

AREAS CLOSED TO WATERFOWL HUNTING

The following areas of New Hampshire are closed to hunting. In all cases these areas are closed to waterfowl hunting and may also be closed to other types of hunting. For additional information contact the N.H. Fish and Game Department's Law Enforcement Division at 603-271-3127.

RSA 209:6-a Back Channel. – The area known as Back Channel, a body of tidal waters between the 2 New Castle bridges, so-called, and Goat Island and Shapleigh Island to the north; and the Wentworth hotel bridges, so-called, to the south; said body of water being bordered by the town of New Castle to the east; and Sagamore Creek to the Sagamore bridge, the city of Portsmouth and the town of Rye to the west; is closed to all duck hunting or the discharge of firearms. This section shall apply to all islands situated within the above stated boundaries.

RSA 209:8-b Back Lake; Pittsburg. – Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law to the contrary, the hunting of wild birds upon or within 50 feet inland from the shoreline of Back Lake in the town of Pittsburg is hereby prohibited.

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Because of the danger to human life and property, the following areas shall be closed to the specified type of hunting as follows:

- (1) The Winnepesaukee River from the former cement bridge at the south end of Lake Winnisquam to Silver Lake shall be closed to waterfowl hunting;
- (2) Silver Lake in Tilton-Belmont shall be closed to waterfowl hunting in the following areas:
 - a. For a 300 yard radius along the eastern shore from the power dam to the point of land on the south side of the entrance to Gardners Grove; and
 - b. All of Gardners Grove;
- (3) The Squam River in the town of Holderness between Big and Little Squam Lakes, and the adjoining land area within 300 yards of the water area described shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting;
- (4) The Squam River, between Little Squam Lake and the town of Ashland, and the land area within 300 yards of the water shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting;
- (5) Big Squam lake including so-called Cotton Cove, south of a line from Kusumpee Point to the northeast tip of Pine Point and to the mouth of White Oak Brook, and that land and water area between White Oak Brook and Squam River north of Route 3 shall:
 - a. Be closed to all hunting; and
 - b. Include the land area 300 yards adjacent to the water area described;
- (6) Paugus Bay on Lake Winnepesaukee, known as Pickerel Cove and that area of Paugus Bay within a 300 yard radius from the mouth of Pickerel Cove, shall be closed to waterfowl hunting;
- (7) Lake Winnisquam shall be closed to waterfowl hunting in the following areas:
 - a. All area south of Winnisquam Bridge also known as Mosquito Bridge to and including Mohawk Island;

b. The eastern shore south of Mohawk Island, including Sun Ray Canal and the area known as Back Pond or Tucker Pond, to the red and black channel marker buoys at Sandy Beach and the mouth of Tucker or Durgin Brook;

c. The eastern shore of the lake north of Mosquito Bridge to and including Loon Island excluding that area from Hueber's sawmill north and east to the Laconia-Belmont town line;

d. All area north of Loon Island to the head end of the Lake; and

e. In all closed areas in a. through d. above, where a shoreline is mentioned, from the shoreline into the lake for a 300 yard radius;

(8) Kendall Pond in Londonderry including all the pond and wetland created or flooded by waters held behind the dam on Beaver Brook at Kendall Pond Road shall be closed to all bird and waterfowl hunting. The land 300 yards adjacent to the water area shall be closed to all bird and waterfowl hunting;

(9) Firehouse Pond in the town of Bow, located at the junction of Bow Center Road and Knox Road, shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl;

(10) The area of Fresh Creek in Dover beginning at a point on Gulf Road 150 yards east of the intersection of Fresh Creek and Gulf Road, north 100 yards, west 300 yards, south 100 yards to Gulf Road, south 200 yards past Gulf Road, east 300 yards, and north 200 yards to the starting point shall be closed to all hunting;

(11) The area of Cedar Point in Durham and Goat Island in Newington starting at the most western end of the Scammell Bridge on Route #4, then running south to the most eastern point of Goat Island; then running west along the northern side of said Island to the most western point, then running north to the historical Piscataqua Bridge sign on Route #4, then running east along Route #4 to the point of beginning shall:

a. Be closed to waterfowl hunting; and

b. Include the land area 300 yards adjacent to the water area described.

(12) Ottarnic Pond in the town of Hudson including all the wetlands adjacent to the pond shall be closed to all bird hunting and waterfowl hunting;

(13) The entire, so called Town Line Cove on Great Bay on the Durham/Newmarket town line and including a 300 foot perimeter adjacent to the outer most tip of the Durham peninsula and 300 feet adjacent to the entire southern shore of the Newmarket peninsula, shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl;

(14) The entire Pomeroy Cove on the Piscataqua River on Dover Point, and including a 300 foot perimeter adjacent to the outermost tip of the northern peninsula and 300 feet adjacent to the northern boundary of Hilton State Park, shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl;

(15) The Merrimack River in the towns of Litchfield and Merrimack from the mouth of Chase brook north approximately 1200 yards to the northern most tip of the northern most island in the town of Litchfield shall be closed to waterfowl hunting; and

(16) The Piscataqua River from the General Sullivan bridge in the town of Newington to the Sara Long bridge in the City of Portsmouth shall be closed to waterfowl hunting.

(17) Willand Pond in Dover/Somersworth shall be closed to hunting from south of the ¼ Mile Marker located in the Willand Pond Recreation Area in Dover at N 43°13.757' / W 070°53.479' (datum August 2023

NAD 83) across the pond to the point of land at the parking lot area in the Willand Pond Recreation Area at N 43°13.647' / W 070°53.136' in Somersworth, to include the waters between the aforementioned points toward the Route 9/108 intersection in Dover, and the fish and game boat access site; and

(18) The waters of the Bellamy River in Dover, at the high tide line, from New Bellamy Road running northerly to the northern most point of Nute Road shall be closed to waterfowl hunting.

(19) A section of property around the Pow Wow River that borders Great Pond in Kingston, from the bridge crossing the Pow Wow River and marsh area on Ball Road and continuing to the point where the Pow Wow River drains into Great Pond, shall be closed to all hunting This shall not include the waterbody of Great Pond.