

To the Members & Friends of
LeBlanc's Rice Creek Hunting and Recreation

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GET OUTSIDE AND ENJOY HUNTING AT RICE CREEK

2020? What a year so far. I think a lot of people are looking forward to the hunting season, I know we are! We will be hunting pheasants and ducks very soon. Pheasant hunting is scheduled already, and our first duck hunt is Sept 11th.

We can accommodate your hunting group big or small. Obviously, hunting in the great outdoors is no problem and we can social distance very easily. We have extra room with the new addition to spread people out in our clubhouse dining. In addition if you're iffy about being around too many people, Donna can

make your group box lunches for you to eat around the pickups after a fun day of hunting.

We are planning on a great season! We can't wait to see all the old reliable customers, some faces we haven't seen for a while and hopefully some new hunters will join our club this year as some may have had their Canadian trips dashed!

We sure appreciate your support in the past and look forward to seeing everyone soon in our great outdoors!

Rice Creek was Named Large Business of the Year for 2019

Thank you to our employees, customers, guests and families! Because of your support now, and throughout the years, we are proud to say we were named as Morrison County Large Business of the Year 2019. Due to God's blessings, we have been able to offer community events like "Winter Fun With Santa", "Rice Creek Youth Adventures – Beginner's Fire Arm Safety Camp and Advanced Shooting Camp", "Capable Partners Hunts for disabled persons" and "Band of Brothers Deer Hunt for persons dealing with PTSD". We are also thankful that in the fall we are able to employ close to 50 employees. Gregg and I also thank God for all of our blessings including the safe operations of a gun club for 36 years now.



Krista our General Manager also got awarded in December 2019

"Employee of the Month" through the Little Falls Chamber



Smude said at first, she was hired as a secretary in 2007, but after a month, she realized she wanted to be able to serve the customers better and that meant learning what went on in the field. "It bugged me that I couldn't give them all the information about the land, the ins and outs of the area they would be hunting in or how they should hunt it," she said. She is a Jackie of all Trades and will do "pretty much anything to help get through the busy season" Smude started working at Rice Creek Hunting and Recreation in 2003, cleaning the pheasants hunters had shot, so they could just bring it home and cook it. "I actually liked it. That's where the actual hard work is. I give those people a lot of credit. It's hard work cleaning all of those feathers," she said.

Destination Rice Creek A Great Place for a Summer Wedding or Party

This year was going to be our first official FULL year with weddings in the new addition. Well I'm sure you all know what happened this spring when our governor decided to shut down business. We lost 12 weddings this year due to COVID, but we are excited to announce that our 2021 summer weddings are full and hopefully we are going to pick up a few winter ones in the next few months. Here is a little info about weddings held at Rice Creek; our wedding facility is not just an afternoon event but more like a weekend event. When a wedding is held here, we provide the clubhouse and all the sleeping rooms from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. A beautiful grass area next to our pond and flower gardens make a great place for a ceremony. Donna & staff provides a great meal and our bartenders keep the guest, smiling. Weddings and events have ranged from 50-450 people.



The Bunk House: Your New Home Away from Home

The bunk house, which is located just west of the clubhouse, has 5 bedrooms, with a bunk in each room (10 people in individual beds), a kitchen where you can make your own meals, living room, 3 bathrooms and a recreational area.

The bunk house will offer complete privacy for your group but close enough to the clubhouse that you can just walk over. We do allow crated dogs in the bunk house. This cabin is high in demand!!



These dates are taken as of August 25th. Also included are dates we are closed. We have 12 fields in the a.m. and 12 fields in the p.m. to hunt. If you find a date that works, make sure to call us and double check before lining up the groups. To help you better understand the calendar, we have 12 fields available in the AM and 12 fields in the PM. The number listed in that day is the number we have available. For example, if we have pheasant 7 A.M we have 7 fields left in the A.M. Another is if we have Pheasant 0 P.M. we don't have any fields left.

September

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Last year we had you fill out your order sheets before you went hunting which we will be REQUIRING this year. This helped us not having to scramble trying to get hunters out and box birds at the same time during our busy noon hour!

Office Hours – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Tuesday – Saturday, give us a call!!

Call us before noon on Tuesday through Saturday and someone will be here to answer any questions about making a booking (probably Krista or Gregg). Info you should have ready for us should be:

- **What type of day** you will want to enjoy. Pheasant hunting, duck hunting, chucker hunting, sporting clays, meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, or just hors d'oeuvres), staying overnight, all of the above or any other ideas you may have.
- **How many birds** your group will want to be hunting for and will be taking home. Please tell us the total number of birds for the whole group. This is the number you will be charged for as we price by the hunt. This can be changed as late as **a day before the hunt**.
- If you are planning a **guided hunt** or to **hunt on release** and **how many guests** you will be have.
- If you are planning to shoot **sporting clays** or **warm up targets**, **before** or **after** your hunt.
- **What time** you will be **arriving** and **when** you will be **hunting** (Pheasant & Chucker hunts start at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 for a p.m. hunt, Ducks can be hunted anytime before 4:00 p.m.).
- **If you will be bringing any dogs** (if staying overnight, you may use our kennel facilities, as we don't allow dogs in the clubhouse rooms) – call Joe or Shelley for a reservation at 320-745-2692.

Billing Policy at Rice Creek?

Please bring a check or cash, or set up a charge account (must be a member). We do accept Master Card, Visa & Discover but **each time a credit card is used we charge a 3% convenience charge**

Trade-In Options

Pheasant Pot Pies, Smoked Birds, Duck Chili, Pheasant Wild Rice Hotdish, Pheasant Sausage, Filleted or Pan Ready

If you know when you book your hunt that you would like a lot of these products please let us know so we can have enough on hand for you.

Please plan to buy your ammunition here at Rice Creek we will have a full line of both lead & steel shot, (hunting & target loads).

Bringing A Dog With?

You are very much invited to bring your dog with when you come to Rice Creek. Here are some things to think about when considering bringing a dog: if you are a guest of someone else, do they want you to bring one? Can your dog handle lots of birds, lots of shooting, lots of hunters, without freaking out? Our policies is, if your dog is wreaking a hunt with a guide, (chasing birds away out of range, dog fighting, or totally out of control) the guide will ask you to put it away, that's the guides call.

Here are some suggestion to help us, you, and your dog:

- Let us know if you will be bringing a dog ahead of time.
- You can divide from your group and have part of the group go with a guide and you can take a small number with you, or just get an area to hunt by yourself and your dog.
- If you're with a guide ask if you can break away from the group and hunt off to the side.
- If your hunting without a guide ask where you should hunt your dog first, take the dog where there is less birds first, if the dog is a little too excitable, take the dog right o the birds if its young or inexperienced, we can help, ask and we can give you advice.

Bird hunting and dogs go together and your dog may be quite mad if he gets left behind, we can help make a great hunt for all.

Rice Creek Adventure!

Our Youth Adventure is always a success. Many outdoor lessons and shooting skills were learned, and a great time was had by all. Thirty-eight youths attended this year. They shot at hundreds of targets, went fishing, swimming, went to Two Rivers to float down the Platte with tubes, went on a chuckar/pheasant hunt where all the campers harvested at least one bird, participated in a Rice Creek Outdoor skills fair, set up camp in the woods and cooked their own supper & breakfast on the fire. Nineteen of the thirty-eight youth campers attended our Firearm Safety Camp in June. Graduation from the DNR Firearm Safety Course was 100%. Along with achieving their Firearm Safety Certificate, the kids had an outdoor action - packed experience. The activities included target shooting, canoeing and an

afternoon of fishing and swimming, a trip to Camp Ripley military base, camping in the woods, big game blood trail tracking, fire starting, nature identification, and actual hunting of pheasants.

We appreciate all the help we have received running these camps. Thanks to **Mike Dokkebakken** our counselor that stayed with the kids 24-7, **Craig Smith** our certified Firearm Safety Instructors. **Donna and staff** always keeping everyone fed well, and of course **Krista** our camp coordinator, **Scott** gets the gear ready, **Gregg** and **Joe** do what they can. Thanks to all.

Dates for 2021

Beginners Firearm Safety is June 13th - June 17th
Advanced Youth Adventure is July 11th - July 15th

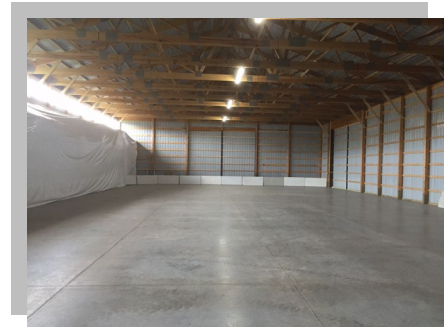


Members Rent a dog

If you're a member and don't have your own dog, we have dogs to rent, if you would like to try hunting without a guide. You will be responsible for the dog and the group. These dogs are Joe & Shelley's personal dogs, Missy or Sweetie a pair of German Shorthair pointers, or Gregg's Black Lab Chief. Hunts are limited to 16 birds maximum on release; any more is too many for one dog. Just another way Rice Creek wants to make your hunting experience the best it can be.

Need a place to store you RV or Boat this winter?

Just a heads up, we have our 60 x150 x 20-foot-high storage building with a cement floor here at Rice Creek. It is safe, clean and affordable. The price to store is a one-time fee of \$15 a lineal foot. It is available for rent to store large objects like boats or RVs from Oct 1st to April 1st. We need to remove units early in the spring because we use the building for the annual Rice Creek/Reeds Gun Fair. Space is limited and we have quite a few returning units, so reserve your spot before we fill up.



Let's Go Hunting at Rice Creek This Fall, How Much Does It Cost?

Membership

- One person in the hunting party must be a member (individual – \$425, corporate \$785 (three persons can be listed, or one day \$200) to hunt at Rice Creek between the dates of September 15th and the last day of Thanksgiving weekend.

Pheasants hunts start at \$120 per person hunting

- Four birds hunted and guaranteed birds in the field, four birds cleaned and packaged to take home.
- Must have your own dog if going without a guide or rent one of our dogs for \$45 per ½ day.
- Guides and their dogs available to hire for ½ day at \$70 plus \$75 gratuity or more. Guides take from one to six hunters per group. Groups can be one to 60 hunters in the am and one to 60 hunters in the pm.
- Hunters can harvest additional birds and have them cleaned at \$30 each, we try not to plan more than 10 birds per / per half day hunter as it gets to be more than can be harvested.

Mallard hunts start at \$120.00 per person + guide(s) required; guide fee is \$30 + gratuity

- Four birds hunted and guaranteed bagged per hunter.
- Hunters are required to count and add to the actual downed ducks of 10% for ducks wounded as part of their harvest which we can recover later after the hunt. Example 7 birds bagged for a group of two, pay for 8 and take home 8 cleaned mallards.
- Hunters can harvest additional birds and have them cleaned at \$30 each, there is no limit to how many can be harvested.

Meals available in the lodge or field

- Breakfast – served at the main clubhouse 8:00 a.m., ready to hunt by 9:00 a.m. \$9.50
- Lunch entrées served at the clubhouse – cook's choice or request your favorite Pheasant or duck meal. \$14.50
- Wild game Pheasant & Duck feast, - the signature meal since our parents started serving meals in 1961 - \$23.50
- Special request – box lunch in the field, soup and a sandwich, hor'dourves, etc..

Lodging available

- The clubhouse, five individual rooms with multiple beds and their own bathrooms, one is handicapped accessible; range from \$79 to \$111 per room, per night (no dogs)
- The cabin, (west of the clubhouse) five rooms with multiple beds, three bathrooms, kitchen, two lounge areas with TV's, dogs allowed: \$300 per night.
- Stay in Pierz (six miles east) – Hillbilly Haven Motel – right on main street and allows dogs.
- Stay in Little Falls (six miles west) – Country Inn Suites allows dogs.

Extra Fun

- Sporting Clays: two fifty target courses open until the snow flies: \$25 per fifty targets, special prices for youth and ladies.
- Cowboy Fast Draw, have a shootout at the Rice Creek Corral, real 45 cal. pistols, leather belts and gun holsters, smoking gun powder, cowboy hats, bring your own boots: .80 a shot, plus the sheriff host to keep things in order - \$25 hour.
- UTV – Utility All-Terrain Vehicles, used to get around the field or the sporting clays course, family rides and group outings, prices vary but we have up to six to rent.

Hunting Land for sale right by Rice Creek



For Sale: 80 acres of land that lies a ¼ mile from the east boundary of Rice Creek. Fabulous deer, turkey, pheasant and grouse hunting. We have also chased coyotes out of this area in the past. We wanted to let a person that is familiar with Rice Creek have an opportunity to acquire this land as we could possibly help plant food plots and develop it into a wildlife mecca. This property has an access from county road 264. Our brother Elden, purchased this land as part of a deal to get the land next to his house, He is willing to part with this 80 acres at the same price as he paid for it, call him direct if your interested in it, his number is 320-630-3159.

Meet the Rice Creek Guide Team

If you don't have your own dog, you can count on these guides to provide the best dogs in the world. I say that because they all use their own dogs, and of course, they all feel they have the best dogs in the world. Our guides love their dogs, love hunting are experts in gun safety and handling and really enjoy sharing the hunting experience each and every day. The guides make it possible for us to take care of really large groups and for the smaller groups, a particular guide is one of the main reasons they may come here. We pride ourselves on having a great team here at Rice Creek, you may recognize a few of the guides from last year. Front row: Greg Koury, Chloe Nelson/Jackson, Matt Seymour, Floyd Jensen, Mickey Johnson Back row: Krista Smude, Jon Jungers, Jeff Johnson, Brian Corrigan, Craig Smith, Rob LeBlanc, Kurt Litke, Cullin Carter, many others not pictured including regulars Scott LeBlanc and Bruce Schillo.





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