

Waterfowl Hunt frequently asked questions

- How do I register for a hunt unit? **(PLEASE NOTE: NEW PROCEDURE FOR 2020)**

You must now register for a waterfowl hunt unit online at the website [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Go to the website and search for "Blackwater Waterfowl Permits". Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. EST on the Monday prior to the week of the hunt, and closes at 3:00 p.m. EST on the last hunt day of that week. You must have an account at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov), so we recommend you set one up prior to the day of registration. There is a \$6.00 service fee for each registration. You may register for up to two (2) hunt units per week (if available), but there is a separate service fee for each registration. See the [Waterfowl Hunt Regulations brochure](#) for a full listing of registration dates for each hunt.

- Can someone else register a unit for me?

Each hunt unit reservation allows up to four (4) people in a hunt party. You can be a member of a hunt party registered by another person, but that person must make the reservation through [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) and be present during the hunt. When the person who made the reservation leaves the hunt unit, the whole hunt party must leave the unit.

- Can I register a hunt unit and hunt alone?

Yes, four (4) people in a hunt party is the maximum number.

- Can I hunt with someone that registered a different unit within the same week?

Yes

- Can I launch from a different site?

We encourage you to use the suggested access points because they are the closest spots to launch from, but you can launch from another site if you wish. If you launch from private land make sure you have permission.

- If no one registers the unit next to mine can I hunt that one as well?

No

- Can I register more than one unit per week?

Yes, you can now register for up to two (2) units per week. Be aware that you must register for each unit separately, so you will have a separate permit for each unit and date, and will have to pay a separate service fee for each reservation.

- If someone registers the same unit as mine in the same week and I plan to hunt with them, may I leave my blind?

No, all blind material must be removed at the end of each hunt day.

- Can I scout the hunt units any time?

No, scout days are listed in the [Waterfowl Hunt Regulations brochure](#). You must have everything on your person while scouting that is listed under the Permit License Requirements section of the brochure. Hunt units that lie in publicly accessible waters (Blackwater River, Barren Island, Spring Island, Bishops Head, some Nanticoke) can be viewed anytime.

- Can I take my dog with me while scouting?

No, your dog can only be on the refuge during the waterfowl hunt.

- Who do I call if I have waterfowl hunt related questions?

Please call Ray Paterra at 410-221-8155 or Tom Miller at 410-221-8156 for waterfowl hunt related questions.