

Sand Ridge State Forest FURBEARER REGULATIONS

Permit: *Hunting:* All hunters are required to have a free Hunter Windshield Card obtained online at <https://dnr.illinois.gov/windshieldsheet/index.asp>. Windshield Cards must be posted and visible from outside of vehicles. **Each hunter must report their harvest online by February 15th.** *Trapping:* All trappers must obtain a free trapping windshield card online at <https://dnr.illinois.gov/windshieldsheet/index.asp>, and must also register at forest headquarters in person prior to trapping, please call ahead for assistance, 309-597-2212. Registrants are required to have a current or previous years trapping license in hand to register.

Species Available: *Hunting:* Raccoon, opossum, striped skunk, red and gray fox, woodchuck and coyote. *Trapping:* Muskrat, mink, raccoon, opossum, striped skunk, red and gray fox, coyote, badger, bobcat, woodchuck and weasel

Season: *Hunting:* Raccoon and Opossum, November 5, 2017- February 10, 2018; Red and Gray Fox November 10, 2017- January 31, 2018. Coyote and Striped Skunk coincides with the opening of statewide raccoon season until the day before opening of the statewide spring turkey season. All fur bearing hunting is closed during the firearm deer season. *Trapping:* Muskrat, mink, raccoon, opossum, striped skunk, red and gray fox, coyote, badger, bobcat and weasel, from Nov. 10, 2017 through Feb. 15, 2018; woodchuck, from June 1, 2018 through Sept. 15, 2018.

Restricted Areas: All restricted areas are posted and closed to hunting and trapping; additionally, statewide regulations require hunters and trappers to remain at least 100 yards from any day use area, campsite, parking lot, posted restricted area, or private residence. Additionally, traps must be a minimum of 25 ft. from all designated trails and cannot be set in fire lanes, access roads or controlled pheasant hunting area.

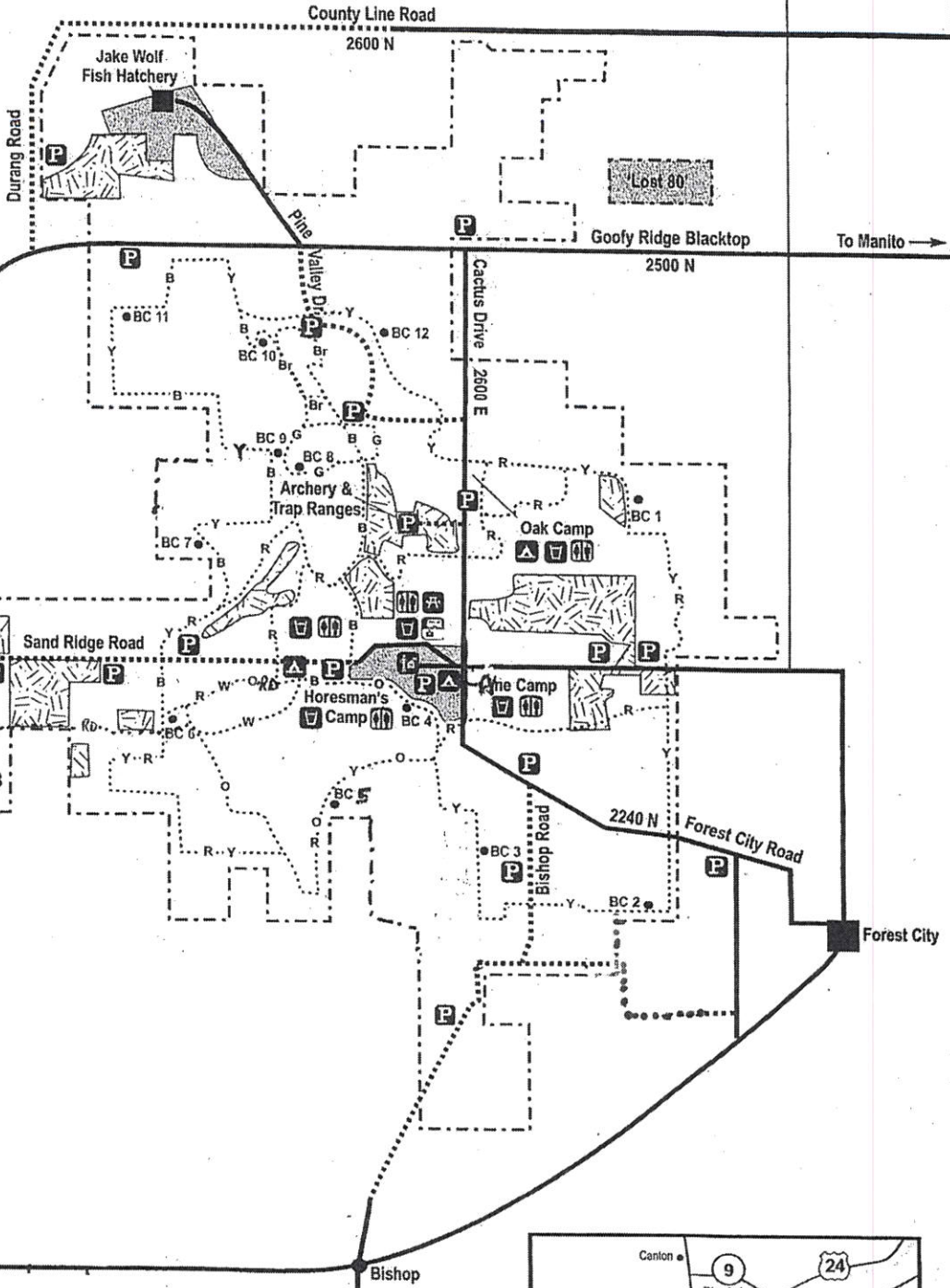
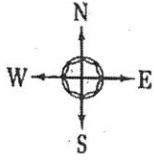
Public notice of prescribed fire will be included on the IDNR "Closure Listing" seven days prior to burn ignition. Prior to ignition a horn will sound three times to notify any person within the burn unit they have 45 minutes to exit the area. A second horn will sound three times 15 minutes after the first, indicating 30 minutes to exit the area. In addition, notification to the public will be reflected in handouts, hunter fact sheets, hunter windshield card sign-up web page, Sand Ridge State Forest web page, and Sand Ridge telephone answering machine.

- Please Note:**
1. Hunters and trappers are required to **report harvest by February 15th** or forfeit the privilege to hunt the following year.
 2. Firearms are restricted to either .22 caliber or smaller firearms with rim fire cartridges or shotguns with shot shells only.
 3. All fire lanes and trails are closed to motorized vehicles.
 4. Effective December 1, 2005, alcohol possession and consumption is prohibited at Sand Ridge.
 5. All other statewide regulations are enforced and can be viewed at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/adrules/Pages/default.aspx>.

For further information contact Sand Ridge State Forest P.O. Box 111 Forest City, IL 61532; Phone 309.597.2212 or Fax 309.597.2240

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Sand Ridge State Forest



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| Headquarters | Restrooms | Restricted Area | Game Fields |
| Park Boundary | Drinking Water | Trails | |
| Campground | Sanitary Dump Station | Y - Yellow Trail 14.8 miles | |
| Parking | Asphalt Roads | R - Red Trail 11 miles | |
| Picnic Area | Sand Roads | B - Blue Trail 7.7 miles | |
| | Trails | O - Orange Trail 5 miles | |
| | | G - Green Trail 1.75 miles | |
| | | Br - Brown Trail 2.15 miles | |
| | | W - White Trail 1.25 miles | |
| | | RD - Red Diamond Trail 5 miles | |

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