

CLINTON COUNTY PARKS & GREEN SPACE COMMISSION
1327 E. Townsend Road, St. Johns, MI 48879 * (989) 224-5128

**APPLICATION TO HUNT WATERFOWL IN
CLINTON LAKES COUNTY PARK**

Instructions: Complete this application and attached *Waterfowl Hunting Permit & Hold Harmless Agreement* and deliver to: Parks and Green Space Commission, 1327 E. Townsend Road, St. Johns, MI 48879. Application may be also faxed to 989-224-5102 or emailed to parks@clinton-county.org by 11:59pm pm on Friday, September 25, 2020.

Hunting Program Objective: The objective for public hunting of waterfowl in Clinton Lakes County Park is to manage nuisance geese. While geese are a special focus of the hunting program, successful applicants may hunt any waterfowl species, subject only to current federal and state game laws. An equally important objective is to provide area residents with a recreational opportunity to responsibly harvest an abundant source of nutritious food.

The local goose population is found in area parks year-round. Goose droppings deposited on swimming beaches, picnic areas, trails and other areas is unpleasant to view and recreate around. Droppings carried by rainwater into lakes and streams increases the bacteria found in the water which can cause waterborne illness in humans. Once the presence of bacteria reaches unhealthy levels, swimming beaches must be closed to the public.

The year-round resident goose population found in Clinton Lakes and Francis Motz County Parks is estimated at several hundred. In the fall, the population swells to one-thousand or more birds when migratory flocks join the local birds. Unmanaged, the goose population will continue to grow making an existing bad situation worse. The Parks and Green Space Commission will accept applications for a managed waterfowl hunt on thirteen (13) days in 2020.

Selection Process:

A random drawing will be conducted on Wednesday, September 30th, 2020 to select six (6) successful applicants for each of the thirteen (13) days when waterfowl hunting will be allowed in Clinton Lakes Park. Successful applicants will be provided a Hunting Permit for their approved date/s. Each permit holder may be accompanied by up to two guest hunters (guests should also apply), as further defined in the conditions page of the permit. Please call (989) 224-5128 with your questions and comments.

Applicant Information:

Print Name: _____ Age: _____
MI Hunting License # _____
Address: _____
E-mail: _____ Phone: (____) _____

I wish to be considered for a Hunting Permit on the following date(s):

____ Monday, Oct. 12 ____ Thursday, Oct. 15 ____ Monday, Oct. 19 ____ Thursday, Oct. 22
____ Monday, Oct. 26 ____ Thursday, Oct. 29 ____ Monday, Nov. 2 ____ Thursday, Nov. 5
____ Monday, Nov. 9 ____ Thursday, Nov. 12 ____ Monday, Nov. 16 ____ Thursday, Nov. 19
____ Monday, Nov. 23

Please rank your top three (3) hunting sites as shown on the attached map (1 = top choice).

____ Hill/Cove East of Beach (Site 1) ____ Southwest Corner of Little Clinton Lake (Site 2)
____ Northwest Corner of Big Clinton Lake (Site 3) ____ West Side of Big Clinton Lake/Island (Site 4)
____ Peninsula on South Side of Big Clinton Lake (Site 5) ____ Peninsula on Southeast Side of Big Clinton Lake (Site 6)

Hunters may enter park property one hour before legal shooting time in the a.m. and remain on site until 2:00 p.m. only.

Notification: The Commission will notify all applicants by e-mail no later than Friday, October 2, 2020 of whether or not they have been drawn for a Hunting Permit and the date.

WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMIT & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

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Print Name: _____

MI Hunting License # _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Indemnification:

In addition to abiding by Michigan Game Laws, I will obey Clinton County's *Amended Park Rules Ordinance*, a copy of which is posted within Clinton Lakes County Park and on-line at www.clinton-county.org . A printed copy may be requested by calling (989) 224-5128 or by e-mail at parks@clinton-county.org . I understand that failure to comply with game laws, *Amended Park Rules Ordinance* and conditions listed on the back of this permit will result in revocation of permit and prosecution by law.

In consideration for permission to enter and use Park property for the purpose of waterfowl hunting, I hereby release Clinton County, its officers, agents and employees from any liability for damage or injury to me or my property arising out of my use of park property.

I further agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, successors and assigns to indemnify and otherwise hold harmless Clinton County, its officers, agents and employees from any loss, injury, damage, claim or expense arising out of my use of Clinton County park property, including reasonable legal expenses in connection therewith.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 20____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if Permit holder is less than 18 years of age):

_____ Date: ____ / ____ / 20____

----- **FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY** -----

Under the authority vested in the Parks and Green Space Commission by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners, the Commission does hereby give written authorization to the above named individual(s) to hunt waterfowl in accordance with Michigan Game Laws and the conditions listed on the back of this permit. This authorization is good from one hour prior to legal shooting time in the morning until 2:00 pm on _____ and no other date.

Signature of Commission Representative: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / 20____

WATERFOWL HUNTING PERMIT CONDITIONS

This waterfowl Hunting Permit is subject to the following conditions:

1. Hunting is allowed by Commission-approved permit only. Approved hunters must carry this permit on their person during the hunt and, upon request, provide it to county personnel or law enforcement officers for inspection.
2. The hunter subject to this permit may be accompanied by up to two (2) guest hunters subject to the following
 - ✓ Guest hunter(s) must also have applied for a Hunting Permit of their own by the deadline and such permit must be on file in the Parks and Green Space Commission office.
 - ✓ Approved hunter and guest hunter(s) must enter the park at the same time.
 - ✓ Approved hunter and guest hunter(s) must hunt in the same location and occupy no more than 100 linear feet of shoreline.
3. Michigan Hunting Rules and Clinton County's *Amended Park Rules Ordinance* are to be obeyed entirely.
4. Hunting is only allowed within Clinton Lakes County Park along the immediate shoreline of Big Clinton and Little Clinton Lakes. **Hunting is not allowed in Francis Motz County Park.**
5. **Hunting is only allowed on the date and times found on the reverse side of this permit.**
6. Hunters may enter park property one hour before legal shooting time in the morning and remain on site until 2:00 pm only. Steel shot is required for all waterfowl hunting and #4 or #2 size shot are recommended. DON'T SKYBUST so you and all other hunters can have a great experience.
7. All shotguns will be carried unloaded going to and from designated hunting areas.
8. Target shooting is prohibited.
9. Motor vehicles of any kind are not allowed to operate outside of the designated parking area found adjacent to DeWitt Road. All watercraft rules apply including no gasoline motors, using existing carry-in access and an approved personal floatation device for each occupant in a watercraft. Persons with mobility issues should contact the Commission business office at (989) 224-5128 Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5pm for accommodation.
10. Clinton Lakes Park properties will be closed to the general public during scheduled hunt periods. Hunters may erect portable blinds provided the blind is constructed in a manner which does not damage a wetland or other valued natural asset. Hunters may not cut or otherwise damage trees or surrounding vegetation. Blinds must be removed on the same day they were erected no later than one-hour after sunset.
11. Hunters shall collect their spent shells and other litter for proper disposal prior to leaving park property.
12. **Those groups that fail to show without at least 48 hours notice will be removed from the drawing in the following year.**

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