Luther Marsh
Wildlife Management Area

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ATTENTION
Important Information
ZONE A
• Monticello Project
• Mandatory parking stake use
• Mandatory dog use when hunting migratory birds
• Closed to hunting during early goose season

ZONE B
• Area north of Wellington 15 hunt zone

ZONE C
• Controlled hunting area
• Mandatory parking stake use

ZONE R
• Restricted area, no entry

Luther Lake was created in 1952 by the Grand River Conservation Commission by construction of the Luther Dam across Black Creek.

The primary purpose of the reservoir was originally, and remains today, to meet flow targets at Grand Valley as necessary for water treatment plant operation. The lake also contributes to reservoir storage at Belwood Lake, the next reservoir downstream, and provides some flood control function.

But this area is more than a significant reservoir at the headwaters of the Grand River watershed. The Luther Marsh Wildlife Management Area includes the large Luther Lake as well as the surrounding wetlands and covers over 5,900 hectares. It is home to many birds and wildlife and is one of southern Ontario’s most significant natural areas.

Luther Marsh is jointly owned and managed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Grand River Conservation Authority.

THIS MAP WAS UPDATED IN JULY 2019.
Keep safety a priority and respect other area users. Obey all laws and regulations.

All area users must register at the gatehouse and must clearly display seasonal or daily passes.
Hunting at Luther Marsh

PERMITS AND LICENCES:
Hunters must possess a GRCA hunting permit in addition to the appropriate Provincial and/or Federal hunting licence(s) and stamps and/or tags. 

PROCEDURE:
Upon entering GRCA property, hunters must check in at the main gate, dam site. Daily self registration or tags. All hunters must park in designated parking lots at stakes. Once a particular lot is full, please go to the next parking area where a vacant stake exists.

TREE STANDS and blinds must be of a portable design. They may be erected 4 weeks prior to opening day and must be removed within one week of the season’s end. GRCA assumes no responsibility for stands/blinds or their use. It is an offence to cut vegetation in Conservation Areas.

INTERIOR ROADS:
Use caution when driving on park interior roads. It is a serious offence to discharge a firearm from or across any roadway. Area roads are not maintained in the winter and may be closed to motor vehicles at any time. Off-road vehicles and ATVs are strictly prohibited. It is an offence to operate a motor vehicle off-road or to enter the Wildlife Management Area from any location other than the main entrance. The speed limit is 25 KPH. Water on roads may be deep. Roads may not be suitable for all vehicles. 

HUNTER ORANGE is mandatory when hunting small game or deer using a gun. Wear vest or jacket and hat. Non-compliance will result in eviction.

MANDATORY USE OF PARKING STAKES - (ZONE A & C): To create a safer hunt, all vehicles must park in designated parking lots at stakes. Once a particular lot is full, please go to the next parking area where a vacant stake exists.

FISHING:
Fishing is permitted outside the restricted areas. Only perch, bullheads and minnows are found in the lake.

No Camping. Camping is available at Grand Valley Lion’s Park. Call 519-928-3126.

HORSES: Horseback travel is prohibited.

DOGS: Dogs must be kept on a leash in closed hunting seasons and on closed hunting days. It is an offence to pursue game in a closed season.

ALCOHOL: Alcohol is prohibited at all times. Non-compliance will result in eviction.

FIREARMS:
No discharge of firearms from March 1 to the opening of Canada goose season. Firearms must be unloaded on all roadways.

FIRES:
Absolutely no open fires are permitted; BBQs can be used. It is an offence to start fires in Conservation Areas.

ACCESS:
All visitors must enter and register at the main gate, dam site. Daily self registration or seasons passes are required and are strictly enforced.

MOTOR VEHICLES:
Interior roads and parking areas are seasonally open to motor vehicles. Off-road vehicles and ATVs are strictly prohibited. Roads are not suitable for all vehicles.

BOATING:
Non-motorized watercraft including canoes, kayaks and rowboats are allowed starting July 31. After September 1, interior roads open to motor vehicles and motorboats are permitted (max. 25 HP). There are four marked boat launches. Take caution - Luther Lake is shallow, weedy and full of stumps. Winds can create dangerous conditions. Keep all safety equipment current. All boaters must complete a boat access form which includes emergency contact information.

CAMPING:
No Camping. Camping is available at Grand Valley Lion’s Park. Call 519-928-3126.

HUNTING:
All hunting activities require a GRCA permit and must follow the Hunting Regulations for WMU #80.

GUN HUNTING IS NOT PERMITTED TUESDAY OR THURSDAY at Luther Marsh except during the controlled deer hunts or when an opening day falls on those days.

SUNDAY GUN HUNTING IS NEVER PERMITTED at Luther Marsh.

NO GUN HUNTING on Tuesday, Thursday, or Sunday

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(Contact park staff for details.)

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