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The Maryland Ornithological Society and its chapter members have permission to access WSSC adjacent land to Triadelphia Reservoir and T. Howard Duckett Reservoir. This permission is granted for the sole purpose to observe birds from Sunday, March 15, 2026, through Monday, November 30, 2026.

All bird observers, as a safety precaution, are recommended to wear a safety orange vest or orange hat. The access roads and trails to and from bird watching sites must not be used if they are wet or muddy conditions exist.

Deer hunting is allowed on WSSC Water property in designated areas from ½ hour before Sunrise to Sunset. Designated deer hunting areas will be determined by WSSC Water, and are subject to change, based on deer management goals. Deer hunting season dates are determined by WSSC Water in coordination with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, with hunting hours specified in the Maryland State Hunting Regulations.

A copy of this letter will be carried by each member and another copy displayed on the dashboard of their vehicle. At no time will any vehicle block access to or through any gate. A watershed use permit is required to access the reservoirs by each member. Important telephone numbers are:

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- Steve Sheffield– President of the Maryland Ornithological Society  
Mobile: 301-832-7744 Email: [steve.sheffield@mdbirds.org](mailto:steve.sheffield@mdbirds.org)
- Gregg Petersen – Past President of the Howard County Bird Club  
Mobile: 202-256-8166 Email: [sig29@aol.com](mailto:sig29@aol.com)
- Brighton Dam Visitor Center (7:00 am until sunset) 301.206.7485
- WSSC Police (24 hours) 301.206.8888

If a bird club member encounters an issue, please call the Brighton Dam Visitor Center or WSSC police for assistance. Reservoir maps are also available at the Brighton Dam Visitor Center showing amenities and designated parking areas. I am CCing Mr. Harley, Ms. Tucker, and Chief Bergstrom of WSSC Police, to inform them of your activities on the Watershed.

Sincerely,

Jasper Sirk  
Patuxent Watershed Manager