

# SHIAWASSEE RIVER STATE GAME AREA

- Managed Area Map -  
Saginaw County

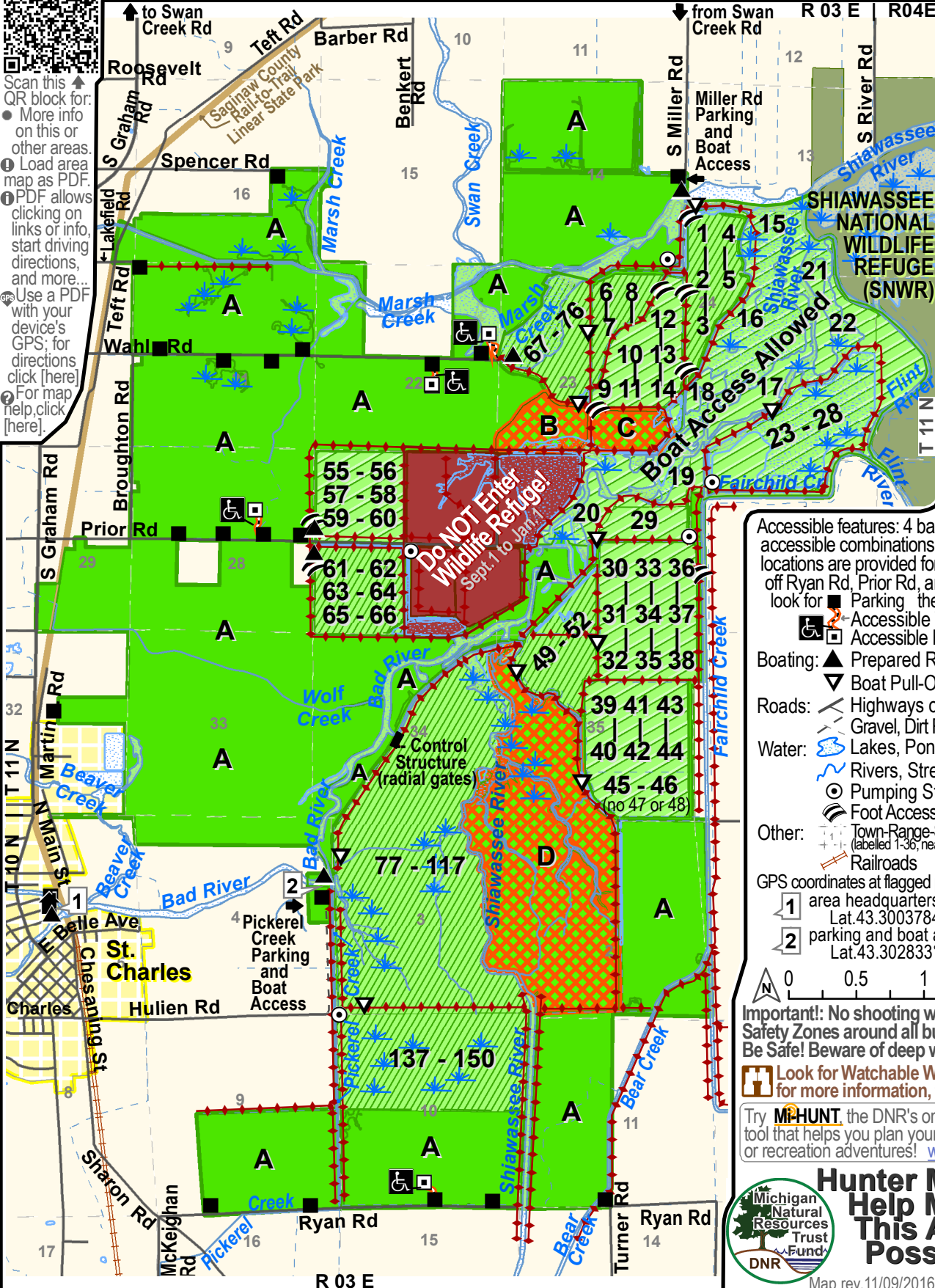
Area Headquarters: St. Charles DNR Wildlife Office  
225 East Spruce Street, St. Charles, MI 48655; ph. 989-865-6211



- Legend: Land:**
- State Wildlife/Game Area:
    - General Area "A"; open to hunting but a local permit is required; contact the office for details.
    - Wildlife Refuge - Do NOT Enter Sept. 1 to Jan. 1
    - Areas Closed to Waterfowl Hunting (units B, C, D)
    - Individual Permit Areas - Managed Waterfowl Hunt Zones, hunting by permit only; (areas #1-8, 49-52, 61-117, 137-150).
    - Party Permit Areas - Managed Waterfowl Hunt Zones, hunting by permit only, 2-4 hunters per party (areas #9-46, 55-60)
    - National Wildlife Refuge; Federal Land - Shiaswassee NWR this cooperater is shown on other maps like the DMU 273 map, and NWR maps
    - Linear State Park



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- Accessible features: 4 barrier-free wheelchair/PAMD accessible combinations of parking, trail and blind locations are provided for those with limited mobility, off Ryan Rd, Prior Rd, and Wahl Rd (2 spots).  
 look for P Parking, then the Wheelchair/PAMD look for A Accessible Trail to the H Accessible Hunting/Photography Blind
- Boating: ▲ Prepared Ramp / Access Site  
▼ Boat Pull-Over ▲▲▲ Dike / Ditch Areas
- Roads:  Highways or Paved  
 Gravel, Dirt Roads, Two-Tracks, Trails
- Water: ● Lakes, Ponds \* Marsh in Area  
~ Rivers, Streams ~ Seasonal Streams, Drains  
P Pumping Station  
A Foot Access/Bridges, or Field Access
- Other: + Town-Range-Section Lines (labeled 1-36, near center of block) + Cities or Villages  
 Railroads  Power Lines, Pipes

GPS coordinates at flagged points:  
1 area headquarters in St. Charles: Lat.43.3003784°N, Long.84.1405239°W.  
2 parking and boat access, Pickerel Creek: Lat.43.302833°N, Long.84.110728°W.

0 0.5 1 2 Miles

**Important!: No shooting within 150 yards (450 feet) Safety Zones around all buildings, always enforced. Be Safe! Beware of deep water, and at ditch/dikes!**

W Look for Watchable Wildlife viewing area signs for more information, trails or feature locations.

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## SHIAWASSEE RIVER STATE GAME AREA - SPECIAL USE AND HUNTING RULES

This "Special Use and Hunting Rules" is a special-back of a [State Wildlife/Game Area map](#). All other applicable State Land Use rules and regulations apply, unless modified by text below with citation. For the standard-back "Reminders of State Land Rules for State Wildlife / Game Areas" with citations and links, read the back of most [wildlife/game area maps](#) (or click [here](#)). Details on this and other areas are available on the [DNR's internet site](#) online or contact [DNR offices](#). If you cannot read details on this or any other DNR documents, [contact DNR offices](#), or see scalable documents on the [DNR website](#).

\* **NOTE:** It's 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, but is not a complete set of all rules, regulations and laws, and may not be as immediately updated as current legislation and rules. This product is not a legal notice; it is a tool provided for convenience on this specific subject. A complete listing of rules and regulations, legal descriptions, hunt unit boundaries, season dates and more are on the [DNR website](#) ([www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)) under "Laws and Legislation" [Contact DNR offices](#) if you have questions -or- to verify rules and regulations relating to your possible activities, before doing those activities.

**If you have questions or comments about the area or its management, please contact the local office: Shiawassee River Game Area Office, [225 E. Spruce Street, St. Charles, MI 48655](#) ; phone [989-865-6211](#).**

**GENERAL RULES:** You may not enter any area posted "WILDLIFE REFUGE - DO NOT ENTER" or "WILDLIFE REFUGE - CLOSED TO ALL USE AND OCCUPANCY" from September 1 to January 1, except with written permission/ permit from local office (above).

### REGARDING WATERFOWL HUNTING:

1. All [waterfowl hunting](#) is **by local permit only**, with [appropriate licenses and stamps](#). Permits are issued for a *morning hunt* or an *afternoon hunt*, and are only valid for the time and location designated on the permit. This area is a [Michigan Wetland Wonder](#) (click [here](#)) with reports ([here](#)), and a managed waterfowl hunt area with [unique regulations](#) with local details and drawing process.
2. The area is open to early waterfowl seasons in select portions, but hunters must have a self-registered local permit available from the St. Charles headquarters, local office kiosk (office details are at top; local office is shown on map).
3. Shiawassee River SGA (SRSGA) waterfowl reservations are required to hunt *during the first weekend* of regular waterfowl season. For [SRSGA waterfowl reservation information and directions](#), see the [current waterfowl hunt digest](#) or online info (click [here](#)).
4. Local drawings are held each hunting day at 5:00 AM for the *morning hunt*, and 11:00 AM for the *afternoon hunt*. *Morning permits* are valid from opening hour that day (varies) to 12:00 noon; *afternoon permits* are valid from 1:00 PM to closing hour (varies).
5. *Individual hunting*: hunters successful in a drawing may choose areas 1-8, 49-52, 61-117, or 137-150 (see map on reverse side).
6. *Party hunting*: A minimum of 2 hunters are required to hunt party permit areas 9-46, 55-60 (see map); parties cannot exceed the maximum party size. All party members must register together before a drawing (morning and afternoon), except 1 or 2 absentee hunters may be absent from a drawing yet later join party, if the party leader has the absent hunter's license(s). After a draw, parties are not allowed to split and take separate zones.
7. On any day during which a hunter participated in a morning drawing, were successful, issued a hunt permit and used it, then that hunter *may not* participate in the afternoon drawing. If a hunter did the same participation in morning drawing, except passed or forfeited their draw, then that hunter *may* participate in the afternoon drawing.
8. Self-registered permits are no longer available; leftover permits are issued on a first-come/first-served basis until 4:00 PM.
9. Hunting by local permit is restricted to assigned zones in area on permit, chosen post or strip, and hunters may leave only to retrieve downed game. Party leader or individual hunter must carry a valid permit on their person during the hunt, must show to DNR staff if asked, and must return the permit to the designated location before leaving Shiawassee River SGA on the day of the hunt.
10. During the regular waterfowl season, each hunter is limited to 25 shells, with BBB as the largest shot size permitted; see #a below.
11. It is unlawful to use motion-winged decoys at Shiawassee River SGA. If any doubts on a decoy, ask the area headquarters (at top).

**REGARDING YOUTH HUNTS:** [youth hunting](#) and mentoring are encouraged; check [current digests](#) (click [here](#)), or ask the office.

**REGARDING DEER HUNTING:** For [reserved deer hunt](#) details like [DMU273](#) are online ([here](#)). [Deer hunting](#) is **by local permit only** (daily or annual permit); for more information, contact the office. Deer hunters must carry permits with them during hunt. Hunters can erect legal tree stands prior to their hunt; see #c below. Buckshot is prohibited; see #a below. If questions, contact the local office.

**REGARDING SMALL GAME HUNTING:** [Small game hunting](#) with appropriate licenses, is permitted only in general areas "A" (see map on other side, for locations labelled "A") from September 1 until the end of waterfowl season. The entire area is closed to small game hunting November 15 to 30. For more information or if questions, contact the local office (details at top).

**REGARDING TRAPPING:** [Trapping of furbearers](#) is **by local permit only**. For more information, contact the local office (details at top).

**THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:** ... *plus be aware other reminders are on the "standard map back" (click [here](#)) to read*...

- a. 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. When in doubt, ask the local headquarters (office info at top).
- b. Hunting or shooting from any dike, road, trail, safety zone, or retrieving zone.
- c. Constructing a shooting pit or blind on the game area. Make sure: using legally approved stands or blinds and all are correctly labelled as required before installed; no screw-in steps; portable blinds are permitted; and all must be removed at the end of each hunt.
- d. Using an amphibious vehicle, all-terrain, air-boat, hovercraft, or any other motor driven vehicle while in the managed hunting area. Outboard motors are permitted but must be operated at a no-wake speed, such as 10 miles per hour.
- e. Camping during October 1 to January 1 as per WCO 13.9 (4) is not allowed, and it is prohibited to build or use a ground fire.
- f. Taking cans or glass bottles into the permit zones, or to possess or consume alcoholic beverages.
- g. Parking outside of designated parking areas. See map for locations of parking lots, or [a help sheet](#), or, if questions, contact the office.
- h. To enter, use or occupy the state-owned lands of Shiawassee River State Game Area between the hours of 11:00 PM and 4:00 AM unless specially permitted - or under exception when hunting [coyote, fox or raccoon](#). If questions, call the local office (at top).
- i. Other rules and regulations for this wildlife/game area may be posted in the area; look for additional signs or notices to insure you have a safe outing. Check [current digests](#) (hunting and waterfowl) for necessary licenses, stamps, season dates and other details.
- j. **CAUTION:** Use care near all open water areas which may contain deep water, depending on season and recent rainfall.

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

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