

HUNTING IN THE PARKS

Waterfowl Hunting

- Designated Area: Certain areas of Holloway Reservoir and Mott Lake.
- Policy: Waterfowl hunting permitted by permit only on Mott Lake.
- Dates: To coincide with dates established annually by Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
- Fee: Resident - \$6.00 per day Non-Resident - \$8.00 per day
Resident Season Pass - \$30.00, does not guarantee a spot, only good if drawn.
Non-Resident Season Pass - \$40.00, does not guarantee a spot, only good if drawn.
All fees due at time of drawing.
- Policy Reviewed: Annually
- Boat Launching: Permitted at the Stanley Road fishing site and Bluegill Boat Launch.

GENESEE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION 2023-2024 WATERFOWL HUNTING LOCATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission permits waterfowl hunting in certain Park areas in conjunction with the waterfowl hunting season dates established by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

2023-2024 Waterfowl Hunting Seasons – South Zone

Goose:

September 1-30 (early season – Holloway only)
December 30-January 7 (regular season)
February 3-12 (late season)

Ducks:

October 14-December 10 (regular season)
December 30-31 (regular season)

Rules & Permitted Locations in the Holloway Reservoir Area for Waterfowl Hunting

- Waterfowl hunters do not need to participate in a drawing in order to hunt on Holloway Reservoir.
- Hunting blinds left overnight must be registered with the Parks Commission.
- Hunters are required to remove all blinds within five days after the close of the hunting season. Commission staff will remove any blinds not removed within this period and the owner will not be allowed to hunt in subsequent seasons on Holloway Reservoir.

Hunting Locations:

- In the area south of Mt. Morris Road, north of Stanley Road upstream from the Holloway Dam. All hunting blinds must be 200 yards from shore and 300 yards from another blind.
- In the Holloway Reservoir area extending north from the south end of the Columbiaville Pond to Klam Road, excluding the Village of Columbiaville. Hunting permitted on all water surfaces. Blinds must be 300 yards from another blind.
- The Holloway overflow pond located on the Lapeer/Genesee county line (locally known as the "Tubes") hunting is permitted on the water surfaces in the area 500 feet south of Stanley Road to 500 feet north of Coldwater Road. All blinds must be portable, 300 yards from another blind, and removed on a daily basis.

Permitted Locations for Waterfowl Hunting in the Genesee Recreation Area

- In the area behind the E.A. Cummings Event Center, east of Mott Lake, from the boundary line West of Belsay Rd. and to the boundary line of Vassar Road.

GENESEE RECREATION AREA (MOTT LAKE AREA) 2023-2024 WATERFOWL HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

Waterfowl hunting is permitted in the area of the Flint River behind the E.A. Cummings Event Center, east of Mott Lake, between the north/south boundary line across the water west of Belsay Rd. and to Vassar Rd. Hunting will be permitted on water surfaces only.

All blinds must be portable (temporary anchorage only) and removed on a daily basis.

All blinds and hunters must be at least 250 yards from any other blind and all other hunters, but within 75 yards of the designated site marker.

Permanent structures on land, riverbank or water bottomland are prohibited.

Fourteen (14) designated spots in the designated hunt area will be awarded to hunt groups each day of the season. A hunt group may consist of up to four (4) people.

Waterfowl Lottery Rules

The fourteen (14) hunt spots will be determined by a lottery drawing held at the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission office at 5045 E. Stanley Rd., Flint, Michigan.

The waterfowl Lottery draw will occur ***only*** on Mondays and Fridays at 1:00 PM. It will be held in the Genesee County Parks Conference Room. Hunters will use the Main Lobby Doors and the Conference Room is to the left.

The first letter drawn will give that group their pick of the day and which blind. This will continue until all hunters have won a spot. If spots are unfilled, the letters will be re-drawn until all spots are filled.

Hunters listed on the Lottery form will be the only hunters allowed to hunt the date and blind drawn. Entries submitted must contain the names of all persons in the hunt group. No name may be duplicated or entered more than once during the day's drawing.

Hunters will not be allowed to hunt blinds for which they were not drawn.

The Monday Lottery will draw for the following hunt days:

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

The Friday Lottery will draw for the following hunt days:

Saturday Sunday Monday

Hunt groups must have in their possession the drawn hunt permit during the designated hunt day. Any questions, contact Chief Park Ranger at 810-249-3830.

Fees in effect: **\$6.00 per person; per day – Genesee County Resident**
 \$8.00 per person; per day – Non-Genesee County Resident
 \$30.00 per person; per season – Genesee County Resident
 \$40.00 per person; per season – Non-Genesee County Resident

A season pass does not guarantee a hunting spot, only if drawn.

All fees must be paid at the time of drawing, if you are drawn only. No entry fee.

All hunters must abide by all State and Federal hunting laws and regulations.

The Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission may suspend waterfowl hunting in this area at any time and for any reason. These rules and regulations may be subject to change.

Late Goose Season 2024 at Stepping Stone Falls

- ***Access to be gained by boat from Bluegill Boat Launch or on foot from Bluebell Beach***
- ***Permit only one group of hunters (maximum of four), daily during the season***
- ***Hunters awarded site by the current, established Waterfowl Lottery***
- ***Shoreline hunting only, boats or unleashed dogs can be used for game retrieval***

For more information, please call:
Chief Park Ranger
810-249-3830 or 800-648-PARK, ext. 830

HUNTING: Bow Fishing

- Bow and/or Spear fishing will be permitted on Mott Lake ONLY.
- Bow and/or Spear fishing will be permitted only on the area of Mott Lake, east of the Stanley Road Bridge to the eastern boundaries of the waterfowl hunting area.
- Bow and/or Spear fishing will be permitted in designated area(s) only from boats, not from shore.
- All persons wishing to Bow and/or Spear fish in the designated areas must launch and remove their boat(s) from the Stanley Road fishing site and Bluegill Boat Launch.
- In addition to fishing license(s) required by the State of Michigan, all persons wishing to Bow fish and/or Spear fish in the designated areas must obtain a permit from the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission Park Ranger division. This permit must be presented on demand by a Genesee County Parks & Recreation Park Ranger and/or other designated County Parks Official or law enforcement officer(s).
- The cost of a permit to bow and/or spear fish in the designated areas is \$20. All permits will be valid during bow and/or spear fishing season(s) through December 31, 2024.
- All persons who bow fish and/or spear fish are subject to the laws of the State of Michigan and the Genesee County Parks & Recreation Commission Park rules.

HUNTING: Managed Archery Hunt by Lottery Program

Location: E. A. Cummings Event Center
Parking: 6130 E. Mt Morris Road, Mt. Morris, MI 48458
Hunt Dates: Always held November 1-8

REGISTRATION AND LOTTERY DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SAME DATE

Registration: If you registered in previous years you must register for 2023-2024.

Applicants must register for the Lottery drawing **in person**, at Genesee County Parks, E. A. Cummings Event Center (4-H Barn)

A **\$20.00 non-refundable registration fee** will be assessed. Hunting is open to Genesee County residents only.

Hunters should arrive at least one hour prior to the lottery drawing to complete registration paperwork.

Drawing Date: On the first Saturday in October **at 1:00 p.m.** No hunter will be allowed to participate after that date and time. Hunters must be present for the lottery.

There is a **non-refundable \$20.00 permit fee** if drawn successfully. **All hunters drawn must pay the day of the lottery, no exceptions.**

Requirement for Registration:

Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Telephone Number, Date of Birth, Driver's License or Identification (birth certificate, school identification), valid Archery License, Crossbow Stamp, if applicable.

Lottery will allow a maximum of 80 different hunters. The first hunter drawn will have first choice of the date and which hunting site they wish to hunt. This will continue until all sites have an assigned hunter. If sites are unfilled, the sites will be re-drawn until all are filled.

Location of Draw:

Hunter listed on the lottery permit will be the only hunter allowed to hunt the date and site drawn. No accommodations will be made for handicapped hunters.
E. A. Cummings Event Center – 4-H Barn
6130 E. Mt Morris Road, Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Firearms:

Not Allowed

Age Requirements:

Applicants must be at least 17 years of age by the date of the hunt to hunt alone. Youths, age 10-16 years, may hunt with an adult, per State of MI DNR rules and regulations.

Mandatory check In and Out:

You must check in and out at the E. A. Cummings Event Center with the Ranger at the check station.

Deer Harvest:

"Earn a Buck" All hunters must harvest an antlerless deer, first. Ranger must confirm that an antlerless deer was harvested. The second deer harvested can be an antlerless deer, or buck.

Hunt Sites:

There are 10 (ten) hunt sites available and locations have been determined and selected. Only 1(one) qualified hunter on each site.

Hunter Orange:

Hunter orange is required.

Bow Hunting Hours:

One half hour (1/2 hour) before sunrise and one half hour (1/2 hour) after Sunset. Hunters will be allowed in park one (1) hour prior to shooting hours and must leave one (1) hour after hunt time.

Scouting:

Scouting will be allowed until the Third Saturday in October during normal hours: 8:00 a.m. – Sunset. Hunters scouting after that day will be disqualified from hunt.

- Portable Blinds:** Portable ground blinds are allowed. Ground blinds of down dead material are not allowed.
- Tree Stands:** Self-Climb tree stands and ladder stands are allowed.
No limbs from trees are to be cut. No stands requiring spikes or screws allowed.
Warning: Ash trees should be avoided.
- Gut Piles:** Gut piles will not be left within 25 yards of established trails.
- Deer Check:** Hunters are required to check harvested deer at the E. A. Cummings Event Center with on-duty Ranger. Hunters are allowed to keep the deer they shoot or donate to the Food Bank.

HUNTERS MUST ADHERE TO ALL DNR LAWS