



SHIAWASSEE RIVER STATE GAME AREA SPECIAL USE AND HUNTING RULES

All other applicable State Land Use rules and regulations apply, unless modified by the text below. To review the standard "Wildlife and Game Area - State Land Rules" (IC 2598, rev. 2/07/2006), see the back of most State Game/Wildlife Area maps (except those with Special Use and Hunting Rules); maps, rules & regulations plus additional information on this and other areas are available at DNR Offices or on the internet at: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>

NOTE: It is your responsibility as a user of public lands, to ensure you are informed of all current rules and regulations relevant to your activities. The information presented here represents some details relevant to land use, but this is not a complete list of all rules and regulations, and may not be as immediately updated as current legislation and rules. This product is not a legal notice, nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed tool issued for convenience on this specific subject. Contact your local DNR office if you have questions, or to verify regulations relating to possible activities before engaging in those activities. The DNR is on the internet at " <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr> ".

If you have questions or comments about the area or its management, please contact the Shiawassee River Game Area Office, 225 E. Spruce Street, St.Charles, MI 49010 ; phone (989) 865-6211.

REGARDING WATERFOWL HUNTING:

- All waterfowl hunting is by permit only. Permits are issued for a morning hunt and an afternoon hunt.
The permit is only valid for the location and time designated on the permit.
- Reservations are required to hunt during the first weekend of regular waterfowl season.
Contact the office between August 1 to 28 for reservation information and directions.
- Drawings are held each hunting day at 5:00 a.m. for the morning hunt and 11:00 a.m. for the afternoon hunt.
Morning permits are valid from opening hour to 12:00 noon; afternoon permits from 1:00 p.m. to closing hour.
- Parties of 2 to 4 hunters may choose all areas and individuals may choose areas 1-5, 6-8, 49-52, 61-66, or 67-117, or 137-150.
Parties of 2 or 3 may register one absentee member with that hunter's license. There is a maximum of 4 hunters per party.
- Only hunters not participating in the drawing may join an individual or party after the drawing. Registered hunters that passed or forfeited their draw will be considered as having participated in the drawing, and may not join another party. Parties may add hunters after the draw up to the maximum of 3 with permit card present. After the draw, parties are not allowed to split and take separate zones.
- Any permits left following the drawing will be issues on a first-come, first-served basis. Waterfowl morning permits will be issued until 10:00 a.m. and afternoon permits will be issued until 1:00 p.m. Leftover afternoon permits will be available on a self-serve basis.
- On any day that you have participated in a morning drawing and are issued a hunting permit, you may not participate in the afternoon drawing, but may be issued an unused permit. If you participated in the morning draw, you may not add on to a party that went through the afternoon drawing.
- Parties must hunt at their chosen post or strip, and leave only to retrieve downed game. Party Leader must carry a valid permit on their person during hunt (must show to DNRE personnel if asked). Party Leader must return permit to designated location before leaving Shiawassee River State Game Area on the day of the hunt. All game taken must be reported and/or presented for examination.
- Each hunter is limited to 25 shells during regular waterfowl season. BBB is largest shot size permitted.
- A daily or annual managed waterfowl area permit is required to hunt waterfowl on the area.
- It is unlawful to use spinning winged decoys at Shiawassee River State Game Area.

REGARDING DEER HUNTING: If you have questions on deer hunting or any special hunts, call the area office at (989) 865-6211.

- Deer hunting is by permit only.
For permit information, contact the St. Charles Field Office.
- Can erect tree stands on the first day of hunt and can leave up until the end of hunt. Make sure stands are correctly labeled as required.
- A daily or annual permit is required to hunt deer on the area.
- You must carry your permit with you during your hunt period. Permit must be returned within 48 hours after last day of the hunt period.
- Buckshot is prohibited.

REGARDING SMALL GAME HUNTING:

- Small game hunting is permitted only in "A" areas (see map side for location of the "A" areas) from September 1 until the end of the waterfowl season. The area is closed to small game hunting November 15-30.
- A current hunting license and appropriate stamps act as your valid permit to hunt small game.

REGARDING TRAPPING: Trapping of furbearers is by permit only. Information may be obtained by contacting St. Charles Field Office.

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

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| a) Use or possess any shot, whether loose or loaded in shot shells, of a material other than federally approved non-toxic shot, except single projectile loads. | e) Camping during May 15 to January 1. Fires are also prohibited. |
| b) Hunting or shooting from any dike, road or trail, safety zone, buffer zone, or retrieving zone. | f) Taking cans or glass bottles into the game area and permit zones. |
| c) Constructing a shooting pit or permanent blind. Portable blinds are permitted, but must be removed at end of each hunt. No screw-in steps. Make sure all stands or blinds are correctly labeled as required. | g) Parking outside of designated parking areas. See map for parking lot locations, or contact the office for information. |
| d) Using an amphibious vehicle, all-terrain vehicle or any other motor driven vehicle while in the managed hunting area. Outboard motors are permitted, but they must operate at safe, no-wake speeds. | h) Entering the area between 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. unless hunting raccoon, coyote, or fox. |
| | i) Entering the State Wildlife Refuge from Sept.1 through the end of waterfowl season without written authorization from the St. Charles Office. |
| | j) Other Rules and Regulations for the State Game Area may be posted in the area; look for additional signs or notices to insure you have a safe hunt. If you have any questions on your proposed activities, contact the St. Charles Field Office |

CAUTION: Use care near all open water areas; some of these areas may contain deep water, depending on season and recent rainfall.

BE A SAFE HUNTER - A safe hunter obeys laws governing hunting and boating, is alert to any conditions hazardous to personal safety of the hunter and others. (Rev.7/2011 -WLD/MLS)

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For information or assistance on this publication, or for information about other State land areas, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944, -or- through the internet at " <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr> ".
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