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Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge Waives Waterfowl Hunt Permit Fees for Veterans

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) announced today that Veteran's Day, November 11, 2008 will be a fee free day for U.S. veterans and active members of the U.S. armed forces wishing to hunt waterfowl on the refuge. On that day, the normal permit fee of \$5.00 will be waived for any eligible veteran or active service member.

Interested hunters must be at the waterfowl permit station on Route 77, at Kanyoo Nature Trail, to participate in the random drawing for hunt stands at 5:00 a.m. Up to three people may share a stand on one permit. To be eligible hunters must have in their possession a valid New York State hunting license, valid Duck Stamp or e-stamp, a valid HIP (Harvest Information Program) number and a certificate of completion from a state-sanctioned waterfowl identification class. One accessible stand is set aside for hunters with permanent disabilities and can be reserved by calling refuge staff the day before. The accessible stand can accommodate up to two hunters with disabilities and one helper who may also hunt. For those who do not have a helper, a refuge volunteer has offered his services as a non-hunting guide to call and retrieve birds. Waterfowl hunting is from ½ hour before sunrise until 12 noon. All hunters must check out by 1 p.m.

For additional information please, contact refuge staff at 585-948-5445.

Iroquois NWR is located midway between Rochester and Buffalo, NY and is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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