Hunting at Hullett Marsh

A fact sheet to help you understand, research and enjoy your hunting experience at the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Area (HPWA)

Multi-Use Property

- Please be mindful and respectful of other property users such as hikers, skiers, snowshoe users, canoeists/kayakers, photographers, horseback riders, foragers, birdwatchers, school groups and nature groups
- Wearing a blaze orange hat/vest will increase your visibility to other property users for the safety of all concerned

Property Location:

- HPWA is located in Huron County near the towns of Clinton and Seaforth.
- The HPWA is a 5,400-acre, multi-use crown property.
- The MNRF WMU is #85 for both Zone A & B, "controlled deer hunt" is 85B
- No winter snow removal is performed on Hullett interior roads.

Hunting Regulation Facts:

- First and foremost, all hunters using the property must read and understand <u>Hullett</u> and <u>Provincial hunting regulations</u> before hunting.
- If you are hunting migratory birds such as waterfowl, woodcock and doves you must also read and understand **Federal regulations**.
- Hullett is open for hunting 365 days a year with no fees charged to hunt.
- Sunday gun hunting is permitted at Hullett.
- With Sunday gun hunting, <u>Hullett does not have a late goose season</u>.
- The property is divided into **2 hunting zones** each with very different regulations. **Refer** to the <u>User Guide</u> for rules pertaining to each management zone; both A & B.
- The South Maitland River is the boundary between each zone.
- Zone A has 6 access parking lots and Zone B has 14 access parking lots.
- In order to hunt at HPWA you must park in a designated parking lot as per <u>Hullett</u> regulations.
- The property has 3 areas that **no public access is permitted** 365 days a year; 2 baited areas and 1 wildlife refuge (White Tail Swamp).
- Please note that Friends of Hullett (FOH) staff are not Conservation Officers with detailed knowledge of Provincial and Federal regulations.
- Spring wild turkey hunting is permitted in Zones A & B.
- Migratory birds may be hunted in both Zone A & B. No blinds are provided.
- Deer may only be hunted in Zone B in archery and controlled hunt seasons.

The regulation links below will help you with your research:

Hullett Specific Regulations

2022-2023 Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary

Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations

Scouting and Property Knowledge:

- Hullett Marsh is a <u>very large and intimidating property</u> especially for first time hunters visiting the property.
- The Hullett map that is located in the center of our <u>User Guide</u> is your best friend while you navigate the property. Download the GOOGLE map on our homepage!!
- <u>User Guides</u> are available online via our web site and hard copies can be found in the map boxes located at each of our 20 parking lots.
- Successful hunters visit the property many times before hunting seasons to scout various habitats for signs of wildlife, to learn access points and to observe water levels.
- Scouting methods include driving the property perimeter and interior roads, hiking, canoeing/kayaking and GOOGLE maps.

Volunteering and Membership advantages:

- Volunteering your time helping with nesting programs, events, habitat care and general property maintenance is a great way to scout and learn about the Hullett landscape.
- <u>Becoming a FOH member</u> not only helps support us financially in property maintenance and signage but it also gives you access to updates and newsletters via email.

Pheasant Hunting

- A Township/Municipal license in <u>not required</u> to hunt pheasants at the HPWA.
- Pheasants have been released **free of charge** to the public for over 30 years at the HPWA for public hunting in **Zone B only**. **Lead shot is allowed**.
- FOH has a goal of releasing **1000 birds free per year** at various intervals throughout the pheasant season **costing FOH over \$14,000 annually.**
- Your <u>direct donations</u> towards the pheasant release program will generate a charitable tax receipt for you and ensure birds for the 2023 hunt.
- Donations and your purchase of <u>"Pheasant Challenge" tickets</u> will help FOH continue this release program and ensure birds for the 2023 hunt.
- Based on 2021 financial support 1200 pheasants will be released for the 2022 hunt.
- Future of the hunt is in your hands pheasant hunters. 200 extra birds in 2022!!
- Staff are not permitted to disclose details of release dates and locations.