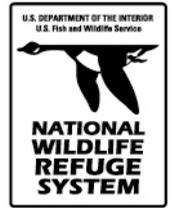


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AUGUST 14 IS DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR YOUTH DEER PERMIT FOR LOST MOUND

The Lost Mound Unit (formerly Savanna Army Depot) of Upper Miss Refuge will again conduct a special Youth Deer Hunt on October 11-12. Youth must first receive a Jo Daviess County Deer Permit in order to enter the random draw for hunting at Lost Mound. The deadline for Illinois youth hunters to apply for a Jo Daviess County Deer Permit is August 14. Youth deer permits can only be applied for at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website: www.dnr.state.il.us.

After receiving a Jo Daviess County Youth Deer Permit, youth then apply for a Lost Mound Deer Permit. There are 15 hunting sites available for youth deer hunting at Lost Mound. Ed Britton, District Manager of the Refuge, stated "This second year of the special youth deer hunt should prove to be an outstanding hunt due to the large deer herd that is present. This hunt allows youth to harvest either-sex deer and there are some very large bucks on Lost Mound." For additional information on the youth deer hunt, contact the Refuge office at 815-273-2732.

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