

Welcome to Weting Preserve

The following guidelines apply specifically to Weting Preserve and are not applicable to any other CWC Preserves.

While open to the public, Weting Preserve is privately owned by the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy (CWC). If you plan to hunt on this property, please obtain a hunting license that is approved for Private Land use when applicable. See the Michigan DNR's hunting guides for specifications on what licenses and seasons require a private land distinction. For specific questions about hunting on Weting Preserve, please contact the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy at (989) 772-5777 or by email at cwc@cwc-mi.org.

Please respect all forms of wildlife, your fellow sportsmen, and others that visit and enjoy the this property. Weting Preserve is a multi-use area open to the public on a year-round basis for such activities as hiking, nature study, bird watching, and cross-country skiing. Please keep this in mind at all times when hunting on this property.

Hunting Restrictions and Guidelines

- Any individual hunting on Weting Preserve agrees to release, indemnify and hold the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy harmless for any injury, death or property damage incurred by that individual regardless of fault, or incurred by others as the result of that individual's action or negligence.
- Hunters are not required to seek permission from the Conservancy prior to hunting.
- The Conservancy reserves the right to deny or revoke hunting permission at its sole discretion.
- Unless otherwise noted below, rules regulating hunting and dog training on Weting Preserve are the same as those set forth by the MDNR, including special hunting seasons available to youth and hunters with disabilities.
- Hunters under the age of 17 are required to have completed a certified Hunter's Safety Class and must be accompanied by an adult while hunting at Weting Preserve. "Accompanied by" requires the adult to be able to come to the immediate aid of the other person and staying within a distance from the other person that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact.
- Permanent blinds and tree stands are prohibited.
- All hunters must follow MDNR regulations for Ground Blinds. Only Type 1 (Portable Ground Blind) and Type 2 (Dead Natural Materials Ground Blind) are allowed.
- Screw-in type tree steps are prohibited; all tree stands must be portable. Hunting platforms cannot be affixed or attached to any tree by nails, screws or bolts.
- All tree stands and portable ground blinds must be labeled with name and phone number or they may be confiscated.
- Stands and blinds cannot be installed prior to September 1 and must be removed by the day following the close of the last deer season in the area. When dismantling ground blinds the area must be returned to its original natural setting. The Conservancy has no responsibility for tree stands, blinds or other items placed on Conservancy property.
- The cutting of shooting lanes, or cutting or destruction of brush, trees or other plants for any purpose is prohibited.
- Digging or disturbing soils is prohibited.
- The marking of trees to locate trails by the use of spray paint, colored flagging, or reflective tacks is prohibited. The blazing of trees is not allowed.
- Baiting and the use of mineral lures are prohibited. Baiting is defined as putting out food materials for animals to attract, lure, or entice them as an aid to hunting.
- The use of dogs is permitted for hunting of upland game birds (pheasant, grouse, woodcock, and wild turkey-fall season only) and small game (rabbit, hare, and squirrel) only.
- Dog training is permitted during the period from July 8 of one year through April 15 of the following year.
- Unless engaged in hunting or training for the purpose of hunting, dogs must remain leashed at all times.
- The release of live animals, including game birds used for the purpose of training dogs, is prohibited.
- Please familiarize yourself with the location of all parking areas, trails, and other structures before hunting. Hunting within 450 feet of any occupied building, or within 100 feet of trails, two-tracks, parking area or other common areas is prohibited.
- Discharge of any firearm from or across trails is prohibited.
- Target shooting and sighting-in of firearms is prohibited.
- Trapping is prohibited.
- Camping, and open or contained fires are prohibited on the property.
- Motorized vehicles must remain on established trails/roads or parking areas
- Parking is only allowed in designated parking areas.
- All trash and human-made materials must be packed out.



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