



BIG CREEK CONSERVATION AREA SEASONAL WATERFOWL HUNTING

Regulations and Responsibilities

- a. Hunters must hold a valid Ontario hunting licence as well as a Canada Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and must carry these with them while hunting.
- b. Hunters must comply with hunting regulations as set down by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Migratory Birds Convention Act. Any hunter found violating these regulations will lose their hunting privileges on Conservation Authority land, in addition to any fines or penalties imposed by the Ministry of Natural Resources Conservation officers, RCMP or the ERCA enforcement officers.
- c. Any hunter found to be wilfully violating the rights of others, or exhibiting dangerous or careless conduct, will lose their right to hunt on ERCA land.
- d. Violation of regulations by any member of a hunting party may result in the entire party losing their hunting privileges.
- e. No refund of leasing fees will be given to a person who has lost their hunting privileges.
- f. Hunters are to hunt only from assigned blinds. No wandering.
- g. One application and/or permit per person.
- h. One permit holder/partner must be present in the blind at all times when the party is hunting.
- i. No more than three people and two guns in one blind at any time.
- j. Sub-leasing of blinds will not be permitted.
- k. A map of the ERCA property can be provided to hunters if required/requested. Hunters will be expected to remain within these boundaries.
- l. It will be the hunter's responsibility to construct new blinds as necessary. New blinds must be constructed at the marker where placed by ERCA - no exceptions.
- m. The hunters sharing a blind should arrange to take only one vehicle onto the property, if safe per provincial guidelines.
- n. Hunters shall understand and follow all provincial guidance and regulations regarding Covid-19
- o. These regulations may be changed by ERCA as required.
- p. Hunters who fail to accept their winning bid will forfeit their hunting privileges for the season.
- q. Hunting is permitted 7 days/week from ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset. Regular hunting season is regulated by Canadian Wildlife Services and the Ministry of Natural Resources. Consult these agencies and follow the open season hunting timeframes for waterfowl and geese.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to hunt waterfowl upon ERCA land for the hunting season (as prescribed by Canadian Wildlife Service) and in consideration of ERCA granting such licence the undersigned hereby covenants and agrees with you. .

1. To observe and comply with all rules and regulations (as set out herein) respecting waterfowl hunting which may from time to time be promulgated by ERCA.
2. To observe and comply with all rules and regulations (as set out herein) if promulgated from time to time by ERCA respecting the use of and entry to the ERCA lands.
3. To observe and comply with all directions and orders given by ERCA employees, peace officers and authorized ERCA personnel respecting waterfowl hunting on the ERCA lands and the use of and entry to the ERCA lands.
4. To identify and save harmless ERCA, its agents, servants, members, officers, and employees and authorized personnel of and from all actions, claims and demands to persons or property of any nature or kind whatsoever arising out or by virtue of or relation to hunting of the ERCA lands or the use of and entry to the ERCA lands including limitation to any claims founded in negligence (and whether for acts of omission or commission.)
5. That as between the undersigned and ERCA, the undersigned accepts and undertakes sole responsibility for any damage to the undersigned or the property of the undersigned arising out of waterfowl hunting on the ERCA lands or the use of or entry upon the ERCA lands.

**SMOKING is permitted in hunting blinds and designated smoking areas such as the parking lots.
HOWEVER, smoking is not permitted outside of these areas.**