



MUSKEGON CO. WASTEWATER MGT. SYSTEM SPECIAL WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA

- Managed Hunt Area Map -
Muskegon County

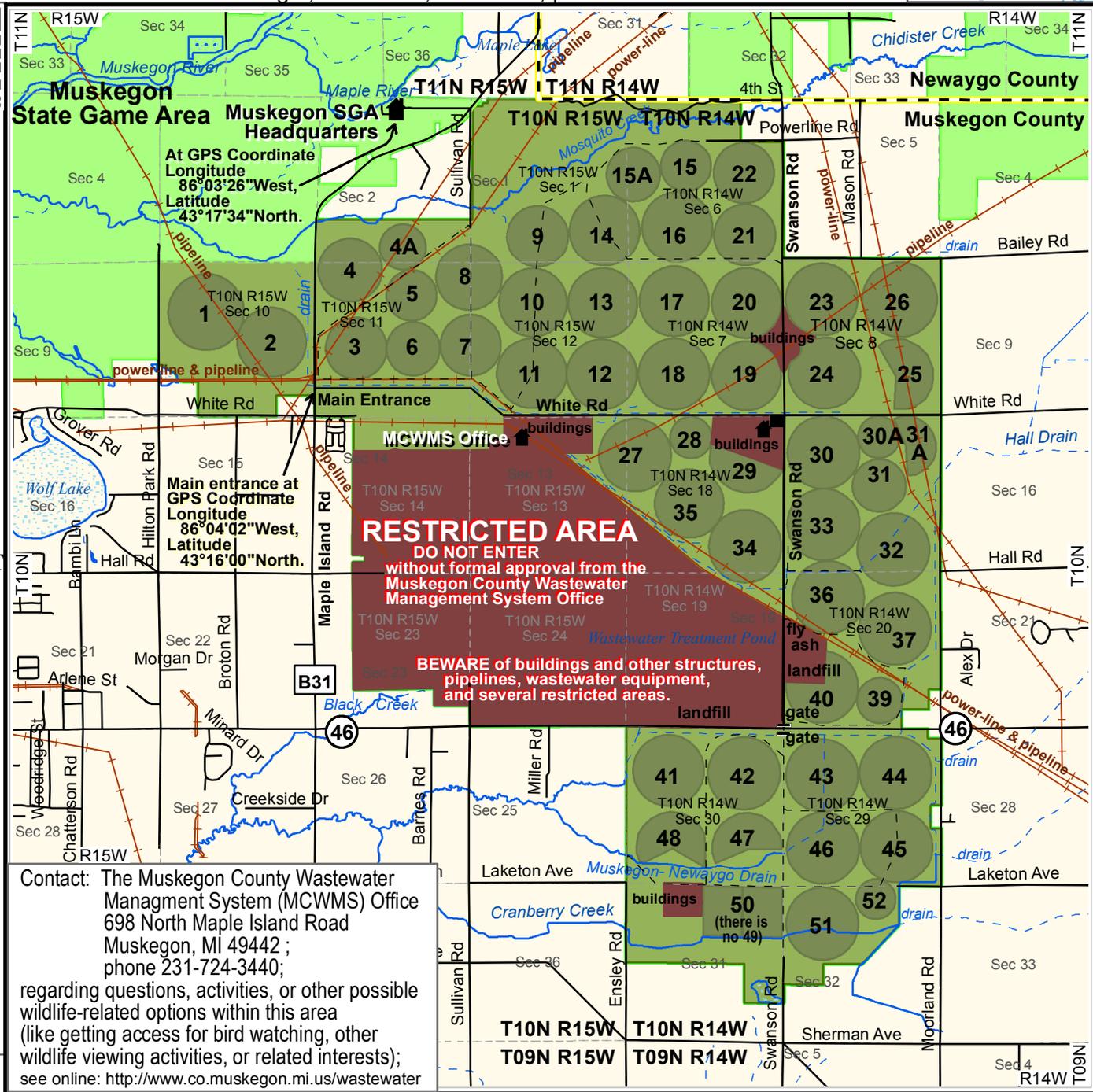
Area headquarters: Muskegon DNR Wildlife Office
7600 East Messinger, Twin Lake, MI 49457 ; phone 231- 788-5055.



For more information on this or other areas, contact DNR offices, visit www.michigan.gov/dnr, or scan this QR-block with your smartphone or similar device.

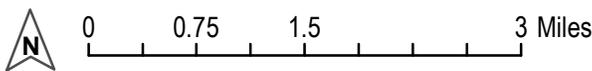


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Legend:

- Muskegon County Wastewater Management System land
 - State Wildlife/Game Area
 - Managed Hunt Areas (Irrigation Fields) - Hunting by Local Permit Only
 - Restricted Areas - Do NOT Enter
 - Area Headquarters; Parking possible near office.
 - Prepared Parking Area
- Roads: Highways or Paved Dirt Roads, Two-Track, Trails
- Water: Lakes or Ponds Waterways, Rivers, or Streams Seasonal Streams or Drainages
- Political: Township/ Range/ Section Lines County Boundary
- Other: Railroads Power Lines / Pipes



Important Reminders: 150 yards (450 feet) Hunter Safety Zones are enforced around all buildings and structures at all times. Be Safe! Always be careful around water and ditch/dikes for deep water!

Wildlife viewing opportunities may be available on this area; check-in at the Wastewater Management System Office for more information.



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MUSKEGON CO. WASTEWATER MGMT SYSTEM – SPECIAL WATERFOWL MGMT AREA SPECIAL USE AND HUNTING RULES

For those lands where applicable State Land Use rules and regulations apply: review the standard "Wildlife and Game Area - State Land Rules" (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 plus additional details, and more information 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 and cooperating private lands (like this area), 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 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 or a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed tool issued for convenience on this specific subject. A complete listing of regulations and legal descriptions are on the DNR website <http://www.michigan.gov/hunting>, under "Laws & Legislation." [Contact DNR offices](#) if you have questions or to verify regulations relating to your possible activities before engaging in those activities.

If you have questions or comments about this area or its management, please contact:

*Related to DNR activities - the Muskegon State Game Area (SGA) Headquarters / DNR Office,
7600 East Messinger Road, Twin Lake, MI 49457; phone 231- 788-5055.*

*Related to Muskegon County activities - The Muskegon County Wastewater Management System (MCWMS) Office,
698 North Maple Island Road, Muskegon, MI 49442; phone 231- 724-3440.*

GENERAL INFORMATION: This is a special cooperator area, managed for wildlife, waterfowl and special hunt purposes by Muskegon County with the DNR Wildlife Division. Managed waterfowl hunts are organized cooperatively and offered in select portions of this area - as described below, within the map on reverse side, and in other DNR documentation; the area is divided into managed hunt locations, and all numbered areas may not be available in each hunt. The MCWMS goose management unit, defined in the Michigan Wildlife Conservation Order (WCO) Section 12.703, is approximately 8,411 acres, not counting the Restricted Areas.

WATERFOWL HUNT PROCEDURES: *(See WCO Sections 3.412, 12.703, and 13.6 for more details)*

- 1. Term:** Opening date depends on crop harvest. Contact the Muskegon SGA Headquarters for more information.
 - The MCWMS goose management unit, as posted, shall be closed for the early September Canada goose season, Sept 1-15.
 - On Tuesday morning only hunts: Morning-only hunts are from opening of hunting hours until 2:00 p.m.
 - On Saturday morning and afternoon hunts: Morning hunts are from opening of hunting hours until 12:00 noon. Afternoon hunts are from 1:00 p.m. to closing of hunting hours.
 - See the annual waterfowl digest or the hunting and trapping digest for opening/closing hunting times and other details.
 - Youth Hunt(s): During a day designated and published by the area manager as "youth day(s)", hunting parties made up of at least 1 youth (aged 10 to 16 years old) accompanied by 1 or 2 adults (parents, guardians, or other persons authorized by the parent or guardian and who are 18 years of age or older), with appropriate licenses and stamps, shall be given first priority for local permits.
- 2. Requirements to Hunt:** (a.) personal identification; (b.) valid Michigan small game or other appropriate hunting licenses as required; (c.) State and Federal duck stamps, as required; and (d.) a local daily hunting permit issued by the DNR at the Muskegon SGA Headquarters Office or by DNR staff at hunt headquarters near the intersection of Swanson & White roads.
- 3. Game:** Ducks and geese only.
- 4. Permit Issuance:** Parties, of 2-4 people per party, should be at the Muskegon SGA Headquarters at 5:30 a.m. local time for a morning hunt and at 11:00 a.m. for an afternoon hunt, for a drawing to determine the order for each party to pick hunting locations. After the initial drawing, vacant areas will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Single individuals will be allowed to hunt, after all parties have been assigned and if any locations are available.
- 5. Control:**
 - a. Access -** (ingress and egress): Hunters will be admitted to the hunting areas by means of the most direct route to parking areas near their assigned locations. Parking instructions will be provided during the drawing. All other driving within the MCWMS area requires a special access permit from the MCWMS Office.
 - b. Limited Entry:** Only hunters with official permits will be admitted or permitted to remain in the hunting area.
 - c. Limited Areas:** Hunter numbers within each hunting zone or location are limited for safety reasons. Firearms may not be discharged anywhere except from the assigned location (zone, area or post).
 - d. Parking:** Parking areas will be assigned with permits.
 - e. Reporting:** All hunters must report to the game area office (or designated check station) to return tags and report all game taken and/or have game checked, within one hour following the end of the permitted hunt time.

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES – in addition to the above information and procedures:

1. All hunting will be subject to applicable laws of the State of Michigan. No hunting outside of assigned areas or location.
2. Hunters and their permits, tags, and firearms will be subject to inspection by DNR or Muskegon County personnel.
3. Firearms shall be unloaded at all times except at the assigned hunting zone, blind or post.
4. All hunters will be limited to 25 shells each, with shot size no larger than BBB. Steel shot only must be used.
5. It is unlawful to use or possess any shot, whether loose or loaded in shotshells, of material other than those of Federally approved non-toxic materials (specified in WCO section 3.411), except single projectile loads.
6. Use of dogs will be allowed.
7. No littering is permitted. No cans or bottles will be allowed on the area.
8. Persons damaging any Muskegon County property shall be liable for all damages and costs incurred.
9. Do not enter the "Restricted Area – Do Not Enter" portions of area (see map) without formal MCWMS Office permission.
10. Other Rules and Regulations may be posted in the area; look for additional signs or notices to ensure a safe hunt.

REGARDING SAFETY AND CONDITIONS: Each hunter shall be liable for any injury or death to persons or damage to property. Muskegon County, MCWMS, and/or the DNR shall not be liable for the recklessness or carelessness of other hunters. Every person shall use reasonable care for his/her own safety. This permit is granted for hunting purposes only.

Muskegon County and the DNR reserve rights to alter or amend rules and regulations at any time if circumstances so require

- **CAUTION:** Use care near all open water; some of these areas may contain deep water, depending on season and rainfall.
- **BE A SAFE HUNTER - A safe hunter obeys laws governing hunting and boating, and is alert to any conditions hazardous to the personal safety of the hunter and to others.**

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