

STATE PARKS ANNOUNCE WATERFOWL BLIND DRAWINGS

Beaver Island State Park, West River Parkway, Strawberry Island Included

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has announced that lottery drawings for the first half of Waterfowl Hunting Season at Beaver Island State Park, Strawberry Island and the West River Parkway have been scheduled.

Draws will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday beginning Friday - October 26st. The doors will open at 6:00pm and the draws start at 6:30pm SHARP! The draws will **continue to** take place in the basement of the Beaver Island Clubhouse. Please enter in the back door closest to Parking Lot next to the Clubhouse. Please note that this year, blinds #39 and #40 will not be available due to construction on Motor Island.

To participate in the lottery drawings, hunters must be present and show a valid NYS Small Game Hunting license with a signed duck stamp, proof of completion of a Waterfowl ID course and proof of registration in the Harvest Information Program (HIP).

Duck season will run from October 27 through December 9 and the Canada Goose season will run from October 27 through December 11. Since the Canada Goose hunting season is only two days longer than the duck season, blind drawings for those two days will take place during the last draw on Friday, December 7. There will be no call-ins this year.

Again this season, State Parks will also be including a DEC Universal Access Blind located on East River Road at Spicer Creek Wildlife Management Area (north of the cemetery). Waterfowl hunting is restricted to the wooden Universal Blind structure only.

You may contact the Park Office at (716)773-3271 on weekdays between 8:15am and 4:15pm for more information.