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Highlighting IDNR programs and events for the month of October

Archery Deer Permits: The Illinois archery deer hunting season is underway and Illinois resident deer hunters can purchase 2010 Illinois archery deer hunting permits (combination archery and antlerless-only archery permits) over-the-counter from DNR Direct permit sale locations throughout the state. Non-resident deer hunters can purchase remaining non-resident archery deer combination permits (one either-sex and one antlerless only) while supplies last over-the-counter from IDNR license and permit agents. Non-resident hunters can also purchase antlerless-only archery permits throughout the season. The archery deer season continues through Jan. 16, 2011.

Firearm Deer Permits: Resident and non-resident Illinois firearm and muzzleloader deer permits for the 2010 season that have not yet been issued will be available over-the-counter from IDNR license vendors beginning Oct. 19 on a first-come, first-served basis. The permits will be available until quotas are exhausted or until the close of the firearm deer season, whichever occurs first (hunters may purchase one or more permits during this period, subject to availability).

Youth Firearm Deer Hunt: The Illinois Youth Either-Sex Firearm Deer Hunt is Oct. 9-10. Permits for this season are available over-the-counter from DNR Direct license and permit vendors. For a list of IDNR and public land sites open for hunting during the youth firearm deer hunt in 2010, go to this link: <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/admin/pdf/YouthDeer2010SitesOpen.pdf>

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 8am-7pm
LaSalle	Dave Bicket, 915 Warren St., Earlville, IL (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 9am-6pm Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm
McHenry	Dave's Bait, Tackle and Taxidermy, 4419 Rt. 176, Crystal Lake (815) 455-2040	M-F 7am-7pm, Sat 6am-7pm Sun 6am-5pm, closed Thanksgiving and Christmas, New Years Eve 6am-3pm
Ogle	Headons, 103 Main, Creston	T-F 8am-5:30pm, Sat 8am-4pm
Stephenson	Wayne's Taxidermy, 6849 S. Koch Rd., Pearl City (815) 864-2140	Call to make an appointment
Stephenson	Harbach Meats, 6444 US 20 W, Freeport (815) 232-7807	M-F 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-noon
Winnebago	Smokehouse Processing, 5735 S. 9 th St., Rockford (915) 378-8641	Daily 9am-5pm
Winnebago	Pinnons Meats, 2324 N. Court, Rockford (815) 962-0131	M-Sat 8am-6:30pm, Sun 9am-5pm
Winnebago	Eickmans Processing, Grant St, Seward (815) 247-8451	M-F 7am-5:30pm, Sat 7am-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	Daily 8am-5pm
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 (Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake and McHenry Counties) or (815) 535-2875 (Boone, DeKalb, LaSalle, Ogle and Winnebago Counties).

Late-Winter Deer Special Hunt Area Applications: Hunters may apply online from Oct. 26-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 www.dnr.state.il.us/admin/late.htm. Permits for these sites are limited and will only be available through the online application from Oct. 26-Nov. 22 (paper applications will not be 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).

Deer and Turkey Harvest Data: Anyone interested in following the progress of deer and wild turkey hunters in Illinois this fall can find updates on the Illinois deer and turkey preliminary harvest data through the IDNR website at this link: <http://dnr.illinois.gov/dnrdirectmonitor/default.aspx>.

Waterfowl Digest Available: The *Digest of Waterfowl Hunting Regulations 2010-2011* is now available to view online through the IDNR web site at this link: www.dnr.state.il.us/waterfowl/Digest_of_Waterfowl_2010-11.pdf

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 Resources' Agriculture and Grassland Program. The links to the reports can be found at <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/admin/upland.htm>.

Wingshooting Clinics: The IDNR and participating partners sponsor wingshooting clinics at sites throughout Illinois to help improve the shooting skills of participants. Youth/Women's clinics are designed to teach participants basic firearm and hunter safety and the fundamentals of wingshooting. Hunter clinics are designed to enhance the wingshooting skills of hunters and provide sound wingshooting practice techniques. The clinics are conducted on weekends through the early fall. For a **complete schedule, check the IDNR web site** at <http://dnr.state.il.us>. Upcoming clinics include:

- Oct. 16-17 – Hunter Clinic – St. Charles Sportsmen's Club, Elburn (630/363-6180)
- Oct. 23 – Youth Clinic – World Shooting and Recreational Complex, Sparta (618/295-2700 ext 8300)
- Oct. 23-24 – Youth/Women Clinic – Ten Mile Creek SFWA, McLeansboro (618/643-2862)
- Oct. 30 – Youth Clinic – Wild Rural Park, Waggoner (217/785-8129)

Sahara Woods Archery Hunt: The Sahara Woods State Fish and Wildlife Area west of Harrisburg will again offer archery hunting for the 2010-11 season via a site permit which can be picked up at the Saline County State Fish and Wildlife Area, 85 Glen Jones Road, Equality 62934. Permits can be picked up in person only (and hunters may pick up only their own permit) through the archery deer season. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call (618) 276-4405.

OutdoorIllinois: Featured on the cover of the October 2010 issue of *OutdoorIllinois*, the official publication of the IDNR, is a doe, her fawn and a few well-camouflaged friends feeding along the edge of a ripening fall cornfield at Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area in Randolph County. Featured articles this month include the American woodcock, Illinois' most prolific bluebird trail, the new Illinois Conservation Foundation youth conservation education center, making autumn olive jelly and the organic art of nature. Additional stories clarify when the use of deer baits is illegal and the circumstances making the harvest of a hen pheasant legal. 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 www.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.

Horseshoe Lake and Mississippi River Area Waterfowl Check Station Operations 2010: The **waterfowl check stations** at Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co.) and the Mississippi River State Fish and Wildlife Area will operate with reduced hours for the 2010 waterfowl season. **The check stations at these sites will open daily at 4:30 a.m. and close at 12:30 p.m.** All hunters will be required to present their hunting license and waterfowl stamps (or FOID card if they are exempt from a hunting license) instead of leaving their hunting license or FOID card at the check stations until check out. Hunters

will be provided with a harvest report card to be deposited in a box at the check station at the site at which they hunt at the conclusion of their daily hunt. The check stations will close at 12:30 p.m. each day and the last drawing for available blinds will be held at 12 noon instead of 1 p.m. as in the past. Harvest reporting compliance will be closely monitored, so hunters are encouraged to submit harvest cards each day. All other rules and regulations will remain the same as during previous waterfowl seasons. This modification to the check station hours of operation will also apply during the Illinois youth waterfowl season at Horseshoe Lake on Oct. 23-24. For additional information, contact the office at Horseshoe Lake State Park at (618) 931-0270 or the site office at the Mississippi River Area at (618) 376-3303.

Waterfowl Rest Area at Carlyle Lake: The IDNR has announced that a change in the location of the waterfowl rest area will be implemented for the 2010-11 waterfowl hunting season at the Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area. The rest area will be located at Sub-impoundment #4, commonly called Speaker Lake. The rest area replaces the old rest area located at Duck Island the previous 10 years. The new rest area location will allow more management and law enforcement capability for IDNR staff, and will provide many benefits for waterfowl hunters and the waterfowl resource. The new rest area boundary will be “E” Levee on the east, “F” Levee-Hermit Point on the south, and the state’s property line along the west side of Sub #4. It will be posted with signs, and bulletin boards at all parking lots will show the new location. It is unlawful for any person to enter the rest area two weeks prior to the regular duck season, which opens this year on Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving Day) in the South Zone. It remains closed to admittance until the end of the Canada goose season. Hunters are also reminded that it is illegal for any person to enter the rest area in an attempt to retrieve downed waterfowl. For more information, contact the Carlyle Lake SFWA, RR2, Box 233, Vandalia 62471, phone (618) 425-3533.

Online Free Site Hunting Permits (East Central Illinois Sites Only): Hunters are reminded that free site hunting permits (windshield cards) to hunt upland, forest game and waterfowl at east central Illinois sites are now available online through the IDNR website home page at www.dnr.illinois.gov. Navigate to “Hunting/Trapping” and then to “Public Hunting Areas” to print the permits. A link to hunter fact sheets is also available at this site. Hunters with questions should contact the east central Illinois IDNR site office where they intend to hunt.

Fort Massac Encampment: One of southern Illinois’ most popular fall festivals is the annual Fort Massac Encampment at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis, Oct. 16-17. The event provides visitors with a look at life in colonial and early American times at Fort Massac, which served as a military outpost along the Ohio River for personnel from France, Britain, the American colonies and the early U.S. Admission is free and the hours for the encampment festival are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Oct. 16 and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Oct. 17. For more information, call (618) 524-4712.

Dickson Mounds Lecture: The Dickson Mounds Museum near Lewistown will host a lecture on the “Future of the Study of Ancient Human Skeletal Remains” on Tues., Oct. 5

at 7 p.m. Dr. Michael Wiant, Dickson Mounds Museum Director, will give a presentation on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) titled "NAGPRA at 20: Has Anything Changed?" For more information on the free program, call (309) 547-3721.

ISM Super Saturday: The Illinois State Museum in Springfield invites children to participate in the "Super Saturdays" event on Fabulous Fossils. The free program is from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 9. The event is a celebration of Earth Science Week at which youngsters can learn about Illinois' reputation for fabulous fossils, what it takes to make a fossil, where fossils are found and what scientists can learn from these clues about Earth's past. For more information, call (217) 782-6044. The Illinois State Museum is located in the State Capitol Complex in Springfield.

Science Series: Archaeological work at the Cahokia Mound 34 in southwest Illinois will be featured at the next Illinois State Museum Science Series program on Wed., Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at the ISM Research and Collections Center in Springfield. Dr. John E. Kelly of Washington University in St. Louis will discuss investigations into the pre-mound landscape of Mound 34 that exposed and documented a copper workshop initially identified in 1956. For more information on the free program, phone (217) 782-0061. The program will be held at the ISM Research and Collections Center, 1011 E. Ash St., Springfield.

Nov. 30 Application Deadline: Nov. 30 is the application deadline for the Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant and Illinois Rain Garden Initiative grant programs. The Schoolyard Habitat Action Grant 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. All funds for this program are donated to the Illinois Conservation Foundation. Major support is 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 from 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.

CVA Grants: The IDNR is soliciting applications for grants to be awarded through the federal Clean Vessel Act grant program. Local governments and operators of private marinas, boat yards and yacht clubs may apply for the grants to build or upgrade marine sewage disposal systems and renovate pumpout stations used by recreational boaters. Applications must be sent to the IDNR, which will forward proposals to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for consideration. Applicants whose projects are approved will be reimbursed for up to 75 percent of allowable expenses to construct or renovate stations and waste reception facilities. Grant funds are generated from excise taxes on fishing equipment, import duties on tackle and boats, and motorboat fuel taxes. Detailed information about the program and application forms are available by calling the IDNR at (217) 782-2602, or by writing to the IDNR Federal Aid and Special Funds Section, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271.

ICF Scholarships: Nov. 30 is the application deadline for the Illinois Conservation Foundation Conservation Achievement Scholarship program. The ICF 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 scholarships: one \$5,000 scholarship, one \$3,000 scholarship and one \$2,000 scholarship. Applicants must be Illinois residents who are seniors in an Illinois high school during the 2010-11 school year. See the application form on the ICF website at www.ilcf.org for complete details. Applications must be postmarked by Nov. 30. For more information, call (217) 785-2003.

Trapping Permit Drawings: The IDNR has scheduled the following drawings for site trapping permits:

- A public drawing for the allocation of Sangchris Lake State Park trapping permits will be held at 1 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 16. Registration will be at 12:30 p.m. at the site headquarters, located approximately six miles southeast of Rochester. One permit for one trapping zone will be allocated through the drawing procedure. Two names will be allowed on the permit, and only those individuals listed will be allowed to trap. All persons entering the drawing must have a current 2010 trapping license in possession. Persons whose names are drawn must be in attendance. For more information, contact Sangchris Lake State Park, 9898 Cascade Road, Rochester, IL 62563 or phone (217) 498-9208 between 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- A public drawing for the allocation of Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area trapping permits will be held at 2 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 23. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. at the site headquarters, located approximately five miles southeast of Chandlerville. One permit for each of the five trapping zones will be allocated through the drawing procedure. All persons entering the drawing must have a current 2010 trapping license in possession. At JEPCSWFA, only Egg Traps, DP (Dog Proof) Traps, box traps, cage traps and traps of similar action may be used. Homemade dog-proof traps must be designed with a foot hold trap no larger than a number two size in an enclosed wood, metal or durable plastic container with a single access opening of no larger than 1½ inch diameter. Body-gripping traps must be completely submerged. For more information, contact Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA, P.O. Box 646, Ashland, IL 62612, or phone (217) 452-7741.

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