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HIGHBANKS MANAGED HUNT UNIT (with SWAN CREEK AREA) in ALLEGAN STATE GAME AREA SPECIAL USE AND HUNTING RULES Have you tried Mi-Hunt?

All other applicable State Land Use rules and regulations apply, unless modified by the text below. To review the standard "Wildlife and Game Area - State Land Rules" (doc# IC 2598), see the back of most State Wildlife/Game Area maps (except those with Special Use and Hunting Rules, like this page); maps, rules and regulations, and more information on this and other areas are available at DNR Offices or on the internet at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr .

NOTE: It is your responsibility as a user of public lands, to ensure you are informed of all current rules and regulations relevant to your activities. The information presented here represents some details relevant to land use, but this is not a complete list of all rules and regulations, and may not be as immediately updated as current legislation and rules. This product is not a legal notice, nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed tool issued for convenience on this specific subject. Contact your local DNR office if you have questions, or to verify regulations relating to possible activities before engaging in those activities. The DNR is on the internet at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr.

If you have questions or comments about the area or its management, please contact the local office: Allegan State Game Area Headquarters, 4590 - 118th Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010 ; phone 269- 673-2430.

SPECIFIC RULES AND PROCEDURES:

- No local permit is required to hunt the Highbanks Unit of Allegan State Game Area.
- 2. BBB is the largest shot size permitted within the Highbanks Unit.
- 3. Youth Day(s) shall be as posted.
- 4. Follow all general area rules and procedures, both in this list and in the standard guidelines plus any posted signs or notices in the area. If you have any questions, contact the area office (listed above).

During the Allegan Goose Management Unit (GMU) Season:

- 1. Hunting is first-come first-serve with no permit required.
- 2. Goose hunting Is open only on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
- 3. No person shall have in their possession or fire from their shotgun more than 25 shot shells while hunting waterfowl. Reminder: must use Federally-approved non-toxic shot, and BBB is the largest shot size permitted. No lead shot or lead buckshot may be in possession - see #1 below.
- 4. Goose hunting ends at 2 p.m. daily.
- 5. Goose hunters must stay within 25 feet of established shooting posts or shooting stations (see area map).

GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES:

- 1. it is unlawful to use or possess any shot, whether loose or loaded in shot shells, of a material other than Federally-approved non-toxic shot, except single projectile loads. BBB is the largest shot size permitted. (See the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order sections 3.411 and 3.414 for details).
- 2. You may enter posted retrieving zones only to retrieve "downed" game.
- 3. A current hunting license is your permit for any open season. Contact office if questions on required permit(s).

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- Entering for any purpose the area posted, "WILDLIFE REFUGE DO NOT ENTER."
- 2. Shooting from parking areas except as prescribed under a Use (Handicap) Permit. There is no hunting or shooting from any dike, road, trail, safety zone, or retrieving zone (such as near Refuge) posted against such use.
- 3. Constructing a shooting pit or permanent blind. Portable blinds are permitted, but must be removed at the end of each hunt.
- 4. Parking outside designated parking areas. See map for parking lot locations, or ask local area office.
- 5. Camping in parking areas campsites are available at Ely Lake and Pine Point campgrounds.
- 6. Trapping, except under written permit.
- 7. Taking cans or glass bottles into the permit zones, to possess or consume alcoholic beverages, or Littering (including spent shot shells and cans, bottles, etc.).
- 8. Vehicle or horse use off county roads or out of designated parking lots, except as authorized by the Area Manager.
- 9. Use of Off-road vehicle (ORV) in Allegan State Game Area. ORVs are unlawful in Allegan State Game Area.
- 10. Other Rules and Regulations for the State Game Area may be posted in the area; look for additional signs or notices to insure you have a safe hunt. CAUTION: Use care near all water areas; some of areas may contain deep water, depending on season and rainfall.

BE A SAFE HUNTER - A safe hunter obeys laws governing hunting & boating, is alert to any conditions hazardous to safety of them & others. (Rev. 10/15b/2014 -WLD/ MLS)

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