



WYHUNTFISH- Heart Mountain Bird Hunts

The #WYHUNTFISH - Heart Mountain Bird Hunt is a Mentored Program that teaches youth (12 years and older) and adults the basic hunting skills used in upland bird hunting and then puts these skills to use on a mentored bird hunt on a private bird hunting preserve near Cowley, Wyoming scheduled during the winter months.

Successful Applicants will begin their journey, with the guidance of their Mentor, learning and practicing safe firearm handling and beginning shotgun skills at two clinics to be held at the Cody Shooting Complex trap range on **Saturday, 24 June, 2023** and **Saturday July 15, 2023**. These clinics will be held near Cody, WY in the morning and will last approximately 3 hours each. The second step in your journey will be a Simulated Bird Hunt during which you will walk through a course that simulates upland hunting working with a dog and dog handler while experiencing flushing birds. This program will be held on **Sunday, August 20, 2022** and will also be held at the Cody Shooting Complex sporting clays range.

Your experience will culminate with an actual high activity upland bird hunt on a private preserve near Cowley, WY. The hunt will tentatively take place on a Saturday **November 18, 2023** to be confirmed . You will have the opportunity to harvest your first upland birds and will be accompanied by your mentor and dog handler who will support your hunting efforts while hunting over trained dogs.

The only cost to the participants is that you will need to purchase your Wyoming Bird License and Conservation Stamp and provide your own transportation to the events. For Wyoming residents that have maintained their continuous residency for the past 365 days the combined cost of your license and conservation stamp will be \$37.50.

All of the other items needed to participate in this program are provided free of charge by the program's sponsors and organizers along with your Mentor. **You do NOT need your own firearm or other hunting supplies to participate.**

The #WYHUNTFISH - Heart Mountain Bird Hunt is a collaboration between Wyoming Game and Fish, First Hunt Foundation and Wyoming Outdoorsmen. The combined efforts of these three organizations make this fantastic program possible.

INTERESTED? – If you are, please click on the following button to be directed to the application. The application deadline is **Saturday, 27 May 2023**. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday, 2 June 2023. Successful applicants must be willing to commit to attending the at least 1 shotgun skills clinic on 24 June or 15 July and the 20 August Simulated Hunt to be eligible to participate in the bird hunt. Please use the link below to apply:

<https://forms.gle/kU7A92AVwRZL9VKDA>

Questions? - We know that being new to hunting can be intimidating. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of us. We are here to help!

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