



INSTRUCTION SHEET MUD CREEK CONTROLLED WATERFOWL HUNTING AREA

Enclosed is an application for controlled waterfowl hunting at the Mud Creek Controlled Hunting Area in Alburgh, Vermont. Please note that the only 2024 lottery-drawn days for Mud Creek are TUESDAY, October 15 and THURSDAY, October 17.

Permits issued for these two hunting days will be assigned a blind location (six blind locations are available) and all successful applicants will self-register on the day of the controlled hunt.

***IMPORTANT* Hunting days other than October 15 and 17: Mud Creek will be closed to all hunting on opening day, October 12th, 2024. Mud Creek will be open for self-registered hunting after the two lottery days on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays ONLY**, within the season set annually for the Interior Vermont Zone. (Hunting dates and legal morning shooting times are listed on page 2). Blind locations will be filled on a first come basis on these dates by self-registering at the Mud Creek operations building one and one-half hours before legal shooting time on each hunting day. Each hunter may bring up to two guests with them.

Please observe the following instructions when completing your application:

- (1) Submit your online application available at <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/where-to-hunt-waterfowl> via email to anr.fwdcontrolledhunt@vermont.gov, or
- (2a) **PRINT** your NAME, ADDRESS, and choice of **up to two (2)** preferred hunting dates (choice of October 15 and/or October 17) on application attached to this packet.
- (2b) 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 public 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 no later than September 27, 2024.

2024 PRE-REGISTERED HUNTING DAYS FOR THE MUD CREEK CONTROLLED WATERFOWL HUNTING AREA

**Tuesday, October 15
Thursday, October 17**

All other Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays **AFTER** the lottery days during the open seasons will be self-registration days. On these days, permits will be available at the operations building, in the self-registration box.

Please follow instructions on the bulletin board at the Mud Creek operations building before and after your hunt.

MUD CREEK CONTROLLED WATERFOWL HUNTING AREA - ALBURGH, VT

HUNTING DATES, STANDBY TIMES, AND LEGAL MORNING SHOOTING TIMES - 2024

DATE	DAY OF WEEK	SIGN IN TIME	LEGAL SHOOTING TIME
Oct. 12	Sat-----	Closed to all hunting-----	Closed to all hunting
15	Tues (Lottery Only)	5:06 AM	6:35
17	Thurs (Lottery Only)	5:08 AM	6:38
19	Sat		6:41
22	Tues		6:44
24	Thurs		6:47
26	Sat		6:50
29	Tues		6:54
31	Thurs		6:56
Nov. 2	Sat		6:59
5	Tues		Eastern Standard Time 6:03 AM
7	Thurs		6:06
9	Sat.		6:08
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23	Sat		6:27
26	Tues		6:30
28	Thurs		6:33
30	Sat		6:35
Dec. 3	Tues		6:38
5	Thurs		6:40
7	Sat		6:42
10	Tues		6:45
12	Thurs		6:47
14	Sat		6:48
17	Tues		6:51
19	Thurs		6:52
21	Sat		6:53

NOTE: The Mud Creek operations building will **NOT** be staffed by Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department personnel..

**** October 15 and 17** are reserved for permit winners who must self-register on the day of the hunt. On these dates, any vacancies due to no shows will be filled on the morning of the hunt prior to shooting time. Permit holders must arrive by the sign-in time, or their spot may be forfeited to a standby hunter. Standby hunters will have to regulate themselves as to who was on standby first.

All Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays **AFTER** October 17 during the open seasons will be self-registration days. On these days, permits will be available for six blind locations at the operations building, within the self-registration box.

Hunting hours on the Mud Creek Controlled Waterfowl Hunting Area are from legal morning shooting time until 11:00 AM. Hunters must be checked out of the area by noon.

No fee required.

REGULATION #944

A REGULATION CONTROLLING HUNTING AND TRESPASSING
ON THE MUD CREEK CONTROLLED HUNTING AREA IN ALBURGH

1. Public use of the Mud Creek Controlled Hunting Area (CHA) shall be permitted or restricted as follows:
 - a) No person shall possess a firearm, muzzleloader, trap, bow and arrow, crossbow or spear while within the boundaries of the Mud Creek CHA except under authority of a permit issued by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. Permits issued for hunting or trapping shall be carried by those persons at all times while on the CHA and shall be exhibited to any Fish and Wildlife Department employee upon request.
 - b) The existing railroad bed and that portion of the CHA lying south of the railroad bed shall be open to fishing and hiking at all times, except during times when the CHA is operational as provided for under section 2b. Fishing shall be in conformance with existing fishing regulations except that taking fish by spearing, shooting, or with bow and arrow shall be prohibited.
 - c) The portion of the CHA lying north of the railroad bed shall be open to the public from January 1 through August 31 annually without need of permit; public use of this portion of the CHA from September 1 through December 31 annually shall be only under authority of a permit issued by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.
 - d) In addition to other laws pertaining to public use of the CHA, it shall be unlawful for anyone other than Fish and Wildlife Department personnel to:
 - 1) operate any motorized vehicle on any portion of the CHA, except for snowmobile use on the designated VAST trail;
 - 2) camp overnight except under authority of permit from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department;
 - 3) build or tend any open fire;
 - 4) litter or deposit any refuse;
 - 5) operate any boat or canoe with any type of motor attached.

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2. Provisions for waterfowl hunting on the CHA shall be as follows:
- a) Waterfowl hunting on the CHA shall be only under authority of a permit issued by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. Permits shall result from a public drawing of applications received and in conformance with the optimal number of hunters to be authorized entry on predetermined shooting days. Provision may be made for permits for hunters through a self-registration process at the CHA for hunting days not included in the public drawing and preregistration process.
 - b) Shooting hours on the CHA shall be from legal morning starting time until 11:00 AM.
 - c) Each hunting party shall be equipped with a boat or canoe and not fewer than six decoys. A person other than Fish and Wildlife Department personnel shall not operate a boat with any type of motor attached.
 - d) A person hunting under authority of a permit shall appear at the area control office at or before noon on the day for which the permit is valid and furnish to an agent of the Commissioner such information as requested and exhibit any game birds taken.
 - e) A person shall not possess or discharge more than 25 shotgun shells per day.
 - f) Nontoxic shot is required for all waterfowl hunting.
 - g) All laws and regulations not inconsistent herewith shall be in force.

The Mud Creek Controlled Hunting Area is enclosed by appropriate notices to mark boundaries.

APPLICATION for controlled waterfowl hunting at **Mud Creek Controlled Hunting Area**
in Alburgh, 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

*MY PREFERRED DAY or DAYS:

Applicant's Name

1st choice (one day only)

Mailing Address

Telephone #

2nd choice (one day only)

Town/City

State

Zip

- Choose one or both available **LOTTERY** hunting days (**October 15th and/or 17th**) for the Mud Creek Controlled Hunting Area

Please select your blind in order of preference
(blind sites #1 through #6)

Please check the box if you are a 1st time waterfowl hunter (any age)
or youth hunter (17 years of age or younger)