You can make reservations for any date throughout the waterfowl season (including early goose and teal if applicable), starting August 15 each year. As a courtesy to others, please cancel 48 hours in advance.

Q: How long is the trail to the blind?
A: The trail to the blind is fully accessible and is about 175’ in length.

Q: Where is the Erickson WPA blind located?
A: The address to the accessible parking lot for the blind is 1935 145th St. New Richmond, WI 54017 which is located 0.6 miles north of the intersection of 145th St. and State Hwy 64 on the eastern edge of New Richmond, WI. Follow the trail about 175’ east through the prairie to the blind on the edge of the wetland.

Q: How often will the blind be cleaned or disinfected?
A: The blind will be checked periodically by staff and volunteers for litter. However, there will be no regular cleaning/disinfection schedule as the blind is only partially enclosed. Users are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines to protect themselves and others from Coronavirus disease.

Q: Are there any special hunting regulations on Erickson WPA?
A: Waterfowl Production Areas are open to all applicable federal and state laws including State of Wisconsin, Hunting Regulations and seasons except where noted. In addition the following general regulations apply:

- Placement of bait and hunting over bait is prohibited (50 CFR Ch.1 §32.2)
- Non-toxic shot is required for ALL hunting (does not apply to rifle bullets or shotgun slugs) (50 CFR Ch.1 §32.2)
- No personal possessions can remain on WPA lands overnight including, blinds, tree stands, decoys and game cameras
- The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited on wildlife refuge areas (50 CFR Ch.1 §32.2).
- Damage to trees is prohibited, including cutting shooting lanes
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited (50 CFR Ch.1 §32.2).
- Shining or spotlighting wildlife is prohibited (50 CFR Ch. 1 §27.73)
- The use of hunting dogs is allowed, provided the dog is under the immediate control of the hunter at all times
- Only non-motorized boats are allowed
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