

2024 Waterfowl Draw Information Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in a 2024 Indiana Waterfowl Hunt Draw. It is important to note that areas participating in reserve hunts are managed by various agencies and may have unique restrictions that each hunter must follow. Please read each area's information packet carefully before pursuing a hunt.

Applying:

The application period for the 2024 Waterfowl Draw Hunt is Aug. 19, 2024 – Sept. 15, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid Indiana hunting license, and an Indiana waterfowl privilege stamp before applying. Visit our page on <u>waterfowl & migratory game birds</u> to learn more about waterfowl hunting requirements. Each hunter is eligible to select five dates from any participating property when applying. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt waterfowl.

A HIP number and a Federal Duck Stamp is also required to hunt waterfowl. Hunters must register at indianaoutdoor.IN.gov or by calling 866-671-4499. There is no cost to register.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment:

• Shotguns 10 gauge and smaller, must have a plug that restricts the capacity to three shells, 25 shell limit, nontoxic shot only.

Bag Limit:

- The daily bag limit for ducks is six. This includes any combination of buffleheads, gadwalls, goldeneyes, long-tailed ducks, ring-necked ducks, ruddy ducks, scoters, shovelers, teal, and wigeon. Included in the daily limit of six are additional restrictions on the following:
- Black ducks: Only two black ducks may be taken daily.
- Canvasback: Only two canvasbacks may be taken daily.
- Mallards: Only four mallards may be taken daily, including not more than two females.
- Mottled duck: Only one mottled duck may be taken daily.
- **Pintails:** Only one pintail may be taken daily.
- **Redheads:** Only two redheads may be taken daily.
- **Scaup:** Only one scaup may be taken daily before Nov. 6 in the North Zone. Only two scaup may be taken daily on or after those dates.
- Wood ducks: Only three wood ducks may be taken daily.

The daily bag limit for mergansers (which is separate from the duck limit) is five, including not more than two hooded mergansers. The daily bag limit for coots is 15.

Hunting Hours:

• Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. CT.

Hunt Information: Chosen hunters must claim their hunt before 4:30 a.m. CT on the day of their hunt. All unclaimed spots will be entered into a daily drawing. Hunters may bring up to 2 hunting partners totaling 3 hunters to a hunting location. Nontoxic shot is required, and each hunter has a 25 shell limit. Please remember to pick up any spent shells or other garbage at the conclusion of your hunt. Those who hunt stakes are required to stay within 50 feet of the stake. Kingsbury FWA does not provide boats. Most hunting spots require the use of a boat; however, there are several walk-in spots to hunt waterfowl. No gas motors, electric trolling motors only.

Hunting starts ½ hour before sunrise and ends at 1 p.m. CT. Hunters are to be off the water by 2 p.m. CT.

Area Information:

Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife Area is located south of La Porte, Indiana. Kingsbury is dedicated to providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities while maintaining 7,280 acres of grasslands, crop fields, thick brush, marsh areas and a 30-acre lake. The Kankakee River forms the south boundary. Kingsbury is located 4 miles east of U.S. 35 and is accessible from county road 500 South. It is 5.5 miles south of La Porte. Kingsbury is a remnant of the old Kingsbury Ordnance Plant which produced shells, cartridges and mortar rounds for World War II and the Korean conflict. The land was deeded to the State of Indiana in 1965 by the federal government, and wildlife management began at that time.

Kingsbury has reservations on Sundays for 5 hunting parties. A drawing is held each morning of the waterfowl season at 4:30 am central time.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Kingsbury property office at 219-393-3612.

