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Dates of Youth Priority Hunts	Opening Saturday morning hunt, afternoon hunt on the Saturday of the late duck season split.	Opening day afternoon hunt (reserved), and the 4th Saturday afternoon hunt (non-reserved).	On the first Saturday of the duck season (p.m. only). (maximum of 2 adults per hunting party). The date for the second youth hunting day in early Nov. (non-reserved and P.M. only) will be posted at the check station headquarters.	During a day designated and published by the area manager. Hunting parties made up of at least 1 youth (aged 10 to 16 years old) accompanied by 1 or 2 adults.	Opening day afternoon hunt, and the 3rd Saturday of the waterfowl season afternoon hunt.	Opening day afternoon hunt, and the first Sunday in Nov. morning hunt.	Opening day afternoon hunt and the 5th Saturday of the waterfowl season afternoon hunt.
Drawing Times	M, W, F, S, S = 5:30 a.m. Tu, Th = 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving = 5:30am	Mornings 5:30 a.m., Afternoons 11:00 a.m.	Mornings 5:30 a.m., Afternoons 11:30 a.m.	Tuesdays 5:30 a.m. only; Saturdays, 5:30 am and 11:00 a.m. (for afternoon hunts).	Mornings 5:30 a.m., Afternoons 11:00 a.m.	Mornings 5:30 a.m., Afternoons 11:00 a.m.	Mornings 5:00 a.m., Afternoons 11:00 a.m.
Permit Issue Times	Morning permits until 11:30 a.m., except Tuesdays and Thursdays until 2:30 p.m.	Morning permits until 10:00 a.m., afternoon permits until 1:00 p.m.	Morning permits until 10:00 a.m., afternoon permits until 4:00 p.m.	Tuesday and Saturday morning permits until 10:00 a.m., Saturday afternoon permits until 1:00 pm.	Morning permits until 10:00 a.m., afternoon permits until 4:00 p.m.	Morning permits until 8:00 a.m., afternoon permits until 1:00 p.m.	Morning permits until 10:00 a.m., afternoon permits until 4:00 p.m.
Allow for Registration of Absentee Hunters	No	Yes, up to 2 absentees may join a party of 2-3 if they have the absent hunter's license or a copy including the Federal Duck Stamp.	Yes, up to 2 absentees if 2 hunters are already present.	Yes, if party is present.	Yes, up to 2 absentees may join a party of 2-3 if they have the absent hunter's license or a copy including the Federal Duck Stamp.	Yes, 2 absentees.	Yes, up to 2 absentees may join a party of 2-3 if they have the absent hunter's license or a copy including the Federal Duck Stamp.
Are Hunters Allowed to Add on After the Draw?	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Are Hunters Allowed to Switch Zones After Draw?	Yes, parties can make as many switches as they like.	Yes, entire party is allowed one switch.	Yes, parties can make as many switches as they like.	Yes, parties can make as many switches as they like (until they leave the office).	Yes, entire party is allowed one switch.	No	Yes, 1 switch is allowed.
Are Switched Zones Reissued?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes, if zone has not been hunted.	No	No
Is Hunter Eligible for Afternoon Draw After Participating in Morning Draw?	N/A	Yes, if they pass.	Yes, if they pass.	No. Stand-by afternoon hunting only for morning participants.	Yes, if they pass.	Yes, if they pass.	Yes, if they pass.



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Are Hunting Zones Reissued After Permit Has Been Returned?	Yes, until 11:30 a.m. on M, W, F, S, S and 2:30 p.m. on Tu, Th.	Yes, until 10:00 a.m. for morning hunt, until 1:00 p.m. for afternoon hunts.	No	No	No	No	No
Waterfowl Hunt Permit Return Time	Must be returned before leaving the managed area.	Must be returned before leaving the managed area.	Morning permit by 2:00 p.m., afternoon permit within 1 hour of closing.	Must be returned when leaving the managed area.	Morning permit by 2:00 p.m., afternoon permit within 1 hour of closing.	Morning permit by 2:00 p.m., afternoon permit before leaving the managed area.	Must be returned before leaving the managed area.
Are Hunters Required to Check Waterfowl?	No	No	Yes	Yes, when staff present.	Yes, morning only.	Those in the managed hunt must check their waterfowl at the check station for the morning hunt. Afternoon hunt does a self check, and the open hunting areas do not have to check their waterfowl.	No
Check Station Hours of Operation	N/A (No Waterfowl Check)	4:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	4:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. or last party returns.	4:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	4:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	5:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	4:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Waterfowl Hunt Dates	Open for the entire Allegan GMU season except Sept. 1-7 and Dec. 24th and 25th	Opening day of the waterfowl season thru close of waterfowl season.	Opening day of the waterfowl season thru close of waterfowl season.	Opening date depends on crop harvest.	Opening day of the waterfowl season thru close of waterfowl season.	Opening day of the waterfowl season and every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday through the close of waterfowl season.	Opening day of the waterfowl season thru close of waterfowl season.
Waterfowl Hunt Times	Goose hunting ends at 2:00 p.m. on days with 5:30 a.m. drawings, and closing hour on days with 11:00 a.m. drawings.	Morning permit from opening hour to noon, and afternoon permit from 1:00 p.m. to closing hour.	Morning permit from opening hour to noon, and afternoon permit from 1:00 p.m. to closing hour.	Morning permit from opening hour to 2:00 p.m. (Weekdays). Morning permit from opening hour to noon, and afternoon permit from 1:00 p.m. to closing hour (Weekends)	Morning permit from opening hour to noon, and afternoon permit from 1:00 p.m. to closing hour.	Morning permit from opening hour to noon, and afternoon permit from 1:00 p.m. to closing hour.	Morning permit from opening hour to noon, and afternoon permit from 1:00 p.m. to closing hour.
Party Size	Individuals and parties of 2-6.	Individuals and parties of 2-4.	Individuals and parties of 2-4.	Parties of 2-4.	Individuals and parties of 2-4.	Individuals and parties of 2-4.	Individuals and parties of 2-4.
Max. Shot Size	BBB	BBB	#1	BBB	BBB	#1	BBB
Max. No. of Shells	25 shot shells	25 shot shells	25 shot shells	25 shot shells	25 shot shells	25 shot shells	25 shot shells
Motion-winged Decoys Allowed	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



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Deer Hunting Permitted	No firearm deer hunting is permitted. May bow hunt at times and locations specified at the Farm Unit kiosk.	Yes, with permit. No hunting of deer with firearms during any open waterfowl hunting season on the managed portion of Fish Point State Wildlife Area.	Yes, with permit. Firearm deer hunting is allowed in uplands only. No hunting of deer in waterfowl zones during waterfowl season. Archery hunting is permitted during the opening week of archery season in a limited number of corn zones until water levels reach those zones, then they are restricted to uplands only.	Yes, by county permit.	Yes, with permit. (Archery deer hunting is permitted by permit only throughout the waterfowl seasons in the scramble areas only.)	Yes, with valid license. No hunting of deer Sept 1st - Dec 15th on the managed or refuge portion of Pointe Mouillee State Game Area. Deer hunting is allowed in the open hunting areas during any legal season.	Yes, with permit. Firearm deer hunting prohibited during any waterfowl season except in "A" unit areas.
Deer Hunting Dates	Hunting of deer with firearms is prohibited. May bow hunt at times and locations specified at the Farm Unit kiosk.	Deer hunting may be allowed during the appropriate hunting season on dates designated by the management unit supervisor, within the areas posted "wildlife refuge-do not enter", permits issued thru a random drawing. (Archery deer hunting is allowed from Oct. 1 - Nov. 30 in designated areas. Muzzleloading deer hunting is allowed outside of the waterfowl hunting season dates on the entire area including "wildlife refuges" if designated by the management unit supervisor, either through random draw or self-serve.)	Follow state DMU 174 regulations. Muzzleloader deer hunting is permitted in the waterfowl zones at the close of waterfowl season.	Oct. 1st thru Jan. 1st.	Deer hunting may be allowed during the appropriate hunting season on dates designated by the management unit supervisor, within the areas posted "wildlife refuge-do not enter", permits issued thru a random drawing. (Archery deer hunting is allowed from Oct. 1 - Nov. 30 in designated areas. Muzzleloading deer hunting is allowed outside of the waterfowl hunting season dates on the entire area including "wildlife refuges" if designated by the management unit supervisor, either through random draw or self-serve.)	Follow state DMU regulations.	Follow state DMU regulations.



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Antlerless Deer Hunting	Yes, when deer hunting is open on the Farm Unit.	Yes, allowed by the management unit supervisor, from the first Monday following the third Saturday in Dec. thru Jan. 1st. Possession of a managed deer hunting permit, acquired through random drawing is required for this area.	Yes, DMU 174.	Yes, with proper license.	Yes, allowed by the management unit supervisor, from the first Monday following the third Saturday in Dec. thru Jan. 1st. Possession of a managed deer hunting permit, acquired through random drawing is required for this area.	Follow state DMU regulations.	Follow state DMU regulations.
Deer Hunting Allowed on Refuge Area	No	Yes, on dates designated by the management unit supervisor, through a random drawing of a validated daily party registration hunting permit.	No	No	Yes, on dates designated by the management unit supervisor, through a random drawing of a validated daily party registration hunting permit.	Yes, after Dec. 15th. The refuge is closed to all use and occupancy from Sept. 1st thru Dec. 15th.	No
Deer Hunting Draws	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Deer Hunting Draw Dates	N/A	To be determined by management unit supervisor.	To be determined by management unit supervisor.	N/A	To be determined by management unit supervisor	N/A	N/A
Deer Hunting Shot Requirements	Archery only.	Single projectile loads or non-toxic buckshot only.	Single projectile loads only.	Archery only.	Single projectile loads or non-toxic buckshot only.	Single projectile loads or non-toxic buckshot only.	Single projectile loads only.
Small Game Hunting Permitted	Yes, with base license, during dates, times, and areas posted on Farm Unit Kiosk. Not during managed hunt.	Yes, with base license.	Yes, with base license. Must participate in waterfowl hunt drawing to hunt managed waterfowl hunt zones during waterfowl season.	No	Yes, with base license.	Not allowed in the managed waterfowl hunting areas or refuge from Sept. 1 thru Dec. 15. Small game hunting is allowed in the open hunting areas during any legal season.	Yes, with base license. Prohibited during November regular firearm deer season.



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Pheasant Hunting Regulations	Open during dates, times, and areas posted on Farm Unit Kiosk. Not during managed hunt. Dogs are not allowed in zones 2-7 or in zone 8 south of 120th Avenue.	Permit required for any of the managed waterfowl zones.	Permit required for any of the managed waterfowl zones.	N/A	Permit required for any of the managed waterfowl zones.	Not in the managed waterfowl hunting areas or refuge from Sept. 1st thru Dec. 15th. Pheasant hunting is allowed in the open hunting areas.	Follow state regulations.
Small Game Hunting Dates	Dates, times, and areas posted on Farm Unit Kiosk.	Same as statewide season dates.	Same as statewide season dates.	N/A	Same as statewide season dates.	Same as statewide season dates.	Only in "A" areas from Oct. 1st thru end of waterfowl season.
Small Game Hunting Allowed on Refuge Area	No	Allowed in seasonal refuge from Jan. 2nd thru Aug. 31st	No	No	No	Yes, after Dec. 15th. The refuge is closed to all use and occupancy from Sept. 1st thru Dec. 15th.	No
Predator Hunting Regulations	During dates, times, and areas posted on Farm Unit Kiosk.	Yes, but not allowed during waterfowl season.	Permit needed. Follow state regulations.	N/A	Yes, but not allowed during waterfowl season.	Predator hunting is allowed in the open hunting areas during any legal season. Not in the managed waterfowl hunting areas or refuge from Sept. 1st thru Dec. 15th.	Follows state regulations, only in "A" areas during open waterfowl season.
Trapping Permitted	Yes, with permit.	Yes, with permit.	Yes, with permit.	Yes, with county permit.	Yes, with permit.	Yes, with permit.	Yes, with permit.
Trapping Dates	Muskrat and mink trapping during open season outside managed hunt until Mar. 31st. Raccoon hunting and trapping is allowed year-round by permit except during managed hunt dates.	Muskrat and mink trapping open day after waterfowl season closes to Mar. 31st. Raccoon hunting and trapping is allowed year-round.	Muskrat and mink trapping open Nov. 10th to Mar. 31st. Raccoon hunting and trapping is allowed year-round.	Follow state zone 3 regulations.	Muskrat and mink trapping open day after waterfowl season closes to Mar. 31st. Raccoon hunting and trapping is allowed year-round.	Muskrat and mink trapping open day after waterfowl season closes to Mar. 31st. Raccoon hunting and trapping is allowed year-round.	Muskrat and mink trapping open day after waterfowl season closes to Mar. 31st. Except A units have the same season dates as subsection (1) for zone 3. Raccoon hunting and trapping is allowed year-round.
Trapping Allowed on Refuge Area	No	Yes, after close of waterfowl season.	Yes, after close of waterfowl season.	No	Yes, after close of waterfowl season.	Yes, from Dec. 16th thru Feb. 7th.	Yes, after close of waterfowl season.
Dates Permit NOT Required for Entry to Managed Area	N/A	Jan. 2nd thru Aug. 31st.	Jan. 2nd thru Aug. 31st.	Required year-round.	Jan. 2nd thru Aug. 31st.	Dec. 16th thru Aug. 31st.	Jan. 2nd thru Aug. 31st.



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Accessible Blinds Available?	No, however most hunting posts during managed hunt can be reached by car.	Yes, 2 blinds in zones 8 and 67.	Yes, one ADA blind in zone #20.	No	No	No	Yes, 1 blind in 67-76 marsh.
Boat/Motor Restrictions	N/A	Outboard motors allowed but must operate at no wake.	Outboard motors allowed but must operate at no wake. Launching personal watercraft from any access site within Harsens Island Wildlife Area is prohibited.	N/A	Outboard motors allowed but must operate at no wake.	Outboard motors allowed but must operate at no wake.	Outboard motors allowed but must operate at no wake.
Camping Permitted on Area	No	Yes, year-round.	Yes, but camping prohibited from Oct. 1st thru the end of the waterfowl season on designated parking areas or any lands posted "state game area - hunting by permit only".	No	Yes, but camping prohibited from Oct. 1st thru the end of the waterfowl season on designated parking areas or any lands posted "state game area - hunting by permit only".	No	No