



2026–2027 Lake Perris Waterfowl Hunting Program

Lake Perris State Recreation Area (SRA) will offer boat-only waterfowl hunting on the following specific Thursdays during the 2026–2027 season. All Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Waterfowl Regulations apply and will be enforced. Eight buoy blind locations will be available each hunt day. Six blinds will be awarded through the annual lottery; the remaining two blinds and any reservation no-shows will be issued through an on-site sweat line lottery. There will (8) boat buoy locations. Hunters may also use their boat to setup on the shoreline as long as it is proximate (30 yards from designated buoy location).

Hunt Dates (Specific Thursdays):

November 5, November 12, November 19, December 3, December 10, December 17, January 7, January 14, January 21, January 28

License Requirements:

All hunters must possess: Valid CA Hunting License; California Duck Validation (except juniors); Federal Duck Stamp (unless under 16); HIP Validation; California Boater Card (all vessel operators required).

Hunting Times:

Start times vary weekly and will be announced at check-in. Shooting ends at 12:00 PM. All vessels must return to the check-in station by 1:00 PM.

Hunters / Spectators per Vessel:

11'-13' boats: max 2 occupants; 14'-16' boats: max 3 occupants; Over 16': max 4 occupants.

Fees:

Season-long application lottery reservation fee is \$7.50. If a reservation is awarded, applicable waterfowl hunting fees will apply:

- 1 hunter = \$50
- 2 hunters = \$70
- 3 hunters = \$90
- 4 hunters = \$110
- Hunting dog = No associated fee

Junior hunters less than 16 years old and non-hunter spectators are free. Above fees include park entrance and launch fee. State Park annual passes do not discount any of the waterfowl access fees. All payments are non-refundable. One hunting dog per vessel is allowed.

Vessel Requirements:

Vessels must be wood, aluminum or fiberglass, and be 11' or longer. All vessels must have a gas or propane powered outboard or inboard / outboard rated at 5 horsepower or greater. Electric trolling motors may only be used at the hunt mooring buoy to retrieve birds, place / recover decoys, retrieve spent shells. No float tubes, inflatables, kayaks, jet skis, or paddleboards. All vessels must have current registration and quagga sticker registration. All vessels must have working navigation lights. Vessels must carry all safety equipment on board their vessel as required by law.

All vessels entering Lake Perris will be inspected for Quagga and Zebra Mussels. Only boats and equipment which are clean, drained, and completely dry will pass inspection. If you are coming from a known quagga-infected body of water, you must wait 8 calendar days before bringing it to Lake Perris.

Please visit <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Quagga-Mussels>

USCG lifejackets shall be worn by every occupant during pre-sunrise vessel operation. All pre-sunrise vessel operation shall be at speeds less than 10 MPH with navigation lights enabled. A handheld GPS or offline enabled GPS phone app or boat GPS chart plotter is required to find pre-assigned mooring blinds. A fixed vessel floodlight, handheld spotlight, or narrow beam (1000 lumen or higher recommendation) flashlight is required to find the assigned mooring buoy blind marker. A long telescopic dip net is recommended for shell retrieval from the water.

2026–2027 Lake Perris Waterfowl Lottery / Reservations (6 spots per day)

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will accept applications via mail or may be dropped off beginning **August 21, 2026**, with a deadline of **September 15, 2026**. Each application will be entered in the lottery for each Thursday. There is no need to specify which dates, as all dates will be considered for each application.

The applicant must include a check or money order payable to the “Department of Parks and Recreation” in the amount of **\$7.50**. Applicants do not need to own a boat but must have access to a boat meeting the vessel requirements. Only one application per person will be considered.

Applicants must list their name as it appears on their CA Fish and Wildlife hunting profile. Applicants must also include their address, phone number, email, and CA Fish and Wildlife GO-ID number, which is found on their hunting license / hunting profile on the CA Fish and Wildlife license website. DPR will assign each application a number and apply a computer-based randomizer to award the applicants. All applications will be entered for each Thursday lottery. It is possible that an applicant can be awarded multiple hunt dates.

DPR will award the entire season by **September 15, 2026**. If awarded, **payment must be received by October 10, 2026**. Results will be posted on the Lake Perris Website and emailed to applicants.

Check-In

The hunting parking lot will either be Power Cove (located inside lots 11 and 12) or the normal launch ramps (lot 7), depending on lake conditions. The MORENO BEACH DRIVE ENTRANCE (Iris / Moreno Beach Dr in Moreno Valley) WILL BE THE ONLY ACCESS INTO THE PARK. The Lake Perris Drive off Ramona Expressway will be closed. You may arrive as early as 2:00 AM. You must be in the lot staged by 3:45 AM. Please park in the assigned spaces. At 4:00 AM, a DPR attendant will start the check-in process. Prior to blind assignment, all hunters must attend the safety / information briefing which will take place at 4:05 AM. After the briefing, check-in will take place in order, starting with reservation #1 and ending with #6. Deadline for the sweatline for the 2 walk-up spots and for no-shows starts at 4:00 AM and ends at 4:20 AM. When your number is called, the DPR attendant will walk to your vessel. The attendant will then inspect your vessel for quagga, vessel registration, quagga sticker, and ensure you have your required safety equipment (lifejackets, GPS, navigation lights, flood or flashlight, and fire extinguisher if required). To save time, please have these items out of any hatches and ready for inspection. After the inspection you must present the following:

- A copy of your awarded waterfowl reservation /payment
- CA Boating Card (vessel operator only)

- Each hunter must show their hunting license in person
- All hunters will be issued a harvest slip
- Hunter will then select an available buoy location
- Hunter can then launch and proceed to assigned buoy location
- Per CCR T-14 4326 all gear, ammo, coolers, backpacks *may* be inspected

Hunting Location

The hunting location will be in the east end of Lake Perris in the wooded area adjacent to the shoreline. There will be 8 predetermined GPS boat-in buoy locations. Each location will be chosen in reservation order upon check-in. Vessels must be within 30 yards of the identified mooring buoy while hunting. Other instructions in the pre-briefing may shorten or extend this range. Buoys may not be moved. Do not tether to the buoy. Make sure you have an anchor. A spot-lock trolling motor may be used to hold position. However, you can not be moving while hunting. Based upon fluctuating water depth, mooring buoys may be in 5-25 feet of water. Please consider this when deploying decoys. You may not break off any tree limbs or use any material at Lake Perris for cover / camouflage. All vessel cover / camouflage must be brought with your vessel. Hunting Locations:

Eight GPS-designated buoy blind locations. Hunters must remain within 30 yards of the assigned buoy. Buoys cannot be moved. Boats may not be under power while shooting.

Hunting Rules:

Shotguns only; no alcohol; no drugs; boats must be stationary when shooting; all DFW regulations apply. Retrieval dogs are allowed. Dogs must remain leashed in day-use and parking areas but may retrieve during the hunt.

Check-In:

Hunters may arrive beginning at 2:00 AM and must be staged by 3:45 AM. Safety briefing at 4:05 AM. Moreno Beach Drive remains the sole entrance.

Check Out

At 12:00 PM, hunting has ended for the day. Please make sure to retrieve all shotgun shells, decoys, lines, anchors, and any other items. Please return to the check-in area before 1:00 PM. De-launch your vessel and turn in your issued

harvest card and show your quarry. This process is required, and it helps DFW identify trends, conservation, and population. After check-out, please take all birds home with you whole. We do not allow the cleaning of birds onsite.

**CA Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)
2026-2027 Lake Perris State Recreation Area
Boat Waterfowl Hunting Program (Specific
Thursdays 10 days total) Application for Lottery**



Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will accept applications via mail or in person beginning **August 21, 2026 with a deadline of September 15, 2026**. Each application will be entered in the lottery for each of the 10 hunt days. 6 of the 8 blind locations are for reservations. There is no need to specify which dates as all dates will be considered for each application. Complete application must also include a check or money order payable to the "Department of Parks and Recreation" in the amount of \$7.50. Only one application per person is accepted. All lottery application fees are non-refundable.

DPR will assign each application a number and apply a computer-based randomizer to award the applicants. All applications will be entered for each hunt day offered. It is possible that an applicant can be awarded multiple hunt dates. DPR will award the entire season by September 20, 2026. The results will be posted on the Lake Perris Website and emailed to applicants.

If an applicant is awarded a hunt date, they have 20 days to pay for their awarded date in full by mail or in person. You may choose not to hunt that day, but you will not be awarded an alternate date. Awarded applicants must list the number of hunters in their party (max occupancy determined by vessel length). Each hunter must have a valid license and all associated tags. **If payment is not received in full by October 10, 2026 the reservation will be nullified and awarded to the next applicant.** All payments are non-refundable. There are no cancellations and no-shows will forfeit all payments. Awarded applicants must be one of the occupants of the hunting vessel. Awarded applicants may not trade, give, or sell their reservation to another party.

I have read all terms and conditions of the hunt lottery application. I also have read, understand, and agree with the conditions, vessel requirements, and rules associated with hunting at Lake Perris SRA (Separate Document). I agree that there are no refunds for the administrative fee and understand that my application is based upon random selection and I may not be selected for a hunt day. If I am awarded a hunt day(s), I understand that I have 30 days to pay my hunt fees in full or I will lose my reservation. I also understand that all hunt fees are non-refundable.

All fields must be filled out

Name:

Hunting License / GO-ID Number:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Signature:

Mail form with a check or money order payable to "Department of Parks and Recreation" in the amount of \$7.50 to:

Lake Perris SRA
Attn: Hunting Application
17801 Lake Perris Dr.
Perris, CA 92571