

Waterfowl hunting opportunities (Public, Disabled and Youth) for The Nature Conservancy's Emiquon Preserve will be awarded via advanced drawing with registration by mail or email due by October 2, 2019.

The Emiquon Preserve is private property owned and managed by the Illinois Chapter of The Nature Conservancy for ecological purposes. Waterfowl hunting is being offered as a public service. For this hunting program at the Preserve, any and all decisions of Conservancy staff or designees are final, and anyone failing to abide by written rules or instructions from Conservancy staff or designees may have hunting privileges at this Preserve revoked. The Conservancy retains the right to modify these rules and to terminate this program at any time without prior notice.

Drawing Application Process

1. To apply for any Advanced Drawing, email or mail the following:
 - **Name -Address -Phone Number -Email Address**
 - **Advanced drawing(s) you are applying for: Public, Disabled or Youth**
 - **Date(s) (See Below)**
 - **Are you willing to walk with your equipment ¾ mile (1320 yards) to access your site? Yes or No (If you answer No, you will not be in the drawing for sites that require ¾ mile walk).**
 - **Applicants do not choose their hunting site, instead The Nature Conservancy will assign hunting sites and provide a map to those who are successfully selected.**
2. Email above to csmith@tnc.org or mail to Illinois Rivers Program Office, 11304 N. Prairie Rd., Lewistown, IL 61542.
3. Applications must be received by October 2. Notification by October 11.
4. Individuals should only apply once and list all dates they want to hunt.
5. Registering by phone is not permitted.
7. Failure to include all information may disqualify you from the drawing.

Public waterfowl hunting dates: October: 26, 29, 31. November: 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30.
December: 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24.

Youth Date: October 19 and 20. **Disabled Individuals Dates:** November 1, 15 and 29 December 13.

2019 Rules:

1. **All hunters must have a “Waterfowl Hunting Liability Waiver for 2019”** to access the hunting area (signed by a parent, guardian or adult designee of parent or guardian for hunters under 18 years of age). All Waterfowl Hunting Liability Waivers must be deposited in the black lock box prior to hunting. The black lock box is located at a small shed in the Visitor Use Area just east of state Routes 78/97 and about one-half mile north of Dickson Mounds Museum Road
2. Each hunter **must individually sign in** on the “2019 Daily Hunter Harvest Register” located at a small shed in the Visitor Use Area just east of state Routes 78/97 and about one-half mile north of Dickson Mounds Museum Road prior to hunting. After hunting each person **must individually sign out** and record their harvest in the “2019 Daily Hunter Harvest Register”. Failure to sign in and out could make you ineligible for future hunts.
3. Hunting will be allowed only in areas designated by Conservancy staff. Hunters must stay within their pre-assigned hunting areas and within 500 ft (167 yds) of their stake and must remain a minimum of 600 ft (200 yds) from any other group.
4. Parking is allowed only at designated areas on the Preserve. Participants may drive only on established/marked roadways. Parking is allowed only on the east side of Clark Road. Note: Parking for each site is limited to a maximum of 4 vehicles.
5. If unable to make your hunting date that you were drawn for, you must notify us within 48 hours so we can fill your site. Failure to notify us could make you ineligible for future hunts.
6. Currently the Conservancy does not charge a fee for public waterfowl hunting at this Preserve. Becoming a member of the Conservancy is encouraged.
7. Any hunter under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The responsible adult assumes liability for all actions of the minor and must accompany said minor at all times while on the Preserve.
8. This Preserve has drainage ditches that may be hidden from view under the water. Always keep in mind the location of ditches. Observe extreme caution when wading in any waters.
9. Only artificial blind materials such as lay outs or camouflage netting are allowed. No person may bring natural blind materials onto the Preserve. There shall be no cutting, breaking or clearing of vegetation.
10. The use of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) (utility vehicles, ATVs, Segways, golf carts, etc.) on this property has been assessed in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. OPDMDs are prohibited except on disabled individual hunting dates.
11. Hunters must observe all State and Federal waterfowl regulations. Conservancy staff or designees may be present and **violations will be reported to the Conservation Police.**
12. The following are prohibited: Gas-powered motors (not even on the boat); unnecessary shooting or shooting at targets; possession of alcohol; dumping of ashes, trash, garbage, chemical waste or other materials; camping; fishing; and open fires.
13. Collecting and/or removing the following are prohibited: rocks, plants, fossils, plant materials, animals (other than legally taken waterfowl), and artifacts.
14. Law Violations or failing to abide by written rules or instructions from Conservancy staff or designees constitutes trespassing and may cause hunting privileges to be revoked.
15. These rules and regulations are subject to change without notice.
16. Only registered watercraft allowed on the lake.
17. Respect the privilege of hunting on this private property and the rights and safety of fellow hunters. **Remove all spent shotgun casings and litter from your hunting site.**
18. All gear must be removed from the Preserve each day.
19. Hunting ends promptly at 12:00 noon and hunters must vacate the Preserve by 1:00 PM.
 - It is approximately 6 miles to the nearest hospital—Mason District Hospital in Havana (309.543.4431 or dial 911).
 - To contact Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police call Fulton County Sheriff at 309.547.2277.
 - For additional information, contact the Illinois Rivers Program Office at Emiquon 309.547.2730 during office hours (Monday through Thursday).