

Special Provisions

Early Canada Goose Season

Presque Isle State Park

HUNTING DATES AND TIMES:

Early Canada Goose Season on Presque Isle State Park will open the day *after* Labor Day, September 5, 2023. The season will end on September 25, 2023. There will be no hunting prior to Labor Day on the park.

BLIND LOCATIONS:

For the 2023 early goose season only certain blind locations are approved. Stakes and buoys marked with black tape cannot be used for early goose. See map for further details. Permissible hunting times are broken down as follows:

- Thompson Bay, Beach 11 and North Pier Blinds (Blind Locations 4 - 17):
 - From the start of legal hunting each day until 10:00 AM **and** from 4:00 PM until sunset each day.
- No early goose hunting in Blind 71.
- All other bayside blinds approved for early goose:
 - From the start of legal hunting each day until 10:00 AM (*no evening hunting permitted*).
- Note: No early goose hunting is permitted in Marina Lake and around Sturgeon Bay. Blinds 1, 2, 3, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61.
- **Due to high water levels, blind locations 4-10, 62, 63, 65, 67, 68, 72, and 73 are boat access only.**
- **At locations 65, 72, and 73, blind construction is prohibited. Instead, stakes will be placed at those locations that allow for the mooring of hunting boats.**
- **Blind locations 64 and 66 are temporarily suspended due to high water levels.**

The park will provide a special map for this season showing approved blind locations. All hunting must take place from approved blind locations.

Blinds must be temporary in nature, set up by the hunter(s) occupying the blind location each day, and removed completely by 10:00 AM and/or sunset. All evidence of hunting must be removed promptly after each hunting session. Blind materials cannot be left from a morning session in anticipation of evening hunting. **DO NOT LITTER!** Shot shells are a major source of litter during waterfowl hunts -- help keep the park clean by removing all empty shells.

Blind locations will be occupied on a first-come basis each day. If all locations are occupied, hunters cannot utilize additional blind locations.

PROCEDURES:

- Hunters should stop in initially at the park office or ranger station to obtain procedures and a map showing approved blind locations.
- All hunters must have a valid PA hunting license, a PA Migratory Game Bird License and Federal Duck Stamp.

GENERAL:

- The cooperation of all participants is requested in this program. The park may still be busy with other types of recreation during this hunting period and hunters must exercise extreme care to ensure the safety of all park users. If other park users arrive to take part in other types of recreation, hunters are requested to suspend their hunting.
- All shooting shall be directed away from park shores. There shall be no discharge of guns on inland waters or land areas. The possession of a loaded gun outside the blind is not permitted except in pursuit of crippled waterfowl.
- Do not damage any natural resources or park facilities. Do not litter. Remove all evidence of your presence at the end of each hunting period.
- Report any problems to the park office immediately.
- During the remaining Goose hunting seasons, in the resident population zone, hunters are permitted to hunt from ALL approved blind locations. Temporary blinds may be used at these locations if permanent blinds are not present. Only one blind may be present at each location.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR EARLY GOOSE SEASON

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2023 Season*

You have been permitted to hunt Canada Geese on Presque Isle State Park as part of the park's wildlife management program. With this privilege comes extra considerations because the season occurs during a period of the year that the park is still busy with visitors involved in other activities. We have established procedures for this hunt that will help ensure you can enjoy hunting, without unnecessarily impacting other types of recreation.

In order for this special season to be held in the future, the park is asking for your cooperation by:

- ✓ Hunting in the safest manner at all times.*
- ✓ Following all procedures, guidelines, and rules established for this hunt.*
- ✓ Complying with all PA Game Commission, State Park, and federal regulations.*
- ✓ Acting cooperatively with other park users and fellow hunters.*
- ✓ Discontinuing the use of a blind if other park visitors arrive to take part in activities such as picnicking, fishing, or boating.*

With your cooperation, early goose season can be successful and enjoyable for all park users. Please contact the park office for further information.



