



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1501:31-21-02 Duck blind permit requirements.

Effective: July 1, 2021

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to place, construct, maintain, or use a permanent waterfowl blind on state property at Grand lake St. Marys state park, Clark lake wildlife area or Spring valley wildlife area without first obtaining a written permit from the chief of the division or the chief's authorized agent. For the purpose of this rule a "permanent waterfowl blind" is a structure that is taken to, placed, or built for the purpose of concealment of waterfowl hunters and is left at the same place of concealment for more than one calendar day.

(1) The chief of the division of wildlife will prescribe the form and manner for the submission of applications to the division for permanent waterfowl blinds.

(2) Persons receiving a permanent waterfowl blind permit shall construct a blind on the designated location within forty-five days after the issuance of said permit. Failure to comply shall cause the forfeiture of the permit.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to apply for more than one permanent waterfowl blind or apply or draw for a blind for another person.

(4) No person shall be eligible to select a permanent waterfowl blind until they exhibit their Ohio hunting license and proof of purchase of their Ohio wetlands habitat stamp for the current year, and their federal migratory bird hunting stamp from the previous year or current year. Persons under eighteen years of age are not required to possess an Ohio wetlands habitat stamp or federal migratory bird stamp to participate, however they must possess a valid hunting license.

(5) No person shall construct a permanent waterfowl blind on Grand lake St. Marys state park, Clark lake wildlife area or Spring valley wildlife area except within twenty-five yards of the stake placed by the division of wildlife at the location drawn by such person.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to construct or place a permanent waterfowl blind on Grand



lake St. Marys state park, Clark lake wildlife area or Spring valley wildlife area that does not have attached to the blind the name and address of said person. The name and address shall be attached immediately upon completion of construction.

It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to remove permanent waterfowl blinds seven through thirteen and permanent waterfowl blind number ninety if attached to a stake on Grand lake St. Marys state park no later than the second Sunday in December. Furthermore, it shall be lawful to use floater blinds at these sites during the season.

(7) Except as provided for in paragraph (A)(6) of this rule, it shall be unlawful for the permit holder to fail to remove a permanent waterfowl blind, stakes or any part of a structure built for or used as a means of concealment at Grand lake St. Marys state park, Clark lake wildlife area or Spring valley wildlife area by the fifteenth day of March of each year.

(8) It shall be unlawful for any person to construct a permanent waterfowl blind made of metal or to use metal stakes for blinds at Grand lake St. Marys state park, Clark lake wildlife area or Spring valley wildlife area.

(9) No person shall use a permanent waterfowl blind unless they are the permit holder of the blind or have the written permission of the permit holder.

(B) All definitions set forth in rule 1501:31-1-02 of the Administrative Code shall apply to this rule.