**POTTER'S MARSH**
**HUNTING REGULATIONS**
**2016**

1. All Federal and State regulations apply.

2. Hunt sites must be located within 25 feet of the site marker or the nearest shoreline (does not apply to open water sites 18, 53, and 54). The marker must remain intact throughout the season.

3. You may hunt from a boat blind, a pop-up blind placed along the shoreline or construct a blind of natural materials. A blind of natural materials may be a boat hide or blind. Only natural materials measuring less than 2 inches cumulative in diameter are allowed. Boat hides made with natural materials should measure a minimum of 6 feet wide and 18 feet long.

4. Only willow, cattail, bulrush, lotus, and/or arrowhead vegetation may be cut from Refuge lands for biodegradable building materials on natural blinds. Non-native species may not be cut or brought onto the Refuge for brushing natural blinds. Example: *Phragmities* (giant cane).

5. If emergent vegetation is too dense to allow placement of decoys, the permit holder may cut (not pull) vegetation from the immediate water (not land) area to allow decoy placement.

6. No decoys, boats, or other equipment may be left unattended on the area between 1/2 hour after the close of waterfowl shooting time until one hour before shooting time. Shooting time extends from 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset.

7. A maximum of 4 people may hunt from one site. The use of trained dogs is encouraged at all hunt sites to reduce the loss of crippled waterfowl.

8. Successful applicants or their hunting partners must occupy their hunt site 1/2 hour before the opening shooting time each day to claim the site for that day. AFTER THIS TIME, UN-OCCUPIED SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. Interfering with any person engaged in the pursuit of an authorized activity on the Refuge is prohibited.

9. During the early teal, early goose and youth seasons, the Potter's Marsh area is open to public hunting in accordance with Refuge regulations and not restricted to the hunt site markers. However, no natural blinds can be built other than at the marker site.

10. Conviction of a violation of Refuge regulations or State or Federal game laws is sufficient cause for refusal of future Potter's Marsh applications or permits.

11. The use/possession of alcohol while hunting is prohibited.

12. Each successful hunt applicant will be given a blank Migratory Bird Hunt Report form. This form will be used by hunters to identify their waterfowl harvest for the 2016 season. **NOTE: An individual report must be submitted for each day's hunt**. **Reports may be faxed, mailed or e-mailed to the Refuge office**. **All hunt reports are due February 1, 2017. Failure to file this report will disqualify the permit holder for the next year's hunt.**

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13. Equal opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, programs of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of age, race, color, national origin, religion, sex or disability. Persons who believe they have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should contact:

U.S. Department of Interior
Office for Equal Opportunity
1849 C Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552) and the Privacy Act (5 USC 552a) prohibit the release of information on the successful applications.

**For further information contact:**

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http://www.fws.gov/refuge/upper_mississippi_river

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look for
this marker!

**HUNT SITE MARKER**
**example**

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**POTTER'S MARSH**
**HUNT MANAGEMENT ZONE**
Waterfowl Hunting Pool 13
ILLINOIS
**2016 REGULATIONS**

# Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge - Savanna District

**2016**
**POTTER'S MARSH**
**GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS**

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

Waterfowl hunt sites at the Potter's Marsh area of Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Illinois, are allocated to waterfowl hunters by an annual drawing.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

**Same day registration and drawing will be held on July 30, 2016** at Manny's Pizza, 211 Main St, Savanna, IL. **Applications will be accepted from 9:00AM to 1:00 PM, with drawing at 1:00 PM.** You must be present at the time of the drawing to receive a hunt site.

Complete the application for the drawing. A non–refundable $10 application fee will be charged to each applicant. Only one application per person will be accepted. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age as of July 30, 2016.

You will not list your site choices on the application but at the time of the drawing you will select your hunt site from the 49 available locations.

Applicants are required to show the following: picture identification, 2016 Hunting or Sportsman's license, 2016 Federal waterfowl stamp, 2016 State duck stamp, and Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) card, if applicable. The applicant will receive a lottery ticket with a matching ticket to be placed in the drawing.

Non-residents can provide a current year license and stamp from their resident state.

Illinois residents are required to have an Illinois Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) card. Residents under 21 who are accompanied by an adult (21 or older who has a valid card) do not need the FOID card. Non-residents do not need the FOID card.

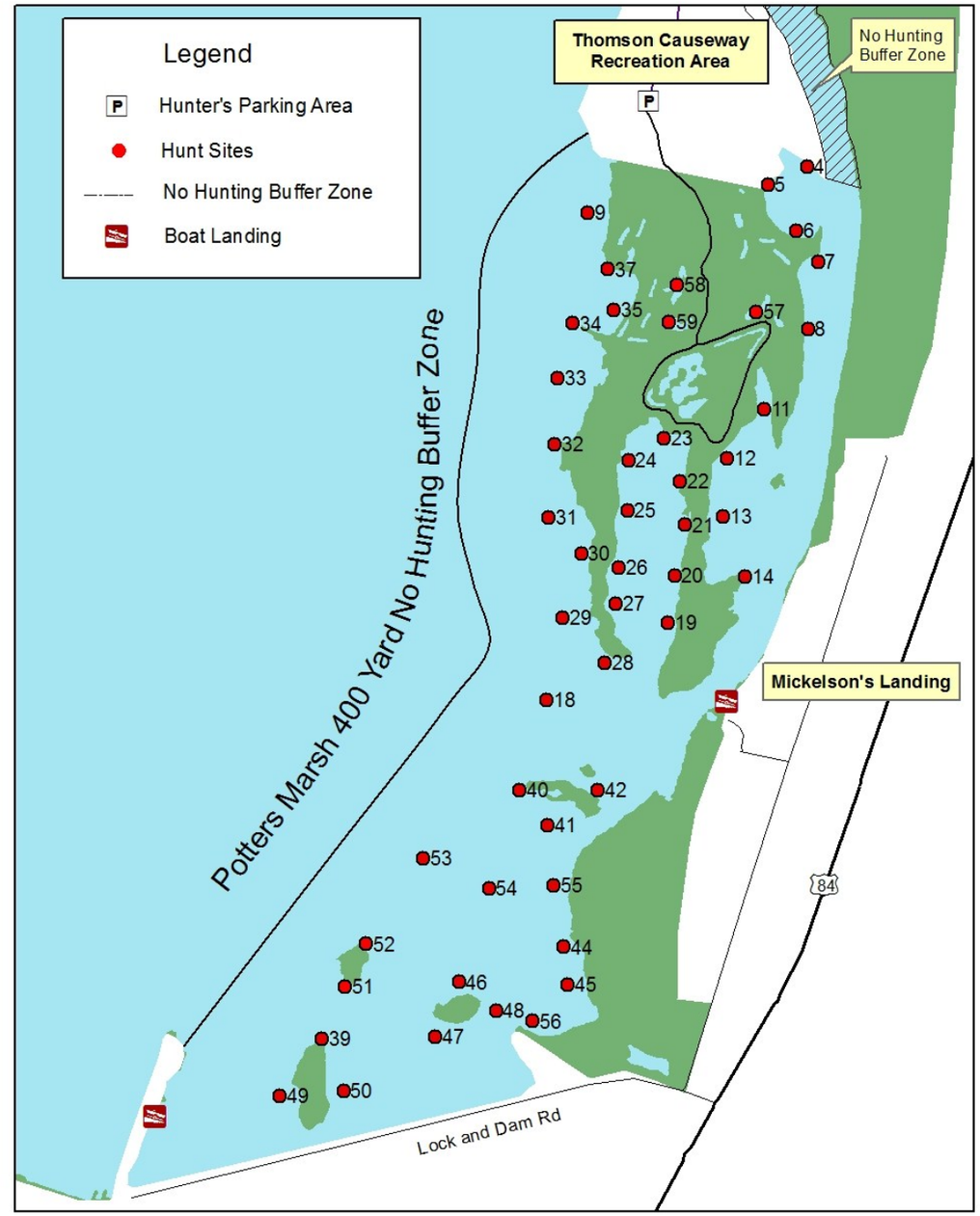
## RANDOM DRAWING:

**The ticket holder must be present for the random drawing that will begin at 1:00 PM to receive a hunting site.** When your ticket is drawn, you will select your choice from available sites. A non-refundable $100 site fee will be charged for each applicant that receives a hunt site.

The use of a site and/or permit obtained through the sale or trade of sites or by fraudulent means is prohibited and will void the permit.

## HUNT SITE INFORMATION:

Hunt site locations are identified by a numbered marker. If you cannot locate the assigned site, please contact the District Office. Hunt site markers have been marked by GPS. If a marker is moved, the site is in violation.

Hunt sites that are not taken will be open to the public. These sites will be posted with a sign to identify the site as open on a first serve basis.

Potter's Marsh Hunt Mangement Zone, Pool 13, Illinois - River Mile 525.0