

Waterfowl Hunting Timeline

2025-2026

Banding of Boats for Early Hunt	Friday	8/1/2025	First Day of Banding for Early Hunt (Appointment Required**)
	Tuesday	8/12/2025	Last Day of Banding for Early Hunt (Appointment Required**)
Banding of Boats for Regular Season	Friday	8/1/2025	First Day of Banding for Season (Appointment Required**)
	Sunday	8/31/2025	Last Day of Banding for Season (Appointment Required**)
Place Blinds	Friday	9/12/2025	First day to place blinds
	Sunday	9/28/2025	Last day to place blinds (for early season goose hunt)
No Activity	Monday	9/29/2025	Verify blind location (deputies - GPS)
	Friday	10/03/2025	Verify blind location (deputies - GPS)
Early Goose Hunt Large Canada Goose	Saturday	10/04/2025	Early goose hunt begins
	Monday	10/06/2025	Early goose hunt ends
Place Blinds	Tuesday	10/07/2025	First day to place blinds (after early goose hunt)
	Friday	10/10/2025	Last day to place blinds (before regular hunting season)
No Activity	Saturday	10/11/2025	Verify blind location (deputies - GPS)
	Friday	10/17/2025	Verify blind location (deputies - GPS)
Regular Hunt	Saturday	10/18/2025	Regular hunting season begins (Goose and Duck)
	Wednesday	1/28/2026	Regular hunting season ends (Goose and Duck)
Veteran Hunt	Saturday	01/31/2026	Veteran hunt begins
	Sunday	02/01/2026	Veteran hunt ends
No Activity	Monday	2/2/2026	
	Friday	2/6/2026	
Junior Hunt	Saturday	2/7/2026	Junior hunt begins
	Sunday	2/8/2026	Junior hunt ends
No Activity (Modesto Reservoir) Remove Blinds (Woodward Reservoir only)	Monday	2/9/2026	First day to remove blinds (Woodward Reservoir only)
	Friday	2/13/2026	
Late Goose Hunt (Modesto Reservoir Only)	Saturday	2/14/2026	Late goose hunt begins
	Sunday	2/15/2026	Late goose hunt ends (Large Canada Goose only)
	Wednesday	2/18/2026	Late goose hunt ends
Remove Blinds	Thursday	2/19/2026	First day to remove blinds (Modesto Reservoir)
	Saturday	3/14/2026	Last day to remove blinds

****For Banding Appointment call the Reservoir Entrance Station:**

Woodward: (209) 847-3304 and Modesto: (209) 874-9540

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