



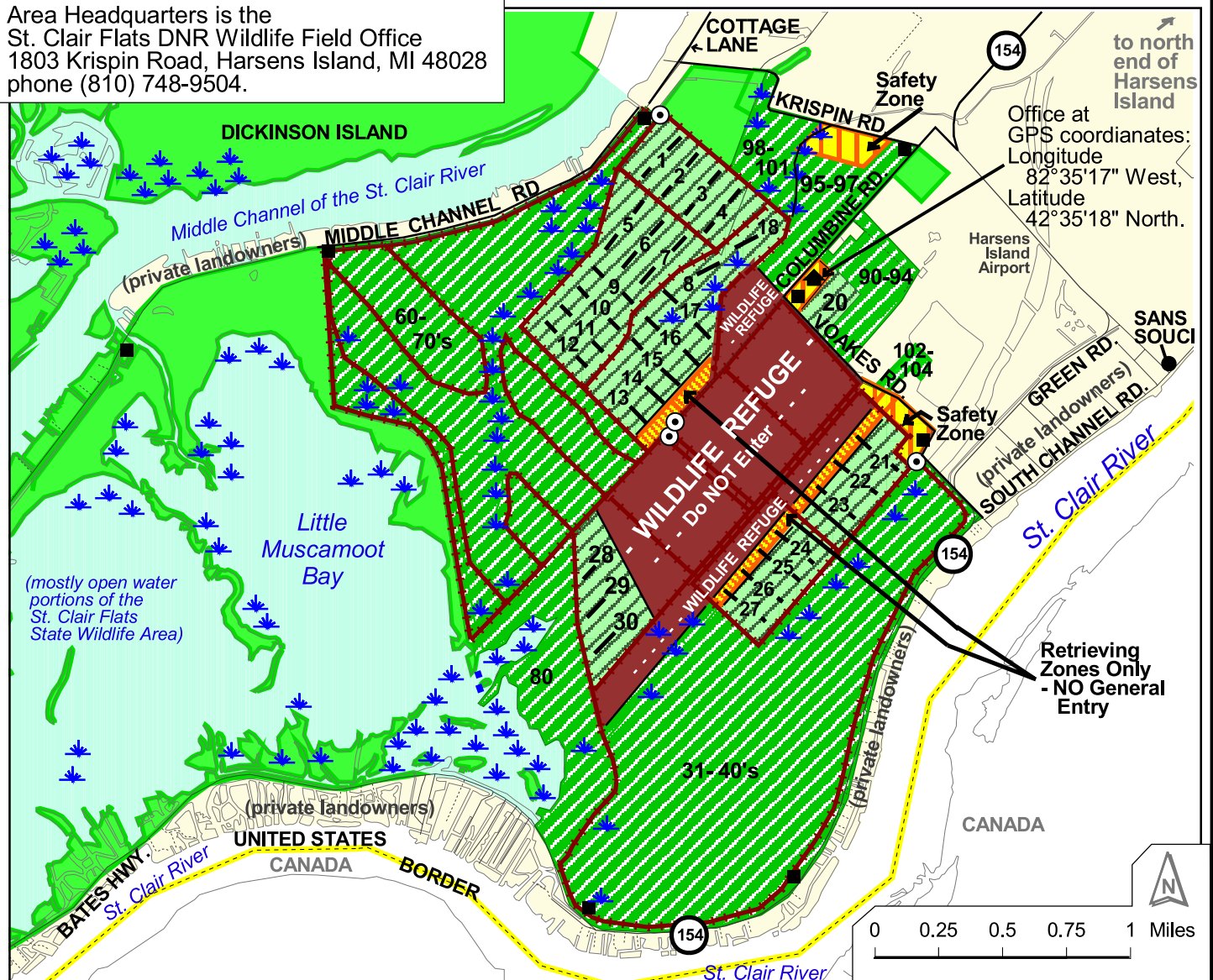
STATE OF MICHIGAN - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# ST. CLAIR FLATS STATE WILDLIFE AREA HARSENS ISLAND UNIT

- Managed Hunt Area Map -  
ST. CLAIR COUNTY



Area Headquarters is the  
St. Clair Flats DNR Wildlife Field Office  
1803 Krispin Road, Harsens Island, MI 48028  
phone (810) 748-9504.



to north end of Harsens Island

Office at GPS coordinates:  
Longitude 82°35'17" West,  
Latitude 42°35'18" North.

**Legend**

- General Area - Open to Hunting, No local permit required.
- Managed Hunting Zone - Zones 1-30  
Hunting by Permit Only.  
2-4 Hunters per Party.
- Managed Hunting Zone - Zones 31-104  
Hunting by Permit Only.
- Corn Strip (in Managed Hunt Areas)
- Retrieving Zone Only - No General Entry
- Wildlife Refuge - DO NOT ENTER
- Safety Zone - No hunting
- Area Headquarters
- Parking Area
- Boat Launch/ Access
- Pumping Station
- Open Water / Wet Marsh
- Dike & Ditch Areas - No hunting on Dikes!

**Important Reminders:** 150 yards (450 feet) Hunter Safety Zones are enforced around all structures which could be occupied.  
Be Safe! Always be careful around water and the ditch/dikes for deep water!

- Highways, Paved Roads
- Dirt Roads, Two-Tracks, Trails
- Railroads
- Township-Range-Section Lines - Sections numbered (1-36) near center
- Water, Lakes, Ponds
- Waterways, Rivers, Streams
- Seasonal Streams, Drains



For more information on this or other areas, contact DNR offices, or visit online: [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)  
Have you tried **Mi-Hunt?** [www.michigan.gov/mihunt](http://www.michigan.gov/mihunt)

Portions of this area are designated Watchable Wildlife viewing areas, and are great areas to get outdoors!



## Hunter Monies Help Make This Area Possible

DNR-Wildlife Map - area 740202 (Rev.02/19/2016-WLD/MLS)



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## SPECIAL USE AND HUNTING RULES

All other applicable State Land Use rules and regulations apply, unless modified by the text below. To review the standard "State Wildlife and Game Areas - State Land Rules" (document IC 2598), see the back of most State Wildlife / Game Area maps (except those with Special Use and Hunting Rules, like this area); Area maps, rules and regulations, plus additional details on this and other areas are available at Michigan Department of Natural Resources (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: [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

**If you have questions or comments about the area or its management, please contact the St. Clair Flats State Wildlife Area - Harsens Island DNR Wildlife Office, at: 1803 Krispin Road, Harsens Island, MI, 48028 ; phone: (810) 748-9504.**

1. From September 15 through January 1, you may not enter any part of the game area posted "STATE GAME AREA - Hunting by Permit Only" without a valid local permit (all area rules apply during this period). Permits are issued at the area office, located at the corner of Columbine and Voakes Roads. If you have questions or need more information, contact the area office (details listed above).
2. On the first and second day of the waterfowl season, hunting will be limited to groups of 2 or 4 persons holding a hunting reservation. For reservation information, contact the local DNR office between August 10 and September 2.
3. Youth Hunting Days: On the first Saturday of the duck season (p.m. only), hunting permits received through the mail are reserved for parties of at least 1 youth, 12-16 years old, accompanied by one or two parents, guardians or other person(s) (maximum of 2 adults per hunting party) authorized by the parent or guardian who is 17 years of age or older, with appropriate licenses and stamps. The date for the second youth hunting day in early November (non-reserved and P.M. only) will be posted at the check station headquarters.
4. Throughout the season, individuals and parties numbering up to 4 persons may apply in the drawing for permits. Any special rules and regulations for cropped hunting zones will be posted by the Area Manager at the Area Headquarters office building.
5. You must use a retriever dog to hunt in designated areas that will be posted in the check station Headquarters.
6. In party permit areas numbered 1 - 30, you must hunt in your designated corn strip (see map for location of strips). If you are hunting in areas 40 - 104, you may hunt anywhere within your assigned unit.
7. In all areas, hunters are limited to 18 shells. All persons must use and have in their possession only shells loaded with steel shot or other State and Federally approved non-toxic shot (see "Prohibited Item A", below); No.1 is the largest shot size permitted in the Area.
8. Because the Harsens Island area is part of the Great Lakes Coastal Marsh ecosystem, water levels fluctuate within the Great Lakes, and consequently affect the levels in the wildlife area. With lower lake water levels, the marsh areas become pools of very shallow water and mudflats. These periodic and natural low water conditions are healthy for the ecosystem, but may be a temporary inconvenience for recreational users.

### THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

1. Use of non-toxic shot is required for all hunting - 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. No.1 is the largest shot size permitted in the Area.
2. Entry into area posted "Wildlife Refuge", for any reason.
3. Hunting or shooting from any dike, road, trail, safety zone, or retrieving zone (such as near Refuge).
4. Constructing a shooting pit or permanent blind in the area posted "STATE WILDLIFE AREA - Hunting by Permit Only" or "STATE WILDLIFE AREA- Entry by Permit Only". *Portable blinds are permitted, but must be removed at the end of each hunt; when in doubt, ask the Area office.*
5. Parking outside designated areas; see map for parking lot locations. If you have questions on parking, call the local office at (810)748-9504.
6. Using an airboat, hovercraft, amphibious, all-terrain, or any other motor driven vehicle while in the area. Outboard motors are permitted but must be operated at a No-Wake speed. Launching personal watercraft from any access site within Harsens Island Wildlife Area is prohibited.
7. Trapping in the area, except under a written permit. Contact the area office for more information at (810)748-9504.
8. A person shall not possess or carry into the area posted "state game area - hunting by permit only" any metal or glass beverage container commonly used to contain juices, soft drinks, or alcoholic beverage, but excluding "thermos type bottles" during the period Sept.1 – Jan.1.
9. Camp or attempt to camp on designated parking areas or on any land posted "State Game Area – Hunting by Permit Only" during the period October 1 to the end of the migratory bird season.
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 open water areas; some of areas may contain deep water, depending on season and recent rainfall.

### PROCEDURES:

1. According to Part 435, 1994 PA 451: "A person shall not hunt waterfowl or deer where deer hunting is regulated by permit in an area designated by the Department as a managed waterfowl area without an annual or daily managed waterfowl area permit and any other license, permit, or passbook required by this part." Check the waterfowl digest for necessary stamps and shot information, or call a DNR office if have questions.
2. Permits are issued for a MORNING HUNT and an AFTERNOON HUNT. For the A.M. hunt, participants must be registered or in line for registration at 5:30 A.M. local time. For the P.M. hunt, participants must be registered or in line for registration at 11:30 A.M. local time. A drawing will be held following registration that will determine each party's or individual's place in line to secure a hunting permit. To hunt together as a party, all members of the group must register together as a party prior to the drawing, except that a single hunter may join a party of two or three if that hunter's fully completed registration card is filed in the check station prior to the drawing. Exception: A parent may register their child age 12-17, only when school is in session, by completing their registration card prior to the drawing.
3. Morning permits are valid from opening hour to 12:00 noon; afternoon permits from 1:00 p.m. to closing hour. You must personally return your permit from the morning hunt to the checking station by 2:00 p.m. and afternoon permits must be returned within one hour of closing time. All game taken must be presented for examination.
4. Any permits left following the drawing, will be issued on a first-come and first-served basis. No permits will be issued for the morning hunt after 10:00 a.m., nor after 5:00 p.m. (EDT) or 4:00 p.m. (EST) for the afternoon hunt.
5. On any day you have participated in a drawing and are issued a hunting permit (during or after drawing), you may not participate in another drawing.
6. For further information or details, call the local headquarters office at (810)748-9504.

**BE A SAFE HUNTER - A safe hunter obeys laws governing hunting and boating, is alert to any conditions hazardous to personal safety of the hunter and others.**

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