

**2009 Special Controlled Dove Hunting Rules for District Five Wildlife Areas
And St. Marys Fish Hatchery Hunts**

Drawing Dates, Times, and Locations for 2009

1. Controlled hunts on Fallsville, Indian Creek, Bott, Spring Valley, and Rush Run Wildlife Areas are open to dove hunters by permit only Sept. 1 and 2, 2009 (See drawing dates, times, and locations below). These areas will be open to all other dove hunters after the first 2 days of the season.
2. You may not enter any part of the wildlife area that is posted with signs stating: "Controlled Dove Hunting Area – No Trespassing without a Controlled Hunting Permit", without a special permit. Drawings for the permits will be at the wildlife area headquarters. ***Bott wildlife area will hold its drawings at the Indian Creek Headquarters.**
3. Hunting by permit is restricted to assigned stations in the Controlled Dove Hunting Areas. There is a limit of two hunters per party. The number of stations will be announced prior to opening day.
4. Rush Run, Fallsville, Spring Valley, Indian Creek, and Bott will hold drawings for "opening day" on **August 22, 2009, 12:00 p.m. (noon)** at the respective area headquarters. Drawings for the Sept. 2nd hunt will be held the day of the hunt at **noon**. **There will be no drawings held on Tuesday, September 1!**
5. Youth Priority Hunts (Youth are given drawing priority on selected dates):
 - **St. Marys Fish Hatchery "opening day" hunt will be drawn on August 22, 2009, 12:00 p.m. (noon) at the St. Marys Fish Hatchery.** Drawings for the 5th, 6th, 13th, 19th, and 20th will be held at **noon** on the days of the hunts at the St. Marys Fish Hatchery. **Youth will be given priority on the September 1st, 5th, and 6th hunts only.** An adult must be present with the youth(s).
6. Hunting Hours for all hunts, controlled and non-controlled, are Noon to Sunset from Sept. 1-10, 2009. Then sunrise to sunset for the remainder of the dove hunting season.
7. Each hunter is limited to 75 shells. Lead shot is permitted.
8. **These activities are prohibited on the Controlled Dove Hunting Area:**
 - Hunting any game other than Mourning Doves
 - Hunting more than 10 feet from your assigned station
 - Leaving the Wildlife Area without returning the daily permit to the area headquarters within two hours of the conclusion of your hunt.
 - Cleaning doves in parking lots or at hunting stations.
9. **Hunters are required to pick up their empty shot shell hulls before leaving the field. (Applies to controlled and non-controlled dove hunts).**

Dove Hunting Permit Procedures:

- Each individual will be required to present a **2009-2010 Hunting license and current HIP certification** prior to the drawing in order to participate in any drawing (HIP certification is free and can be accomplished at any authorized license vendor).
- Hunters are encouraged to call the Wildlife Area headquarters or the Wildlife District Five office at (937) 372-9261, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for information on these controlled hunts: Bott, 513-875-2111; Fallsville, 937-987-2508; Indian Creek, 513-875-2111; Spring Valley, 937-488-3115 and Rush Run, 513-726-6795.

- Each hunter will have a choice of bringing a hunting partner (partner does not have to be at the drawing) or having another single hunter assigned to that station, every station will be filled. Youth must be accompanied by an adult, if two youth are hunting from one station they must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. There will be no more than two shooters at one station.
- Permits are transferable only with written permission from the Wildlife Area Manager or his designee. Two copies of the permit will be given to the permit holder. One copy must be kept with the hunter at all times, when in the field, and the other copy placed on the dashboard of the vehicle(s) with the permit number visible. A parking lot will be designated for each field.
- Each hunter selected in the drawing will have a choice of which field to hunt. The stations within each field will be assigned by the Division of Wildlife staff.
- Hunters must stay within 10 feet of their assigned station, except while retrieving downed doves.
- All hunters must check-in at the area headquarters at the completion of their hunt. All dove hunters must be out of the field by sunset and checked in to the headquarters by 9:00 p.m.
- No more than 75 shells (3 boxes) per dove hunter, 7 1/2 or 8 size shot is recommended. Lead shot is acceptable, guns must be plugged, and the bag limit is the same as during the regular Dove Season.
- Accommodations will be provided to handicapped dove hunters that are selected for the Controlled Dove Hunt. Hunters should contact the staff at the wildlife areas.

Wildlife area	Controlled Hunt Dates	Drawing Dates
Fallsville Indian Creek *Bott Spring Valley Rush Run	Sept. 1 and 2, 2009	August 22, and September 2 “Opening day” drawings August 22, 2009 (noon). Sept.2, hunts will be drawn the day of the hunts (noon) at the respective area headquarters.
St. Marys Fish Hatchery Youth Priority Dove Hunt	Sept. 1, 5, 6 , 13, 19, and 20, 2009	***Opening day drawing August 22, 2009 (noon). Sept. 5, 6, 13, 19 and 20 th hunts will be drawn the day of the hunt (noon). <u>All drawings held at the St. Marys Fish Hatchery.</u> Youth will be given priority at this location for September 1, 5, and 6 hunts only.