

Section 1: General Information

Section 1.0 Overview

1. There are two zones in which hunting is permitted in Rondeau Bay; A-Zone (within Rondeau Provincial Park, see Map included with this booklet for specific boundaries), and B-Zone (see Map included with this booklet for specific boundaries).
2. Hunters wishing to hunt in Rondeau Bay require a valid Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit, valid Ontario Outdoors Hunting Card including a small game licence, and the applicable A- Zone or B-Zone Hunting Permit. Also, hunters driving into the park at any time will be required to purchase and present a valid Rondeau Provincial Park vehicle pass (daily or seasonal) which must be displayed while the vehicle is in the park.
3. Hunting in Rondeau Bay is permitted ONLY on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays throughout the regular scheduled Migratory Bird Hunting Season. This applies to both A-Zone and B-Zone.
4. Rondeau Bay is closed to hunting Migratory Game Birds beyond 300m from shore or a natural rush bed or a water line that forms a 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.
5. To hunt in A-Zone, a daily A-Zone Hunting Permit is required (See Section 2 for A-Zone information). To hunt in B-Zone, a seasonal B-Zone Hunting Permit is required (See Section 3 for B-Zone information).
6. To hunt in A-Zone, each hunter will present the current applicable licenses to the attendant on duty in the Rondeau Waterfowl Unit (RWU) Office and fill out a daily hunt card. In return they will be issued a daily "A-Zone" Hunting permit; this permit must be kept on the hunter's person for the duration of the hunt. At the conclusion of their hunt, hunters must return to the Waterfowl office and present all birds for identification and statistical recording.
7. Any hunter(s) found to be intoxicated will not be issued a permit and will be subject to charges under the appropriate legislation.
8. Firearms must be encased at all times except when at the designated blind or shooting stake. Shotguns ONLY may be used.
9. While in the Provincial Park, dogs must be under control and leashed. This does not apply when at the blind location.
10. The number of hunters within the A-Zone blinds and shooting stakes are restricted. Box Blinds in Long Pond are restricted to two hunters. Box Blinds and shooting points on the Bay are limited to three (3) hunters. (Please see A-Zone Map to familiarize yourself with these locations.)

11. In A-Zone, hunters must be within 10 metres / 33 feet of Shooting Stakes or Points. Hunters must hunt from the Box Blind provided as identified on the supplied Map. As a convenience Box Blinds may be offered at Shooting Points. They are not mandatory for the hunter(s) to use in these locations.
12. During the regular waterfowl season, hunting is permitted Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset, according to the regulations governing waterfowl hunting in the province of Ontario.
13. As a point of courtesy, it is suggested that you call into the Rondeau Waterfowl Unit Office (519.674.1775) when vacating your blind so anyone interested in hunting that particular blind for second shoot / resell can begin to make arrangements for their hunt.
14. Rondeau Provincial Park is a multi-use park and hunting is just one of the many activities permitted. Hunters are requested to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of other visitors.
15. Please remove **all garbage** and empty shotgun shell hulls (casings) from your hunting location and dispose of them in an appropriate manner. Failure to do so is an offence under the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act and the Public Lands Act.
16. It is also suggested that you check blind locations and conditions prior to the opening day lottery to avoid any possible disappointments. Weather conditions and water levels may have an impact on certain blinds.
17. Decoys and canoes are provided to hunters by the Rondeau Bay Waterfowlers Association for certain blinds (Please see A-Zone Map to familiarize yourself with these locations.) Please return **all** decoys to their bag and leave them in the blind for the next hunter. If the decoys are damaged please return them to the Rondeau Waterfowl Unit Office and inform the attendant on duty. Please leave the canoes and paddles at the appropriate trail, out of the water, flipped over to prevent rain and snow from filling the canoes.

Section 1.1 Fees

1. Rondeau Bay Waterfowl Association Memberships fees are as follows:
 - a) Adult Membership: \$60.00 (OFAH + magazine incl.)
 - b) Adult Membership: \$35.00 (OFAH without magazine)
 - c) Family Membership: \$75.00 (OFAH Immediate Family + magazine incl.)
 - d) Family Membership: \$50.00 (OFAH Immediate Family without magazine)
 - e) Youth Membership: \$35.00 (O.F.A.H. included 16 years of age and under)
 - f) RBWA Adult ONLY: \$20.00 (must provide proof of OFAH membership)
 - g) RBWA Family ONLY: \$30.00 (must provide proof of OFAH membership)
 - h) RBWA Youth ONLY: \$5.00 (must provide proof of OFAH membership)

2. A-Zone Daily Hunt Permit: \$10.00 for member / day
\$20.00 for non-member / day
\$180.00 for 10 hunts during the season
3. B-Zone Seasonal Permit: \$20.00 (valid to match migratory bird season.)
4. B-Zone Blind Permit: \$25.00
5. Reservation Cancellations/No Shows: \$20.00 charged to all & must be paid prior to next hunt

Section 1.2 Dates to Remember

1. On the third (3rd) Saturday of September:
 - a. From 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm; the A-Zone Blind Lottery sign – up will take place.
 - b. At 2:00 pm sharp the A-Zone Blind Lottery for opening day will begin.
2. The morning of Waterfowl Heritage Day, the 3rd Saturday in September, A-Zone is open for Waterfowl Heritage Day hunting only, this means A-Zone is closed if the Waterfowl Heritage Day hunt coincides with the early goose season. This provides the opportunity to accommodate the annual Youth Hunt. (For information on the Youth Hunt please visit our website: www.rondeauwaterfowlers.com)
3. On the first Wednesday of each month the Rondeau Bay Waterfowlers Association will meet at 7:00 pm at the Rondeau Rod & Gun Club. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.
4. Rondeau Bay Waterfowlers Association is proud to host a fundraising dinner on the fourth (4th) Saturday of August. Tickets can be purchased from members in advance or at the door, check our website for more information. All are welcome.
5. B-Zone blinds must be removed from the waters of Rondeau Bay as soon as possible but no later than the March 15th, following the end of duck season. For more information see Section 3.0 B-Zone Information, contact the Ministry of Natural Resources or the Rondeau Bay Waterfowlers Association.