



**INSTRUCTION SHEET
DEAD CREEK GOOSE MANAGEMENT AREA**

2024

Dear Hunter:

Enclosed is an application for controlled waterfowl hunting at the Dead Creek Goose Management Area in Addison, Vermont. Please note that **ALL** 2024 days are **assigned by lottery**.

Permits issued for the hunting days will be assigned a hunting zone location (five hunting zone locations are available) and all successful applicants will sign in the day of the controlled hunt at the self-registration location.

Hunting days at Dead Creek are limited to Tuesdays and Thursdays October 15th through November 7th, 2024. Friday November 1st is reserved for youth hunters. **Hunting dates and legal morning shooting times are on page 4.** Each permit holder may bring up to two guests.

Please observe the following instructions when completing your application:

- (1) Visit <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/where-to-hunt-waterfowl> and complete your application online, selecting your top 4 preferred hunting dates. Submit your application via email to anr.fwdcontrolledhunt@vermont.gov, **OR**
- (2) On the application provided, legibly **PRINT** your **NAME**, **ADDRESS**, and choice of **UP TO FOUR (4)** preferred hunting dates on application attached to this packet. Place your completed application in an envelope, affix a First Class stamp, and mail it to:
**Agency of Natural Resources,
Fish & Wildlife Department,
111 West Street,
Essex Junction, VT 05452**

Applications must be **postmarked or received via email by Friday, August 30, 2024.**

- NOTES:**
- (1) **Only one application per hunter is allowed.**
 - (2) **No fee will be charged for 2024 applications or permits. Hunters must be registered with the Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.). Federal and State duck stamps are required for hunters 16 years of age and older.**

A drawing to award hunting permits will be held at **12:00 Noon, Friday, September 6, 2024**, at the Essex Junction Regional Office. Attendance is not required.

Successful applicants will be notified by mail no later than September 27, 2024.

**2024 CONTROLLED HUNTING DAYS FOR THE
DEAD CREEK GOOSE MANAGEMENT AREA**

	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
October	15 22 29	17 24 31	
November	5	7	1* (Youth Only)

*NOTE: November 1 is a junior hunter day. Only hunters 17 years of age or younger on November 1, 2024 may apply for this day. Date of birth must also be recorded on the permit for junior hunters. Permit holder must be accompanied by an adult who may also hunt; applicant may also bring one additional guest of any age.

DEAD CREEK GOOSE MANAGEMENT AREA

History and Operation

The Dead Creek goose management program in Addison, Vermont, was initiated in the late 1950's. Prior to that time, there were no known nesting Canada geese and very little use by migrating geese on the Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, (WMA). In 1956, 44 wild-trapped Canada geese were pinioned and released into a 70-acre fenced enclosure containing ponds and feeding and nesting areas. It was hoped that these birds would establish a local breeding population of Canada geese. Nesting began in 1960 and it is estimated that 300+ goslings are now reared in the Dead Creek WMA annually. The number of migrating Canada geese using the area has also increased from a handful of stopovers in the late 1950's to current peak fall concentrations of between 2,000 and 5,000 birds. Since the late 1980's, snow geese have also used the Dead Creek WMA each fall, with current numbers between 2,000 and 5,000 birds.

To provide additional refuge for both local and migrant geese, and to ensure that quality goose hunting would remain available to the public, approximately 450-acres were added to the existing refuge. The Goose Management Area as we know it today was also established with the cooperation of neighboring farmers and a controlled public hunting program was initiated in 1974.

Hunting will occur from legal shooting time until 11:00 A.M. **every Tuesday and Thursday from October 15 through November 7, 2024. Hunting permits on the Goose Management Area will be assigned by lottery on September 6, 2024.** Each permit winner may bring up to two (2) guests with them. On the morning of the hunt, permit holders will meet at the sign in station near the Dead Creek Visitor Center one and one-half hours before shooting time (i.e. 2 hours before sunrise) to sign in. Permit holders must sign in themselves at the Controlled Hunt station near the Visitor Center.

Friday, November 1st is a junior hunter day. Only hunters 17 years of age or younger on November 1, 2024 may pre-register for this day. Date of birth must also be recorded on the permit. The youth must be accompanied by one adult who may also hunt. One additional guest of any age is also allowed to hunt with the party.

Blinds and decoys are not provided. Five hunting zones will be available and are assigned on the day of the permit lottery. Hunters may set up anywhere within their assigned zone, utilizing all forms of concealment such as layout blinds, etc.

The daily shotshell limit will be twenty-five (25) per hunter.

Ducks may also be taken in compliance with seasons and bag limits in effect for the Lake Champlain Zone, as noted in the 2024-2025 syllabus.

Hunters will be required to hunt in accordance with established regulations for the area, which are attached to this packet and will be posted at the sign in station. Additional instructions for signing in will also be posted. A Vermont hunting license and Federal and State duck stamps are required, **as well as being registered with the Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.)**. Duck stamps are required for hunters 16 years of age and older.

No fee required.

Respect public land and private landowners who allow hunting on their land. All trash must be carried out.

VERMONT FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

DEAD CREEK GOOSE MANAGEMENT AREA - ADDISON, VT

2024

HUNTING DATES, SELF-REGISTRATION TIMES, AND LEGAL MORNING SHOOTING TIMES

DATE	DAY OF WEEK	SIGN IN TIME*	LEGAL SHOOTING TIME**
Oct. 15	Tues	5:05 AM	Daylight Savings Time 6:35 AM
17	Thurs	5:08	6:38
22	Tues	5:14	6:44
24	Thurs	5:17	6:47
29	Tues	5:24	6:54
31	Thurs	5:26	6:56
Nov. 1	Fri***	5:28	6:58
5	Tues	4:33 AM	Eastern Standard Time 6:03 AM
7	Thurs	4:36	6:06

* SIGN IN TIME: Exact time at which sign in for hunting zones occurs. Permit holders must not sign in until one and one half hours prior to shooting time.

** NOTE: All shooting must end at 11:00 AM. **Hunters must return to the Dead Creek sign in station and complete Section B of their permit by 12:00 noon.**

*** JUNIOR HUNTER DAY: Only hunters 17 years of age or younger on November 1, 2024 may apply.

STANDBY HUNTER: Any vacancies due to no shows will be filled on the morning of the hunt one hour prior to shooting time. Standby hunters will have to regulate themselves as to who was on standby first and which zones are left unoccupied by permit holders. Permit holders must cross off their assigned zone on the map provided at the station when signing in to help Standby hunters determine open zones. Maps of each zone for taking in the field will be available at the sign in station.

AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FISH AND WILDLIFE BOARD
WATERBURY, VERMONT

REGULATION #945

A REGULATION CONTROLLING HUNTING AND TRESPASSING
ON DEAD CREEK GOOSE MANAGEMENT AREA IN ADDISON

Pursuant to the procedures provided in 3 V.S.A. 803 and by authority set forth in 10 V.S.A. 4082 and 4084 the Fish and Wildlife Board hereby adopts the following regulation:

The following regulation applies to the portion of the Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area which is posted and designated as the Goose Management Area. The boundaries are marked by posters headed "Goose Management Area."

1. A person shall not trespass or take fish, wild animals, or wild birds except under authority of a permit from the Fish and Wildlife Department.
2. Shooting is permitted only from legal shooting time until 11:00 A.M.
3. Hunters shall report to the area operations station one and one-half hours before legal shooting time.
4. Shooting is permitted from designated locations only.
5. All hunters shall report back to the area operations station at or before noon. Any equipment borrowed will be returned and all waterfowl bagged will be presented for inspection.
6. Daily limits for geese and ducks shall be set annually in conjunction with current frameworks established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
7. Shotguns shall be 10, 12, 16, or 20 gauge.
8. Shotgun shell possession limit shall be set annually in conjunction with daily bag limits.
9. Shot size may not be larger than size T.
10. Parking is permitted in assigned parking areas only.
11. Hunters shall enter and leave the hunting area by designated routes only.
12. Dogs are not allowed on the hunting area.
13. Nontoxic shot is required for all waterfowl hunting.

The Dead Creek Goose Management Area is enclosed by appropriate notices to mark boundaries.

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APPLICATION for controlled waterfowl hunting at **Dead Creek Goose Management Area**

in Addison, Vermont

Carefully complete this application and mail it to: **Agency of Natural Resources
Fish & Wildlife Department
111 West Street
Essex Junction, VT 05452**

Or email to **anr.fwdcontrolledhunt@vermont.gov**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE
according to
allowed are:

***MY PREFERRED DATES**
open hunting days

Applicant's Name 1st choice (one day only)

Mailing Address 2nd choice (one day only)

Telephone #

Town/City 3rd choice (one day only)

State Zip

Date of Birth (Junior Hunters only) 4th choice (one day only)

* Select up to four (4) days from the list
(see instruction sheet) of **controlled** hunting
days for the Dead Creek Goose
Management Area.

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