

# Horsepen Lake Wildlife Managment Area

## July 2026 - June 2027 Migratory Game Bird Seasons

The complete regulations are available at [www.dwr.virginia.gov](http://www.dwr.virginia.gov) and contain the full text of the regulations. It is the responsibility of hunters and trappers to know and abide by all rules stated in the full text of regulations online.

A HIP number is required for all Migratory Game Bird Hunting except for Crow

### Doves

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| Season:    | Sept. 5                    | Noon untill sunset                                                                       |
|            | Sept. 6 – Oct. 24          | One half-hour before sunrise until sunset                                                |
|            | Nov. 21 - 29               | One half-hour before sunrise until sunset                                                |
|            | Dec. 19 - Jan. 18          | One half-hour before sunrise until sunset                                                |
| Bag Limit: | 15 daily, 45 in possession | (Bag limit composed of mourning doves and white-winged doves, singly or in combination.) |

### Woodcock

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| Season:    | Nov. 11 – Dec. 1         | One half-hour before sunrise until sunset |
|            | Dec. 26 - Jan. 18        | One half-hour before sunrise until sunset |
| Bag Limit: | 3 daily, 9 in possession |                                           |

### September Teal

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| Season: | No September Teal on this WMA. |
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### September Canada Goose

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| Season: | No September Goose on this WMA. |
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### Canada Goose

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| Season:                                                           | Nov. 18 - 29              | One half-hour before sunrise until sunset |
|                                                                   | Dec. 19 - Feb. 21         | One half-hour before sunrise until sunset |
| (All seasons include White-Fronted Geese along with Canada Geese) |                           |                                           |
| Bag Limit:                                                        | 5 daily, 15 in possession |                                           |

### Ducks, Mergansers, Coots

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| Youth/Veterans Day:      | Oct. 24, 2026 & Feb. 6, 2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                               |
| Season:                  | Oct. 9 - 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | (Black Duck Closed) One half-hour before sunrise until sunset                 |
|                          | Nov. 18 - 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | One half-hour before sunrise until sunset                                     |
|                          | Dec. 19 - Jan. 31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | One half-hour before sunrise until sunset                                     |
|                          | Closed season on harlequin ducks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                               |
| Duck Bag Limit:          | 6 ducks of any species <u>except</u> for the following restrictions: can include <u>no more than</u> -<br>4 mallards (only 2 hen mallards),<br>3 wood ducks,<br>2 black ducks (except closed Oct. 9–12),<br>scaup: 1/day for 40 days (Oct. 9–12, Nov. 18–29, Dec. 19–Jan. 11), and 2/day for 20 days (Jan. 12–31),<br>2 redheads,<br>2 canvasback<br>3 pintails,<br>1 mottled duck,<br>1 fulvous whistling duck,<br>4 total sea ducks (no more than 3 scoters, 3 eiders [only 1 hen], 3 long-tailed ducks) |                                                                               |
| Mergansers Bag Limit:    | 5 daily, 15 in possession                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | (Can include any combination of hooded, red breasted, and common mergansers.) |
| American Coot Bag Limit: | 15 daily, 15 in possession                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                               |

### Crow

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| Season:    | Sept. 2 - Mar. 10 | <b>Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays only.</b> |
| Bag Limit: | No Limit          |                                                         |



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Hunting, fishing, and trapping by properly licensed individuals is allowed.

No additional permit is required to hunt, fish, or trap in this area.