

Rhode Island Pheasant Stocking Program Summary

2020-2021 Season

Management Areas:

All small game hunters must check in at check stations when hunting in the Great Swamp, Carolina, Arcadia and Durfee Hill Management Areas prior to hunting on the following dates: October 17 & 18, 24 & 25, and 31 & November 1. Hunters must also check out at the check station before leaving the area. Check Station hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

Check Stations are located at the Great Swamp 277 Great Neck Rd .,West Kingston, Durfee Hill, 398 Reynolds Road , Gloucester , Carolina, Pine Hill Rd., Richmond and Arcadia Check station Rt 165 in Richmond RI.

Pheasant Hunting: A Gamebird Permit is required in addition to a regular hunting license.

Pheasant Stocking:

Pheasants are stocked prior to opening day through the end of December. Stocked management areas are: Arcadia, Black Hut, Big River, Buck Hill, Carolina, Durfee Hill, Great Swamp, Nicholas Farm, Sapowet, Simmons Mill Pond and 8 Rod Farm. A list of WMA units stocked during the season is available to hunters (attached). Bird stocking occurs twice per week from the opening day through Thanksgiving holiday, normally a midweek and weekend stocking. Stocking during December is once per week on the weekends only. There is no pheasant stocking in January and February.

Stocking Map : <https://ridemgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9afb39aab8c4430c86c6c6d2aef8e5d0>

Bag Limit:

Daily bag limit is 2 either sex birds. The game bird permit is valid for the entire season. There are no longer pheasant tags! You must possess the game bird permit and comply with the 2 bird/day bag limit!

Jr. Pheasant Hunt is October 10-11,2020

Open to Youth Hunters aged 12-15 years old. The hunt is limited and bird stocking will occur only at the Great Swamp WMA in South Kingstown, Durfee Hill WMA in Gloucester, and Eight Rod Farm WMA in Tiverton. Call 401- 789-0281 for more information.

Deer season:

The small game hunting season will remain OPEN during the December shotgun deer season. WMA's will remain open to pheasant and other small game hunting on state management areas during this period in accordance with established seasons and bag limits.



2020 RI DEM Pheasant Stocking Locations



Providence County

Durfee Hill

- ❖ Eastern Section- South of Route 44
- ❖ Western Section- Vicinity of Check Station

Black Hut

- ❖ Northern Section- East of Marsh
- ❖ South- East of Black Hut Road

Buck Hill

- ❖ All Management Fields

Newport County

Sapowet

- ❖ Seapowet Ave- Marsh

Eight Rod

- ❖ West of Eight Rod Way

Simmons Mill

- ❖ Cold Brook Area

Kent County

Nicholas Farm

- ❖ Place Farm- Carbuncle Unit
- ❖ Greenhouse Road

Big River

- ❖ Sweet Sawmill Road
- ❖ Congdon Hill Road

Washington County

Arcadia

- ❖ Midway Trail
- ❖ Flat River/Old Nursery
- ❖ Barber Farm
- ❖ Old Ten Rod Road
- ❖ Pratt Unit
- ❖ Richmond Sisters Farm
- ❖ Woodmansee Unit

Great Swamp

- ❖ Area 1
- ❖ Area 2
- ❖ Area 3

Washington County

Carolina

- ❖ Meadowbrook Trail Fields
- ❖ Essex Trail Fields
- ❖ Diamond Bog Fields
- ❖ South of Check Station
- ❖ Wright Farm
- ❖ American Fish

