



HEART MORASS CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2020



Key Number:

Name: _____ Member No.: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I hereby agree to abide by the conditions listed in this document.

Signed _____ Date: _____

ACCESS TO PROPERTY:

1. **Tagging Day Access: No boat access from the Latrobe River. Only enter the property via the main gate.**
2. Entry is by individual registered key after donating \$70 to the Wetlands Environmental Taskforce. **Keys are non- transferable. Loaning of an entry key will result in access being revoked.**
3. All members hunting on the property must be holders of an individual registered key except for junior members. **Key holders are not permitted to take non key holders as guest hunters.**
4. Entry gates must be locked at all times.
5. Internal gates are to be left as found – stock, machinery or water control structures must not be interfered with.
6. Motorbikes or quadbikes are not permitted on the property, unless they are the means of transport to the property.
7. **All key holders must maintain membership throughout the season.** Failure to do so will prevent future access.
8. All persons enter at own risk.

HUNTING

1. Hunters must abide by the *Victorian Hunting Regulations*; hunting times must be strictly adhered to. **No shooting is to occur before this time.**
2. Opening weekend positions must be clearly marked on sign provided with hunter's name and key number, and removed at end of the weekend.
3. During the Victorian waterfowl hunting season a boat speed of 5 knots applies.
4. Hunting positions are to be a minimum of 100 metres apart, unless by mutual agreement with adjacent hunter.
5. Hides using natural cover or camo netting are preferred; under no circumstances is vegetation for hide material to be gathered on the property.
6. **Permanent constructed timber hides (using pallets etc.) are not allowed. The use of steel star pickets and wire for temporary hides is prohibited.**
7. Dogs must be under control at all times.
8. All hunting on the property is to be conducted so the **shot fallout is within the property.**

9. No shooting is to take place on the western end of the property (see map).
10. No deer hunting permitted on the property.

RUBBISH AND CAMP TOILETS

1. All rubbish must be removed from the property – rubbish must not be buried.
2. All toilet waste to be buried properly and no chemical toilets may be emptied on the property.

CAMPFIRES

1. Only windfall wood on the ground may be used for firewood.
2. **Chainsaws are prohibited and must not be brought onto the property.**
3. No wood is to be removed from property.
4. Campfires must not be left unattended.
5. Non-combustible materials (glass, metal, cans, etc.) must not be placed in campfires.
6. Campfires to be fully extinguished with water.
7. No wood found on the property over **100 mm diameter** to be used for firewood. If this is not adhered to, a policy of “bring your own firewood” will be implemented.

GENERAL

1. Permit holders must produce permit/key to nominated Shoot Marshals on demand.
2. Failure to observe conditions of entry will result in permit being revoked.
3. Field & Game Australia reserves the right to revoke a permit at any time.
4. Disputes or grievances should be referred to Field & Game Australia head office for resolution.
5. No long-term permanent camps are permitted.
6. There are now two areas under conservation covenants. These areas will be designated by signage and under no circumstances should these areas be disturbed, this includes no firewood collection, camping and through traffic.
7. No clay targets are to be shot on the property.
8. No driving off slashed or defined tracks. **Take care not to drive over or interfere with young trees or vegetation.**

PFAS CONTAMINATION AT HEART MORASS

1. PFAS levels were extremely high in all meat, skin and liver samples taken from ducks at Heart Morass, and were particularly high in the skin and livers, some between 100-1000 times the trigger point for Food Standards Australia New Zealand.
2. Coming in contact with the water or organic material of the Heart Morass is safe according to the Department of Defence (i.e. wading, retrieving ducks, dogs drinking the water).
3. EPA has stated that people who have eaten fish, eel or duck are not considered to be at risk of any adverse health effects.
4. EPA recommends that to reduce and prevent exposure to PFAS, recreational fishers and duck hunters do not consume any animals caught.
5. Field & Game Australia will allow duck hunting at the Heart Morass, however we do not encourage or condone irresponsible hunting, and assume that hunters will consume the ducks hunted at the Heart Morass.
6. Hunters understand that consuming ducks may cause them to exceed the tolerable daily intake levels recommended by Food Standards Australia New Zealand.
7. Field & Game Australia cannot recommend that hunters consume livers or skin from ducks hunted at the Heart Morass.
8. Advice has been given that if consuming ducks from the Heart Morass, to restrict consumption to skinless breast meat only, and then, only in limited amounts.

I have read and understand the risks and recommendations around PFAS contamination at the Heart Morass.

Signed:_____ **Date:**_____