

2019 – 2020 Late-Winter Deer and CWD Hunting Permit Information

SEASON DATES: December 26-29, 2019 and January 17 -19, 2020

HUNTING HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

SPECIAL CWD DEER SEASON OPEN COUNTIES:

Boone	Kane	McHenry
Carroll	Kankakee	Ogle
DeKalb	Kendall	Stephenson
Grundy	LaSalle	Will
JoDaviess	Livingston	Winnebago

LATE-WINTER DEER SEASON OPEN COUNTIES:

Brown	Knox	Monroe
Clay	Lee	Perry
Crawford	Macoupin	Putnam
Effingham	Madison	Rock Island
Fulton	Marion	Saline
Hamilton	McDonough	Shelby
Henderson	Mercer	

HOW TO GET A PERMIT: Permits for the counties open to the Late-Winter and Special CWD Seasons are sold over the counter by license vendors. Permits will be available beginning December 10 through the end of the season. In addition to permits issued specifically for these seasons, persons hunting on private land may also use an unfilled deer permit valid for the previous firearm, muzzleloader or youth deer season and valid for one of the open counties. Unfilled firearm, muzzleloader* or youth deer permits are valid only for the county for which they were originally issued, and unfilled landowner firearm deer permits are valid only on their owned, leased, or rented farmland in the open counties. *Hunters using an unfilled muzzleloader deer permit may only use a muzzleloading rifle.

A number of state-owned properties are open to these seasons, some of which require a Special Hunt Area Permit that is obtained through a lottery drawing. See the information that follows for a list of open sites and their permit requirements.

FEES:

- On-Line Application (Special Hunt Areas only) \$17.50
- OTC Late-Winter Season County Permits \$18.00
- OTC CWD Season County Permits \$5.50

LATE-WINTER DEER SEASON BAG LIMIT: One ANTLERLESS deer per legally authorized permit regardless of permits in possession (either-sex or antlerless-only) - only ANTLERLESS deer may be harvested. An antlerless deer is defined as a deer without antlers or a deer having antlers less than 3 inches long during the late-winter season.

SPECIAL CWD DEER SEASON BAG LIMIT: One deer per legally authorized either-sex or antlerless-only permit. Deer taken during the CWD Season are not subject to the antlered deer bag limit restrictions imposed during the firearm, muzzleloader, youth and archery deer hunting season.

LICENSE: In addition to your deer permit, you must have a valid Illinois Hunting, Sportsman's, Youth, or Apprentice License unless you are:

1. A disabled person with an State I.D. card available from the Secretary of State through the driver license examining station showing a P2, P2A, H2 or H2A disability.
2. A disabled veteran with a Veterans disability card (at least 10% service related); available from local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs offices.
3. An Illinois resident on active duty and on leave from the U.S. Armed Forces.
4. A landowner or tenant residing on farm lands, or the children, parents, brothers and sisters permanently residing on such lands, and hunting only the lands resided on.

HABITAT STAMP: Before any person 18 years of age or older takes, attempts to take or pursues a deer, he or she shall first obtain a State Habitat Stamp. Disabled veterans and former prisoners of war shall not be required to obtain State Habitat Stamps. Any person who obtained a Lifetime License before January 1, 1993, shall not be required to obtain a State Habitat Stamp.

FIREARM OWNERS' I.D. CARD (issued by the State Police): Regardless of who owns the gun, anyone who has a firearm, including muzzleloaders, or firearm ammunition in their possession must have in their possession a valid Firearms Owner's I.D. (FOID) Card unless he or she is:

A licensed out-of-state-sportsman hunting in Illinois, or under the age of 21 and under the immediate control of a parent, guardian, or responsible adult who has in their possession a valid FOID Card. For FOID Card Information call 217-782 -7980.

REPORTING DEER HARVEST: Successful hunters must register their harvest by 10:00 p.m. on the same calendar day the deer was taken by calling the toll-free telephone check-in system at 1-866-ILCHECK or by accessing the online check-in system at www.dnr.illinois.gov/Hunting/Pages/HarvestReporting.aspx. They will be provided with a confirmation number to verify that they checked in their harvest. This number must be written by the hunter on the temporary harvest tag (leg tag). If the condition of the tag precludes writing on the tag in the appropriate space (i.e., bloody, etc.), the confirmation number shall be written elsewhere on the tag, or onto a piece of paper and attached to the deer along with the temporary harvest tag. The deer must remain whole (or field dressed) until it has been checked in. In instances where deer are checked in while the hunter is still afield, the deer may not be dismembered while afield beyond quartering the animal. If quartered, all parts of the carcass (except the entrails removed during field dressing) must be transported together and evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to one quarter. Evidence of sex is:

- a. For a buck: head with antlers attached to carcass or attached testicle scrotum, or penis.
- b. For a doe: head attached to carcass or attached udder (mammary) or vulva.

The harvest tag (leg tag) and confirmation number must remain attached to the deer until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer and final processing is completed. If the head/antlers are delivered to a taxidermist for processing, the confirmation number must be recorded on the "head tag" portion of the permit and both must remain with the deer while at the taxidermist's. If the carcass is taken to a meat processor, the harvest tag (leg tag) with confirmation number must remain with the deer while it is processed and until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer. Persons delivering deer/parts of deer to a tanner for processing must supply the tanner with either their deer permit number, their confirmation number, or a written certification by the person from whom the deer was received that the specimen was legally taken or obtained.

HUNTING ON PUBLIC LAND

SITES REQUIRING A SPECIAL HUNT AREA PERMIT (site-specific permit)

Application Dates: An on-line application for Late-Winter and CWD Season Special Hunt Areas will be available **October 29 – November 25, 2019** through the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov. Paper applications will not be available; hunters may submit only **one** on-line Special Hunt Area Application.

CWD Special Hunt Area Sites:

- Carroll County - French Bluff SNA, Mississippi Palisades SP
- DeKalb County - Kishwaukee River SFWA
- Grundy County - Goose Lake Prairie SNA, Heidecke SFWA, and Morris Wetland *
- JoDaviess County - Apple River Canyon (Thompson/Salem Units), Hanover Bluff SNA, Rall Woods (Falling Down Prairie) SNA, Tapley Woods SNA, Wards Grove NP, Winston Tunnel SNA, and Witkowsky SWA
- LaSalle County - Starved Rock SP, Matthiessen SP, Margery C Carlson SNA, Mitchell's Grove SNA and Sandy Ford SNA
- Ogle County - Castle Rock SP, Lowden-Miller SF, and White Pines SP
- Stephenson County - Lake Le-Aqua-Na SP (Dec. 26 – 29 only)

**Hunters with permits for these sites must sign in at the site check station by 5:00 AM; standby hunting available afterwards as space allows*

Late-Winter Special Hunt Area Sites:

- Lee County - Franklin Creek SNA

**SITES OPEN TO HUNTING WITH A COUNTY SPECIFIC PERMIT
(county in which the site is located)**

The following sites are open to hunters with a Late-Winter or CWD Season Deer Permit issued for the county in which the site is located. Permits for the counties open for the Late-Winter and CWD season will be available over the counter through DNR Direct license vendors beginning December 10th.

As in years past, unfilled firearm, muzzleloader, and youth firearm permits for the county in which the site is located will be valid for this season at these sites. Unfilled site-specific firearm or muzzleloader deer permits are also valid for the sites listed below. Unless otherwise listed, where site boundaries extend over more than one county, only the portion of the site that lies within an open county is open to hunting.

Public Hunting Areas open for Late-Winter/CWD season:

- Brown County – Spunky Bottoms Unit of Weinberg-King SP, Buckhorn Unit of Siloam Springs SP
- Carroll County (CWD) – Mississippi River Pool 13
- Crawford County – Crawford County SWA
- Effingham County – Wildcat Hollow SHA
- Hamilton County – Hamilton County SFWA, Ten Mile Creek SFWA (Dahlgren & Goshen Trail Units only)
- Henderson County – Big River SF, Mississippi River Pool 18
- JoDaviess County (CWD) – Mississippi River Pool 12
- Knox County – Spoon River SF
- LaSalle County (CWD) – Marseilles SFWA (open only December 26-29, 2019)
- Lee County – Green River SWA
- McDonough County – Argyle Lake SP
- Mercer County – Mississippi River Pool 17
- Perry County – Pyramid SP (Captain, Denmark and Galum units only)
- Putnam County – George S. Park SNA, Miller Anderson Woods (Putnam portion only)
- Rock Island County – Mississippi River Pool 16
- Saline County – Sahara Woods SFWA, Saline County SFWA

For questions please call **217-782-7305** or email: DNR.Permits1@illinois.gov