
2024 Indiana State Park Deer Management Hunt Draw Information Early Hunts

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in participating in a 2024 Indiana State Park Deer Management Hunt Draw. It is important to note that areas participating in reserved hunts are managed by various agencies and may have unique restrictions that each hunter must follow. Please read each area's information packet carefully before pursuing a hunt.

Applying:

The application period for the 2024 Indiana State Park Deer Management Hunt Draw is Oct. 7, 2024 – Oct. 27, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid license to take a deer in Indiana prior to applying (this includes any resident deer license, lifetime comprehensive hunting licenses, and lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing combination licenses). Each hunter is eligible to select one property per hunting period when applying. Applicants must be 18 years old by Nov. 18, 2024. Applicants must be Indiana residents or possess a valid lifetime license to take deer in Indiana.

Primary applicants can apply by themselves or with up to two secondary applicants (buddies). There is no preference in the draw based on whether it is an application with buddies or not. You must apply with your buddies' information on your application for them to participate. This includes deer license number and date of birth. Buddies may not be added after an application is submitted and must be included in the original application. All hunters included in an application must possess the license necessary for the hunt. The buddies, or secondary applicants, must still meet all age, residency, and licensing requirements of the State Parks deer management hunts as described above. Each applicant may appear on only one application per hunt period.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment:

- Clifty Falls State Park, Fort Harrison State Park, and Trine State Recreation Area are archery only hunts. Hunters are permitted to use bows and arrows and crossbows that meet the specification set forth in 312 IAC 9-3-3 and described in the 2024-2025 Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide. For archery hunts, ground blinds meeting specifications set forth in 312 IAC 9-2-15 are permitted.
- For all other properties, this is a firearms only hunt. All firearms which may be legally used to hunt deer on public land in Indiana (per the 2024-2025 Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide) will be allowed. Archery equipment will NOT be permitted for these hunts, including the use of crossbows. For firearms hunts, ground blinds are not allowed.
- Non-penetrating tree stands are allowed at both firearms and archery hunts.
- During these hunts, hunters must wear both a solid hunter orange head covering (hat or cap) AND a solid hunter orange outer garment, such as vest, coat, or coveralls, while hunting in a State Park. This gear should be worn at all times.
- **Bag Limit:** During your drawn hunt window, you are allowed to take up to three deer, only one of which can be antlered. These deer do not count against your regular state deer hunting license or bag limit. Please do not pass on antlerless deer for deer with antlers.

Hunting Hours:

- Hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until 4 p.m. ET (3 p.m. CT).

Accessibility:

- Hunters needing accommodations should contact the property office prior to their drawn hunt date. If desired, drawn hunters who possess a persons with disabilities hunting permit may bring a non-hunting individual at least eighteen (18) years of age by Nov. 18, 2024 to assist them.

Area Information:

The total number of hunters drawn will vary by property. The early hunting period is Nov.18 – Nov. 19, 2024. You may apply for one property for each hunting period. Hunters are not assigned to specific units within the property they select and may hunt anywhere in the property, excluding safety zones.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the DNR Division of State Parks at 317-232-4200.