

**Chester County
Department of Parks + Preservation**

**2022 CANADA GOOSE HUNTING DIGEST
CHAMBERS LAKE – HIBERNIA COUNTY PARK**



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REGULATED CANADA GOOSE HUNTING PROGRAM: 2022 Digest Index

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A. MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

To control and maintain the resident and migratory Canada goose population at a level to minimize nuisance problems in maintained public areas, while still providing viewing opportunities for park visitors.

Hunting for Canada and Snow/Blue Geese is again open for the 2022/2023 hunting season in established blind locations around Chambers Lake. Seasons and bag limits for geese must conform to those established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These seasons will be set in late summer, announced through the news media and will be available at the U.S. Post Offices in early September.

B. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PERMITS

Goose hunting permits will be available for issuance on a first-come, first served basis beginning on **Monday, October 3rd, 2022** by E-Mail to hunting@chesco.org or, by appointment, at Hibernia County Park in the park office and will continue to be issued each weekday thereafter until all permits have been issued. A limit of 25 permits will be issued. **All hunting party members must hold a valid 2022 PA Hunting License, 2022 PA Migratory Game Bird License, and if 16 or older, a 2022 federal migratory duck stamp.**

How to Apply - Complete participant acknowledgement statement on page 2 and complete application for goose hunting permits on pages 3 and 4. Submit original copies of each document via mail or E-Mail to hunting@chesco.org or by appointment to at Hibernia Park on **October 3, 2022** or thereafter.

Goose hunting around Chambers Lake is limited to pre-established blind locations. Hunters who have obtained a hunting permit must use naturally existing blind material or use their own portable blinds. All portable blinds must be removed after each day of hunting. The use of decoys in the lake is permitted but must be removed at the conclusion of hunting.

C. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR HUNTING

1. ONLY CANADA GOOSE hunting AND SNOW GOOSE HUNTING is permitted in and around Chambers Lake during the regular and extended PA goose seasons.
2. NO DUCK HUNTING IS PERMITTED ON CHAMBERS LAKE in HIBERNIA COUNTY PARK.
3. Hunting hours commence at the onset of legal shooting hours and end at sunset each day of the season. Hunting is not permitted on Sundays.
4. Hunting activities and blinds must be within 20 yards of posted blinds. There are 6 total blind locations.
5. Hunters must present evidence of attending and completing a hunter safety education course and/or meet PGC requirements for obtaining a Pennsylvania hunting license.
6. Each permit holder is allowed 2 additional fully licensed hunters per blind.
7. No more than three hunters per blind. Blinds will be available on a first come, first served basis, daily.
8. Participants must log in at a designated sign-in box (located at the lake kiosk) for each day in the field.
9. All State and Federal regulations governing the taking of waterfowl will apply, including the use of non-toxic shot.
10. Hunters are required to report any geese that are harvested, including any with neck or leg bands.
11. Hunters are not permitted to hunt within 150 yards of any occupied dwelling.
12. Hunting dogs must remain on a leash of no more than 6 feet in length unless in the act of retrieving a downed goose.
13. Shotguns must be plugged to hold no more than 3 shotgun shells. All hunters must possess a current resident or non-resident PA hunting license and a current federal migratory waterfowl stamp.

Participant deviation from the Chester County Real Estate rules and regulations, hunting program rules and regulations set forth in the booklet, and/or the Pennsylvania Game Law and the US Fish and Wildlife Service regulations shall not be tolerated. Such conduct, whether witnessed by, or reported to Department staff, shall be considered grounds for permanent expulsion from CCHPD hunting programs. **Appropriate citations and fines will be issued.**

Participant Acknowledgement 2022

I, Print Your Name, do hereby acknowledge that I have read the 2022 Canada Goose Hunting Information Digest and understand the rules and regulations as set forth in this booklet. I also understand that deviation from the Chester County Parks and Preservation Department's Rules and Regulations, Hunting Program Rules and Regulations, Pennsylvania Game Law, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service Regulations shall not be tolerated. Such conduct or behavior, whether witnessed by, or reported to, the Department and/or Department Staff, shall be considered grounds for permanent expulsion from all Chester County Parks and Preservation Department Hunting programs. Conduct or behavior that is in violation of the Chester County Parks and Preservation Department Rules and Regulations, Hunting Program Rules and Regulations may result in significant citations and other penalties.

I further hereby release and forever discharge the County of Chester and the Chester County Department of Parks and Preservation, its agents and employees from any and all claims whatsoever, resulting from any and all bodily and personal injuries, damage to property and the consequences thereof, which might occur to or be sustained by me or any other person, persons or property, from the conduct of hunting related activities, the condition of the property of the COUNTY, or the actions or failure to act by the COUNTY, its agents or employees. Further, I expressly stipulate and agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the County of Chester and the Chester County Department of Parks and Preservation from and against any and all claims, suits, damages (including without limitation consequential damages, losses, liability, and expenses – including but not limited to attorneys' fees) attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting there from, in any manner arising out of, or resulting from the activities of myself.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Telephone No.: _____ **Age:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

CID# _____

CHESTER COUNTY PARKS + PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

CHAMBERS LAKE – HIBERNIA COUNTY PARK

Participant Acknowledgment: Goose Hunting 2022

All hunting party members must present a valid PA Hunting License, PA Migratory Game Bird License, and if 16 or older, a federal migratory duck stamp.

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2022 Application for CHAMBERS LAKE – Goose Hunting at Hibernia Park Permit
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RESIDENT OF CHESTER COUNTY

NON-RESIDENT OF CHESTER COUNTY

Submit Application on or after September 30th, 2022

STEP 1	HUNTER INFORMATION
	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
	Telephone No.: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
	Cell Phone No.: _____ E-mail Address: _____
	Vehicle Make/ Model/ Color: _____ License Plate _____
	CID # _____ Migratory game bird permit / Waterfowl Stamp (attach copy)
Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____	

STEP 2	BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 30th, 2022: MAIL OR DELIVER (by appointment only) THIS APPLICATION TO HIBERNIA COUNTY PARK; OR E-MAIL TO hunting@chesco.org
	<i>The participant in the hunting of geese in the County of Chester parks who has executed this document does hereby release and forever discharge the County of Chester and all its officials of and from all actions, causes of action, suits, demands, claims, and judgments whatsoever in law or equity, especially any arising out of the use of County park lands for hunting purposes of any kind whatsoever. I understand the above and agree to the rules and regulations of the Deer Management Program of Chester County Parks and Preservation Department.</i>
Applicant's Signature: _____	

Please complete the following section only if the applicant is less than 16 years of age.

GUARDIAN	GUARDIAN INFORMATION
	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
	Telephone No.: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Check if the Guardian has submitted an application to hunt <input type="checkbox"/>	

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*2022 Application for Goose Hunting at Hibernia Park Permit
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STEP 4	DETAILED INFORMATION		
	Have you been convicted of a game law violation?		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please describe:

Park Office Information:
Hibernia County Park – 610-344-6415 – 1 Park Road Coatesville, PA 19320

<i>FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY</i>	
Permit #	_____
Staff Initials	_____
Date	_____