



Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge 2011/2012 Waterfowl Hunt



A total of 13 blinds will be available for the 2011/2012 season. Hunting will be by boat access only. Hunters are strongly encouraged to scout blind site locations prior to hunt date due to parking limitations, ramp restrictions and tide fluctuations. Travel times to hunt blind sites may be as much as one hour if using non motorized boats (recommend for sites 1-7). All blind sites on the Blackwater River and Beaverdam Creek are only accessible with car top boats such as a canoe, kayak, or small jon boat.

Blind sites #1, # 2 and #3 are accessed from the Refuge boat ramp on Route 335(see attached map). Trailers may not be backed down to the water at this access point. Small jon boats, kayaks, and canoes are recommended for travel to these hunting sites. Please allow for approximately 20 minutes to reach site #1, 40 minutes to reach site #2, and 1 hour travel time to reach site # 3. Hunting from a boat is recommended but may not be necessary.

Blind sites #4 and #5 can be accessed by the Route 16 bridge at Parsons Creek (see attached map). Hunters may park along the side of the road and launch a boat from the bank below the bridge. Trailers may not be backed down to the water at this access point. Small jon boats, kayaks, and canoes are recommended for travel to these hunting sites. Please note that boats must be portaged over a small dam to reach the blind site location (boats must be small enough to be carried). Please allow for approximately 30 minutes to reach blind site # 4, and approximately 45 minutes to reach blind site # 5. Hunting from a boat is recommended but may not be necessary.

Blinds sites #6 and #7 are accessible from Smithville Public Boat Ramp(see attached map). Boats may be launched from the north side of the Smithville Road Bridge with parking across the street in the boat ramp parking lot. Non motorized boats are highly recommended for these sites due to shallow water and many submerged tree stumps in the channel. Please allow for approximately 20 minutes to reach blind site # 4, and approximately 40-45 minutes to reach blind site # 5.

Blind sites #8 through #13 are island sites located in the Chesapeake Bay and they are the only blind sites that can be accessed with larger motorized boats. Small boats such as jon boats, kayaks, and canoes are not recommended for travel to these hunting locations. These sites can be accessed from several boat ramps in the County Check with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for appropriate ramp locations (<http://mddnr.chesapeakebay.net/fish/state2.html>, or call -877-620-8DNR (8367)).