

Ohio River Islands

National Wildlife Refuge

Notice to Deer Hunters:

A special deer management hunt will be held on Middle Island near St. Marys, WV, on Wednesday, Dec. 17, and Saturday, Dec. 20. The hunt is needed to control the number of deer on the island and improve wildlife habitat.

This special hunt will include the use of muzzleloaders (inlines, 209 primers, and scopes allowed) and archery.

Hunter selection and stand locations will be by lottery. All applications must be RECIEVED AT REFUGE HEADQUARTERS BY NOV 14, 2008 to be considered.

- The hunt is limited to 24 muzzleloader hunters and three archery hunters each day.
- Only antlerless deer may be taken with these exceptions:
 - hunters under the age of 15 (all West Virginia state regulations apply)
 - five hunters selected on the day of the hunt for a deer of either sex
- **Note:** All deer taken during this hunt **WILL** count against the hunter's annual deer season bag limit.
- All hunting will take place from elevated self-climbing stands provided by hunters with these exceptions:
 - Three accessible stands are available for physically challenged hunters (Class Q license required.)
 - Refuge ladder stands (three single and one double for adult and child) will be offered to muzzleload hunters without stands.
- In addition to Refuge hunt permit, hunters must possess appropriate WV state hunting license(s) and tags.

More details about the hunt will be available beginning Oct. 31 at the Refuge website: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/ohioriverislands>, and at refuge headquarters: 3982 Waverly Road, Williamstown, WV, telephone (304) 375-2923, ext 117.



2008 Application for Middle Island Deer Management Hunt

Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge
3982 Waverly Road
Williamstown, WV 26187
Tel. 304/375-2923, ext. 117

NAME _____ / _____

Last Name

First Name

MAILING ADDRESS _____ / _____ / _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

TELEPHONE: _____ E-mail (optional) _____

DESIRED DAY OF HUNT: (check **one** day only)

- Wednesday, December 17 Saturday, December 20

NOTE: Only antlerless deer may be taken with these exceptions:

- hunters under the age of 15 (all West Virginia state regulations apply)
- five hunters selected by drawing on the day of the hunt for a deer of either sex

All deer taken **will count** against the hunter's annual deer season bag limit.

All hunting will take place from 27 stand locations. Please check **one** hunt option below (names will be drawn from each category according to # of stands available):

- Hunter-provided self-climbing tree stand (muzzleloader stands – 17 stand locations)
- Hunter-provided self-climbing tree stand (archery stands – 3 stand locations)
- Refuge-provided stand for physically challenged hunters (muzzleloader – must have Class Q license, 3 stand locations)
- Refuge-provided stand for physically challenged hunters (muzzleloader – Class Q license not required, only available if Class Q stands are not filled)
- Refuge-provided one-person ladder stand (muzzleloader – 3 stand locations)
- Refuge-provided two-person ladder stand (muzzleloader – 1 stand, reserved for adult/youth hunters)

If not selected for your hunt date of choice, do you want to be listed as a stand-by hunter for the stand type and weapon selection checked above (if hunters harvest deer, leave early, or do not show)?

- YES NO

If "YES," check dates you want to be a standby (you may check both):

- Wednesday, December 17 Saturday, December 20

(Stand-bys are required to be present at the morning briefing prior to the hunt.)

All applications must be RECEIVED BY NOV. 14 at the refuge headquarters. Applications may be mailed, faxed, or delivered in person to:

Ohio River Islands NWR
3982 Waverly Rd.
Williamstown, WV 26187

Fax: 304/375-2926

Hunters and alternates will be notified by November 21 if their name was selected for the hunt. More details about the hunt will be available beginning Oct. 31 at the Refuge website: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/ohioriverislands>, and at refuge headquarters: 3982 Waverly Road, Williamstown, WV, telephone (304) 375-2923, ext. 117.

(Hunters may make additional copies of this form.)