

## STATE WATERFOWL HUNTING REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO THE SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST

Taken from the Illinois Administrative Rules found at <https://dnr.illinois.gov/adrules>

### Section 590.60: Various other Department Sites – **Duck, Goose, and Coot Hunting**

The sites listed in this Section conform to statewide Regulation (Section 590.10) and the following regulations, except as noted.

#### a) Regulations

- 1) Hunting hours are from legal opening to 1:00 p.m., except hunting shall be permitted until sunset on those sites indicated by (1) following the location in subsection (b).
- 2) No permanent blinds allowed, except for Department constructed blinds; all blinds must be of a portable nature and constructed with natural vegetation at the blind site and no pits can be dug. All materials must be removed or dismantled at the end of the day's hunt.
- 3) Portable boat blinds must have been completed, including final brushing, before entering the water and must be removed at the end of the day's hunt.
- 4) Waterfowl hunters must maintain a distance of 200 yards between hunting parties, except for Department constructed blinds or staked locations.
- 5) No hunting is permitted within 200 yards of developed recreation areas, public use facilities, and construction or industrial sites.
- 6) No check station is operated nor is any check in/out required, except as indicated in the remainder of this Section.
- 7) It shall be unlawful to trespass upon areas designated as waterfowl rest areas or refuges from two weeks prior to the start of regular duck season through the close of regular duck and Canada goose season except as indicated in the remainder of this Section.
- 8) It shall be unlawful to trespass upon the designated waterfowl hunting area during the 7 days prior to the regular duck season unless otherwise posted at the site.

#### b) Site Specific Restrictions:

##### 49) Shawnee National Forest, **Upper and Lower Bluff Lakes**

- a) Legal entry is 4:30 a.m. and exit time is end of legal shooting time for all hunters.
- b) All hunting must be by walking in or boat in only.

##### 50) Shawnee National Forest, **LaRue Scatters**

- a) All hunting must be by walking in or in boats without motors.
- b) Legal entry is 4:30 a.m. and exit time is 2:00 p.m. for all hunters.

##### 51) Shawnee National Forest, **Oakwood Bottoms** (Greentree Reservoir west of the Big Muddy Levee)

- a) All hunting must be by walking into the area.
- b) No persons shall tamper with or attempt to manipulate any of the gates, pumps, or structures in the sub-impoundment area.
- c) Legal entry time is 4:30 a.m. and exit time is 2:00 p.m. for all hunters in flooded management compartments.
- d) Except for youth waterfowl hunters and their chaperones, the site shall be closed to all entry for 7 days prior to opening of duck season for the zone the site is in.
- e) It shall be unlawful to trespass upon areas designated as waterfowl refuge from 14 days prior to the start of regular waterfowl season through the close of regular waterfowl season.

##### 52) Shawnee National Forest, **Cape Bend Wetlands**

- a) Legal entry is 4:30 a.m. and exit time is legal shooting hours.
- b) All entry and hunting must be by walking into the area.

##### 53) Shawnee National Forest, **Sexton Creek Wetlands**

- a) Legal entry is 4:30 a.m. and exit time is legal shooting hours.
- b) All entry and hunting must be by walking into the area.

##### 54) Shawnee National Forest, **Big Muddy Wetlands** (west of the Big Muddy Levee)

- a) Legal entry time is 4:30 a.m. and exit time is 2:00 p.m. for all hunters.
- b) All hunting must be done by walking in or boat in only.

### Statewide Regulation:

#### Section 590.10:

d) It shall be unlawful while attempting to take migratory waterfowl or coots to have in possession any shotgun shells not approved as non-toxic by federal regulations. Violation is a petty offense (see 520 ILCS 5/2.18-1).

**Section 550.30:** Raccoon, Opossum, Striped Skunk, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Coyote, and Woodchuck (Groundhog) Hunting on Department-Owned, -Leased or -Managed Sites

f) Statewide regulations as provided for in this rule apply at the following sites (exceptions are in parentheses): Shawnee National Forest, Oakwood Bottoms, and LaRue Scatters (season closes 7 days before opening of duck season and remains closed through the duck season; at Oakwood Bottoms non-toxic shot only).