

Section 3: B-Zone Information

Section 3.0: B-Zone Overview

The area in Rondeau Bay described as “B-Zone” provides additional opportunity for hunters wishing to hunt and / or erect their own blinds for waterfowl hunting. Specific and regular regulations apply.

Note: Hunting is only permitted on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays one half hour (1/2 hr) before sunrise and one half hour (1/2 hr) after sunset.

1. A B-Zone Blind Permit is required to erect a temporary blind in the B-Zone hunting area. (Please see Section 3.2 B-Zone Blind Permit Allocation Procedures for information on obtaining this permit.)
2. Rondeau Bay is closed to hunting Migratory Game Birds beyond 300m from any shore, or natural vegetation bed, and/or water line that form the boundary of private property. In other words, this creates a large area within the centre of Rondeau Bay which is closed to hunting, providing a resting area for the birds.

Section 3.1 B-Zone Permits

1. Seasonal B-Zone Waterfowl Permits are required to hunt this area and are to be kept on each hunter’s person during each B-Zone hunt. These permits are available at Barney’s Boats in Erieau, RWU Office, and the Rondeau Provincial Park Office.
2. Anyone wishing to erect a blind in B-Zone must obtain a Seasonal B-Zone Waterfowl Permit, register the blind and obtain a permit to erect a blind (B-Zone Blind Permit). Location choices for blinds are chosen by a first come first served line up. (Please see Section 3.2 B-Zone Blind Allocation Procedures). The hunter(s) must indicate the location of the proposed blind at the time of registration. No blind may be erected before obtaining the B-Zone Blind Permit and until the Tuesday after Labour Day.
3. Hunters entering the park are required to have the appropriate vehicle entry permit. (See Section 1 General Information on Hunting in Rondeau Provincial Park)
4. It is very important to note that much of the land under the “B-Zone” hunting area is privately owned. It is imperative that hunters co-operate and are respectful of these landowners as the future of erecting blinds on these properties depends on good relationships.
5. **IMPORTANT:** B-Zone blinds must be removed from the waters of Rondeau Bay as soon as possible but no later than March 15th. The rationale for this is to ensure that the blind and materials are removed from the water which could become a boating hazard. Also landowners adjacent to these blinds should not be subject to materials washing ashore after ice out.

Section 3.2 B-Zone Blind Permit Allocation Procedures

The procedures for acquiring a B-Zone Blind Permit are as follows:

1. On the Friday of Labour Day Weekend from 7:00-10:00 pm the staff at the Rondeau Waterfowl Unit Office will issue B-Zone Blind Permits to erect a blind in order of the individual's position in the line-up. After this date please contact RBWA Executive for the purchase of B-Zone Blind permits to erect a blind.
2. The line-up may begin on the Friday 12:00 am (Thursday Midnight) before the Labour Day weekend in September.
3. Upon arrival at the line up outside the RWU Office each individual intending to purchase a B-Zone Blind Permit must sign in with the attendant. You must have proper Provincial Park Vehicle Permits for the duration of your line up stay.
4. The person must remain within the immediate vicinity of the RWU Office until he/she purchases their B-Zone Blind Permit on Saturday, failure to remain in line will result in loss of position in line.
5. Every person in line may only purchase one B-Zone Blind Permit, if you would like a second permit you must return to the end of the line.
6. To purchase a B-Zone Blind Permit or a Seasonal B-Zone Permit, a valid Outdoors Card including a small game licence along with a valid Migratory Game Bird Stamp and Permit are required.
7. Once issued a permit to build a blind the individual will be required to indicate where they plan on positioning their blind on the B-Zone Map located at the Rondeau Waterfowl Unit Office. No blind may be erected before obtaining the B-Zone Blind Permit and until after the Tuesday following Labour Day.