

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

1. The procedures for acquiring a B-Zone Blind permit for the 2019-2020 waterfowl season in Rondeau B-Zone are as follows:
2. Anyone wishing to erect a hunting blind in Rondeau Bay B-Zone must purchase a blind erect permit. The B-Zone Blind Permit Lottery will be held on Friday before Labour Day at the Waterfowl Management Office in Rondeau Provincial Park.
3. Applicants may register between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Registration closes at 7:00 pm. The draw begins directly after the closing of registrations at 7:00pm. Once the draw begins, no registrations will be accepted until the draw is completed.
4. To be eligible for the lottery, an applicant must have a valid Outdoors Card including a small game licence, a valid Migratory Game Bird Stamp, and a cash payment of \$25.00 (non-refundable) and a Seasonal B-Zone Waterfowl Permit.
5. Upon completion of the application form a number will be issued to the applicant. This is the number that will be used in the lottery draw. Each applicant is only allowed one number. The first party selected will be given the first opportunity to choose a B-Zone location for their blind; the second party selected will be given the second opportunity and so on until all applicants have been drawn.
6. Once a blind location has been selected through the process above, a B-Zone erect a blind permit will be issued, along with a blind tag. Once issued a permit to build a blind the individual will be required to indicate where they will position their blind on the B-Zone map located at the Rondeau Waterfowl Unit Office.
7. The blind tag is to be affixed to the blind in a visible location. No blind may be erected before obtaining the B-Zone Blind Permit and until after the Tuesday following Labour Day.
8. Applicants wishing to purchase a B-Zone blind Permit after the B-Zone Blind Permit Lottery is completed may do so at the Waterfowl Office, provided they have a valid Outdoors Card including a small game licence, a valid Migratory Game Bird Stamp, and a cash payment of \$25.00.
9. Applicants are reminded that they must follow the regulations as outlined in the Migratory Bird Regulations for Ontario. According to those regulations it is incumbent that blinds be set a distance apart that allows for safe hunting.
10. A reminder that all blinds erected in B-Zone must be removed as soon as possible at the end of the season but no later than March 15th. (Refer to Section 3.1 (5) B-Zone Permits).