

# Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Areas 2017-18 Waterfowl Report

For the Week of November 26, 2017

## WALK-IN AREAS

Birds continued to go into a couple of the walk-in areas over the weekend however with the warm weather they were not staying in one area for long before moving on. Reports from a couple of pass shooters that did well this past week especially on the windier days. Some of the other hunters were able to get into some very low flying birds when they were flying from field to field.

## REGISTRATION AREA

The decoy only registration fields have continued to see hunters reporting back on mixed success. The birds have continued to fly in the mornings however it has been hard to get a pattern on where they will go each day, late last week the birds coming out in the evening were not moving much until a few minutes before sundown, hopefully a little cooler weather will help with this. Upland game hunting remains open in several areas, however hunters need to watch for the signs designating them as open or closed along with any waterfowl hunters that are in the field. Hunters are reminded the access trails going into fields are for registered decoy hunters to get to their field only. These trails are not to be traveled by upland game hunters or waterfowl hunters out scouting.

## PASS-SHOOTING AREAS

Pass shooting opportunities in the canal or pits has been tough since most of the birds sitting on Lake Oahe have been coming out rather high. Pass shooting opportunities are best in a couple of the walk-in areas where the birds are flying from field to field.

## SOLID AND STRIPED GREEN AREAS

The striped green area in Stanley County continues to have several birds feeding in and around it with hunters doing well. Hunters planning on using the area are reminded to be considerate of those already in the field when arriving and leaving. The designated access trails in this area is allowed for dropping off and picking up equipment only. The solid green areas west of 1804 had a few birds in them last weekend but they didn't stay there long before moving on to other fields. The striped and solid green area east of Grey Goose Road has not seen much for waterfowl traffic.

## SUMMARY

There have been a few flocks of geese sitting in and flying over a couple of walk-in area fields with a few pass shooters doing well as the birds moved from field to field. The decoy-only registration fields have had hunters reporting back on mixed success depending on where the birds decide to fly each day. The striped green area in Stanley County has continued to have hunters and birds in the fields, with reports of a few groups doing well this past week and weekend. Hunters wanting to give the decoy only registration fields a try that do not have decoys can reserve one of the three decoy loaner trailers. These trailers are free of charge to reserve and use. You can reserve one of the trailers by going to the links below the link for this report and selecting one of them. This will take you to a doodle page where you will select the date you would like to reserve a trailer and typing your name and phone number.