

WATERFOWL HUNTING ON WIGGINS MILL AND BUCKHORN RESERVOIRS

(2011-2012 ALL BLINDS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED)

2012 - 2013

General Information

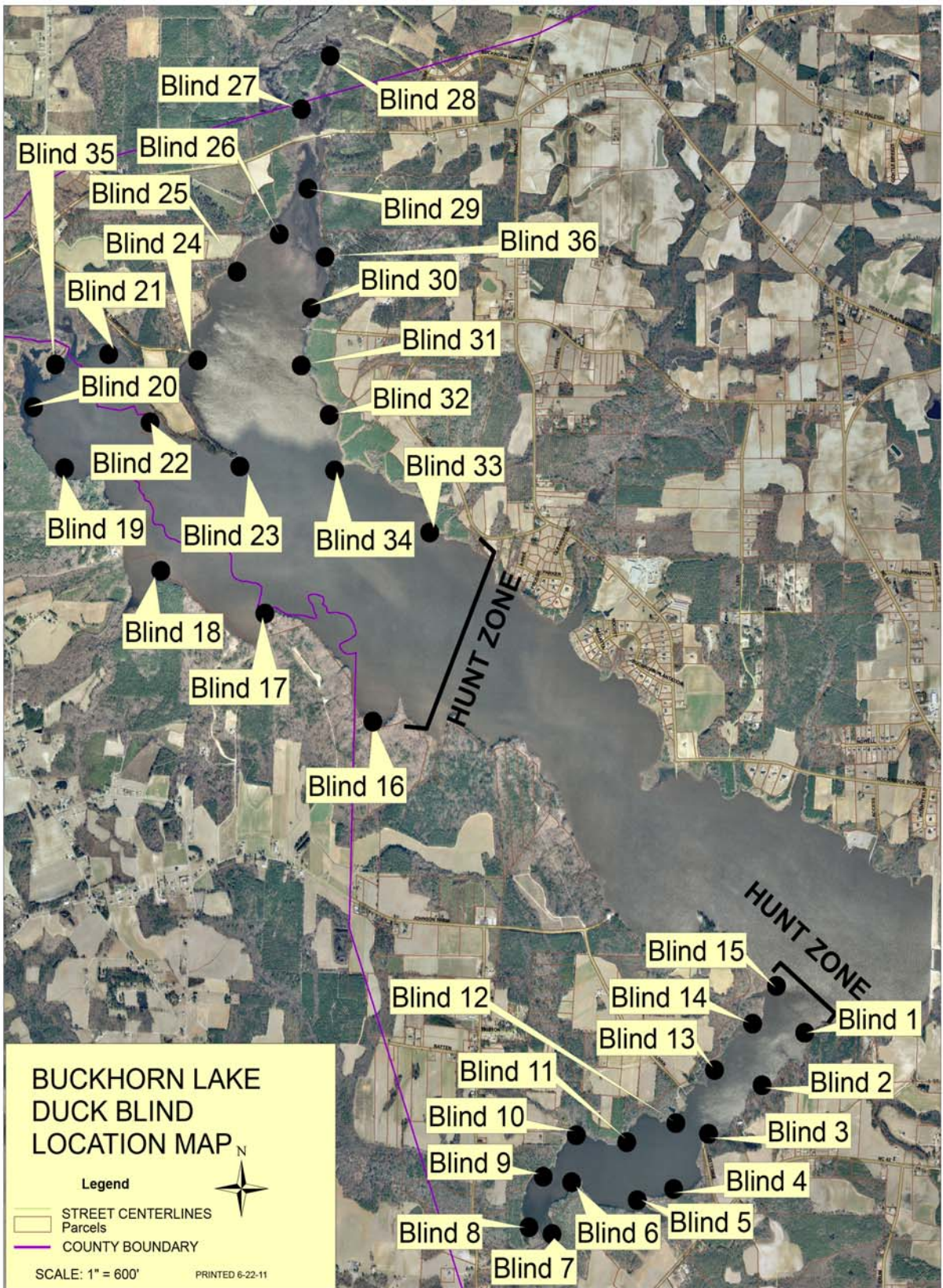
In order to create a municipal water supply, the City of Wilson purchased and flooded land to develop the City of Wilson Reservoirs. The City maintains jurisdiction of all water and adjacent land to the 159' elevation line at Buckhorn Reservoir and to all water and to existing property lines at Wiggins Mill Reservoir.

It is the intention of the City to regulate waterfowl hunting in a manner that will secure public access for the future. It is also the intent to improve the safety and manage the wildlife within the city reservoirs.

Rules, Regulations and Map

1. All provisions of the Wilson City Code shall apply, including specifically, City Code chapter 19, Article V.
2. All State and Federal Hunting Regulations apply.
3. Buckhorn Reservoir and Wiggins Mill Reservoir will be a Monday, Wednesday and Saturday ONLY hunt except for
 - a. City Recognized Holidays will be open to hunt
 1. Veterans Day
 2. Thanksgiving Day and the day following Thanksgiving
 3. Christmas Day and the day before and the day after Christmas Day
 4. New Year's Day
 5. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
4. Selection process for Global Positioning System Blind Location
 - a. **Blind Application is limited to Wilson County Residents Only.**
 - b. Blind applications will be available on April 13, 2012.
 1. Blind Application Fee
 1. \$5.00 for Wilson City Residents
 2. \$10.00 for Wilson County Residents
 - c. Application deadline will be at 4:00 pm on May 18, 2012.
 1. Each person will be able to apply once to each reservoir.

- d. Blind Drawing will be at 4:30 pm on May 18th at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, City of Wilson Charles W. Pittman, III Operations Center located at 1800 Herring Avenue, Wilson, NC 27894. Each person drawn will be assigned a corresponding blind number in the order in which they were drawn.
 - e. If all Blinds are not assigned on May 18th, a second draw will be held on May 25th at 4:30 pm with an application deadline of 12:00 pm on May 25th at Parks and Recreation Administration Office.
 - f. If all blinds are not assigned on May 25th, all remaining blinds will be available on a first come basis starting May 29, 2011 at 8:00 am at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office.
5. All Blinds Permits must be paid by 5:00 pm, May 11, 2012. All Blinds Permits that have not been paid by May 11th will be added to the drawing on May 18th at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office.
6. Hunters must obtain a proper permit from the Parks and Recreation Administration Office located at the City of Wilson Charles W. Pittman, III Operations Center, 1800 Herring Avenue, Wilson, NC 27894, before the construction of a permitted Blind Location. Hours of operation are Monday- Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.
 - a. Each person drawn will have rights to the blind drawn as long as the yearly fees are paid for a five year cycle. All blinds will re-enter draw in a five year rotation. The next complete blind draw will be in 2015 and will include all blinds.
 - b. Each person drawn will have the choice to construct a blind or the use of a boat blind at their permitted location.
7. Hunters must hunt within the permitted areas only. There will be an allowable variance of no more than 20 yards from the provided Global Positioning System Permitted Coordinates.
8. No person is able to leave the boat ramp earlier than two hours before sunrise. Your boat may be in the water but must be tied to the dock until two hours before sunrise. Every boat must be back at the boat ramp within 1 hour after sunset. Any person choosing to walk in to their permitted blinds must wait at the edge of city property until two hours before sunrise before entering city property and must be off city property no later than 1 hour after sunset. It will be up to the hunter to acquire proper permission as it pertains to the NC Wildlife Rules and Regulations before entering private property as a means to access City of Wilson property to hunt.
9. Private blinds may only be built after appropriate permit has been secured from the Parks and Recreation Administration Office.
 - a. Each blind will be required to have the assigned number on the inside of the constructed blind or boat blind as a means to identify each blind after completion.
 - b. Each constructed blind will have reflectors installed to aid in safety during duck season.
10. No person will be allowed to be the primary blind holder on more than two blinds per reservoir.
 - a. Any person will be able to purchase left over blinds after deadline for payment has passed, however, no person will be allowed to be the primary blind holder on more than two blinds per reservoir.
11. Buckhorn and Wiggins Mill Reservoir Hunting Zone Map





Reservoir Hunting Permits and Fees

Hunting on both reservoirs is by permit only. Fees are as follows:

Private Blinds:

- 1) **Annual Fee for Private Blind Holder will include Blind Permit and Hunting Permit for Current Hunting Season.**
 - a. **\$50.00 for Wilson City Residents**
 - b. **\$100.00 for Wilson County Residents**
 - i. **The Annual Hunting Permit will expire at the end of the Hunting Season. You can access the reservoir for the purpose of maintenance or construction of permitted blind ONLY past the end of hunting season.**
- 2) **Annual Hunting Permit per person**
 - i. **\$25.00 for Wilson City Residents**
 - ii. **\$50.00 for Wilson County Residents**
 - a. **There will be a maximum of 4 additional people assigned per blind.**
 - i. **No more than 4 people in one blind at a time**
 - b. **Blind Permit Holder determines who is able to purchase the four additional Annual Hunting Permits assigned per blind.**
 - c. **No person under the age of 18 will be permitted to apply for a blind.**
 - d. **Persons 16 years or younger do not need a Hunting Permit as long as they hunt with a Permitted Hunter.**
- 3) **Guest Pass per Visit**
 - i. **\$5.00 Guest fee for Wilson City Residents**
 - ii. **\$10.00 Guest fee for Wilson County residents**
 - a. **Guest passes are good only for the day assigned on pass and must be carried on the assigned person while hunting.**
 - b. **Guest passes may be purchased ahead of time at the Parks and Recreation Administration office, Monday- Friday, 8 am - 5 pm or at reservoir marina. Drop boxes with daily permits will be made available at marina and can only be used when accompanied with a Private Blind Permit holder permitted to the blind intended to hunt.**

City Owned Blinds and Blind Locations

- 1) **The city will have blind locations on Wiggins Mill reservoir. Wiggins Mill reservoir will have two permanent blinds constructed and maintained by the city.**
 - a. **The city owned blinds will be available to Wilson County Residents wishing to apply for a weekly draw. These two locations will have a weekly draw starting the week before Duck Season and running through youth day.**

- i. A schedule for Weekly Blind Draws dates and times will be made available when NC Wildlife releases their Waterfowl Dates for the fall.
- ii. The Parks and Recreation Administration Office located within the Charles W. Pittman, III Operation Center at 1800 Herring Avenue Wilson, NC 27894 will receive applications for weekly draws until 12:00 pm on each Wednesday with the draw to follow later that day at 1:00 pm. All winners will be notified by Wednesday at 5:00 pm. All fees must be paid for by 5:00 pm Friday of the week of the draw. All weekly blind draws not paid by 5:00 pm on Friday will made available on a first come basis the following Monday.
 - a. There is no cost to apply for Weekly Blinds draws.
 - b. Person Selected for weekly draw
 - i. \$5.00 usage fee per person for Wilson City residents
 - ii. \$10.00 usage fee per person for Wilson County residents

City of Wilson Parks and Recreation Waterfowl Rules and Regulations

- Hunting is by PERMIT ONLY.
- Permits are valid for the individuals listed on the Annual or Guest Pass only. All other use, access or hunting, is strictly prohibited and considered trespassing.
- All boating regulations, bag limits, possession limits, and appropriate reporting requirements as outlined in the North Carolina Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest apply.
- Each permitted hunter must possess his hunting permit each time he hunts.
- Hunters MUST stay within the designated blind area during the hunt. Absolutely NO HUNTING is permitted outside the permitted blind area. The City of Wilson will allow blinds to be constructed within 20 yards of the permitted Global Positioning System coordinates. Hunters should take extreme care in chasing and dispatching cripples.
- The City of Wilson and its agents reserve the right to suspend any permits as necessary.

Other Notes

- Respect private property. Nothing in these regulations authorizes entry on private property.
- For More Information Contact
 - Dale Edmonds, Parks Superintendent– 252-399-2273
 - Travis Sherrod or Guy Pittman, Park Rangers– 252-399-2265