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Highlighting IDNR programs and events for the month of November

Hunting in Illinois: To get started with information on Illinois hunting seasons, go to the “Getting Started” page on the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/GettingStarted.aspx

Archery Permits: Deer and turkey hunters are reminded that 2010 Illinois archery deer hunting permits (combination archery and antlerless-only archery permits) and fall wild turkey archery permits are available over-the-counter from DNR Direct permit sale locations throughout the state. To find the nearest DNR Direct agent, use this link: <http://dnr.illinois.gov/DNRDirectMonitor/VendorListing.aspx>. The archery deer and turkey seasons are open through Jan. 16, 2011.

Firearm and Muzzleloader Permits: Illinois firearm and muzzleloader-only deer permits that have not yet been issued to hunters can be purchased over-the-counter. The firearm deer season is Nov. 19-21 and Dec. 2-5. The muzzleloader-only season is Dec. 10-12. To locate the nearest DNR Direct license and permit agents, go to this link: <http://dnr.illinois.gov/DNRDirectMonitor/VendorListing.aspx>.

Late-Winter Deer Special Hunt Area Applications: Hunters may apply online until Nov. 22 for site-specific permits for designated IDNR special hunt areas for the late-winter firearm deer hunt. The online application system is available through the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov. A list of special hunt areas open only to hunters with site-specific late-winter season permits is available at this link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/ResidentLateWinterAntlerlessDeerHunting.aspx>. Permits for these sites are limited and are available through the online application until Nov. 22 (paper applications are not available). Hunters may submit only one online special hunt area application. Unfilled 2010 site-specific firearm, muzzleloader or youth permits for these sites are not valid during the late-winter firearm deer season (except at sites where standby hunting is available).

Upland Prospects: For information on prospects for the 2010-11 pheasant, quail and rabbit seasons in Illinois, check the IDNR web site for the annual hunting prospects reports prepared by the IDNR Division of Wildlife Program Development. The link to the reports is available through the IDNR web site at this link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/UplandSmallGame.aspx>

Spring Turkey First Lottery: Resident hunters may now apply for the first lottery for 2011 Illinois spring wild turkey season permits online through DNR Direct, available through this link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/SpringTurkeyHunting.aspx>. The application deadline for the first lottery for 2011 resident spring turkey permits is Dec. 1, 2010.

ISAH: The Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger (ISAH) program welcomes two additional meat processors to the effort to “Target Hunger Now!” in Illinois. The ISAH program accepts donations of whole deer from hunters, with participating meat lockers processing the deer into ground venison for distribution to food banks throughout the state. The ISAH program welcomes Teutopolis Locker Service in Teutopolis (Effingham Co.) and Dave’s Meat Market in Yorkville (Kendall Co.), the newest of more than 50 participating meat processors assisting with the effort to help needy families. For a complete list of ISAH meat processors and more information on the program, check the IDNR website at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Pages/SportsmenAgainstHunger.aspx>

Oil and Gas Board: The Illinois Oil and Gas Advisory Board will meet on Wed., Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Illinois Oil and Gas Association building, 824 E. Ill. Highway 15, in Mt. Vernon. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (217) 524-6570.

ESPB Meeting: The Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board will meet on Fri., Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, 30239 S. State Route 53, Wilmington. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (217) 785-8687.

Celebrity Quail and Pheasant Hunt: The annual Illinois Conservation Foundation Gary Watson Celebrity Quail and Pheasant Hunt will be held Nov. 14-16 at the Rend Lake Resort, Whittington. The price for the event is \$600 per person, which includes two nights lodging, meals, refreshments, guides, dogs, ammo and gifts. Proceeds benefit ICF programs supporting youth hunting and outdoor recreation. For registration and additional information, phone (217) 785-2003.

ICF Scholarships: The Illinois Conservation Foundation will honor high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding efforts to preserve, protect, enhance and/or promote Illinois’ natural resources with the awarding of three Conservation Achievement Scholarships. One \$5,000 scholarship, one \$3,000 scholarship and one \$2,000 scholarship are available. **The application deadline for the scholarship program is Nov. 30.** Each applicant must be an Illinois resident and a senior in an Illinois high school during the 2010-2011 school year. See the application form at <https://www.ilcf.org/documents/YouthSchlrshp2011final.pdf> for complete details.

OHV Advisory Board: The Illinois Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Advisory Board will meet on Tues., Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. at the IDNR Headquarters, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, phone (217) 782-7026.

OutdoorIllinois: The art of the late-season dove hunt is featured on the cover and in a feature story in the **November 2010** issue of *OutdoorIllinois*, the official publication of the IDNR. This month's travel feature highlights Cave-in-Rock State Park, the historic Ohio River cave that's been home to pirate stories—if not actual pirates—since the 1700s. Additional features this month include a story on Illinois' premier Youth Conservation Congress, management tips for ring-necked pheasant habitat, an update on avian influenza and a humorous piece on fishing alibis. For a summary of feature magazine articles, listen in on monthly podcasts at www.dnr.state.il.us/OI.

OutdoorIllinois is a great tool for learning about Illinois' natural, cultural and recreational resources and a bargain at only \$15 for a one-year, 12-issue magazine subscription that includes an information-packed annual calendar in the December issue. Visit dnr.state.il.us/OI or call 1-800-720-3249 to subscribe. VISA and MasterCard are accepted. For information on advertising in *OutdoorIllinois*, call (217) 785-8610 or e-mail michelle.silver@illinois.gov.

Archery and Firearm Deer Hunting CWD Sampling: Deer hunters in select counties in northern Illinois are encouraged to allow samples to be taken for chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing from **adult** deer they harvest. This sampling is a very important part of Illinois' effort to monitor and combat CWD in wild deer. IDNR is asking deer hunters in Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties to participate. Hunters should first check in their harvest through the IDNR website or toll-free phone system as indicated on their permit. The following locations are serving as CWD sampling stations, taking samples from entire deer or deer heads thru Jan. 16, 2011:

County	Location	Hours
JoDaviess	Muchow Taxidermy 7056 W. Guilford Rd., Galena (815) 777-0506	Call to make an appointment
Kane	John's Elgin Market 1620 Gilten, South Elgin (847) 741-6374	Daily 8 am-7 pm
LaSalle	Dave Bicket 915 Warren St., Earlville (815) 246-9395	Daily 7 am-9 pm Will not take whole deer after first firearm season
McHenry	Jones Locker Service 204 N. Seminary Ave, Woodstock (815) 338-1016	M-F 9 am-6 pm Sat. 9 am-4 pm, Sun. 10 am-4 pm
McHenry	Dave's Bait, Tackle & Taxidermy 4419 Rt. 176, Crystal Lake (815) 455-2040	M-F 7 am-7 pm, Sat. 6 am-7 pm Sun. 6 am-5 pm, closed Thanksgiving and Christmas, New Years Eve 6 am-3 pm
Ogle	Headons 103 Main, Creston	T-F 8 am-5:30 pm, Sat. 8 am-4 pm
Stephenson	Wayne's Taxidermy	Call to make an appointment

	6849 S. Koch Rd., Pearl City (815) 864-2140	
Stephenson	Harbach Meats 6444 US 20 W., Freeport (815) 232-7807	M-F 8 am-5 pm, Sat. 8 am-noon
Winnebago	Smokehouse Processing 5735 S. 9 th St., Rockford (815) 378-8641	Daily 9 am-5 pm
Winnebago	Pinnons Meats 2324 N. Court, Rockford (815) 962-0131	M-Sat. 8 am-6:30 pm, Sun. 9 am-5 pm
Winnebago	Eickmans Processing Grant St., Seward (815) 247-8451	M-F 7 am-5:30 pm, Sat. 7 am-noon
Wisconsin	Authentic Taxidermy 1849 Yates Ave., Beloit, WI (608) 362-8323	Call to make an appointment

Hunters who participate in the CWD sampling may leave the heads from **adult** deer for testing at several drop-off sites. Hunters should remove the deer head, leaving the two vertebrae nearest the skull attached. The head should be placed in a heavy-grade plastic bag and kept cool until the hunter delivers it to the drop-off site. The head should be stored on ice or refrigerated, but not frozen. (Tissue samples cannot be taken from deer heads refrigerated more than three days). The following sites are serving as self-serve drop-off sites where hunters can fill out a sample submission card and leave adult deer heads:

County	Location	Hours
Boone	Boone County Conservation District Maintenance Bldg, 655 N. Appleton Rd., Loves Park	M-Sun. 8 am-5 pm
DeKalb	Shabbona Lake State Park, 4201 Shabbona Grove Rd., Shabbona	Daily
Ogle	Castle Rock State Park, 1365 W. Castle Rd., Oregon	Daily
Winnebago	Rock Cut State Park, 7318 Harlem Rd., Loves Park	Daily
Winnebago	Sugar River Forest Preserve, 10127 Forest Preserve Rd., Durand	Daily

Test results will be posted on the IDNR website at <http://dnr.state.il.us/cwd/>. For more information, contact IDNR at (815) 675-2386 ext. 316 (Lake, Kane, Cook, Kendall, Grundy, DuPage and McHenry Counties) or (815) 535-2875 (Boone, DeKalb, LaSalle, Ogle and Winnebago Counties).

ISM Science Series: The monthly science series program at the Illinois State Museum Research and Collections Center in Springfield in November is “A Shape in Time and Space: Tracing the Neck Discoid Grave Marker.” The free program is on Wed., Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. As an outgrowth of research on various human-effigy folk gravestones in southern Illinois, this presentation focuses on one variety believed to be derived from an older Celtic tradition having roots in England, Scotland and Ireland. For more information on the program, call (217) 782-0061. The ISM Research and Collections Center is at 1011 East Ash, Springfield.

Nov. 13 is Super Saturday and Collector's Day: On Sat., Nov. 13, the Illinois State Museum will present two public programs for children and adults. The monthly “Super Saturday” program is “Illinois Indians: Then and Now” from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. In celebration of “National American Indian Heritage Month,” the program will feature activities designed to teach children about American Indian culture in Illinois. For more information, phone (217) 782-6044. The popular ISM Collector’s Day will also take place Nov. 13 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Collectors from across central Illinois will display their treasures at the museum and answer questions for visitors. The displays will include antique cameras and tools, model houses and trains, collectibles and memorabilia, toys and tops. The event is free and open to the public. No buying, selling or appraisals will be allowed. For more information, phone (217) 782-0061. The Illinois State Museum is located at 502 S. Spring St., Springfield.

Schoolyard Habitat, Rain Garden Grants: Nov. 30 is the application deadline for the Illinois Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant and Illinois Rain Garden Initiative Grant programs. The Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant program provides teachers and youth group leaders with funds to help in the development or enhancement of wildlife habitat on school grounds or other public places. The application maximum is \$600. Funding for the program is donated to the Illinois Conservation Foundation, with major support provided by the Jadel Youth Fund. The Illinois Rain Garden Initiative provides up to \$1,000 to successful applicants to establish a rain garden. Teachers and community group leaders are eligible to apply. Funding is possible through a grant to the ICF by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. To access the application forms, visit <http://dnr.state.il.us/education/CLASSRM/grants.htm>. For more information, contact the IDNR Education Section at (217) 524-4126.

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