
Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge Deer Hunt for Persons with Disabilities

A Recreational Opportunity for Permanent Mobility and/or Visually Impaired Individuals

Purpose

The special deer hunt at Clarence Cannon NWR helps improve the deer herd on the refuge and provides a recreational opportunity for mobility and/or visually impaired hunters. The opportunity afforded to a special group of the nation's population that has a permanent physical condition that severely impairs their mobility or vision. These individuals are fully capable of properly using a firearm to hunt game, but have restricted ability to access land for a quality hunting experience. This hunt is an effort to provide for proper access, facilities, and other needed resources so individuals with disabilities can enjoy a safe and successful recreational experience.

Point of Contact

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Description of Proposed Area

Located one mile east of Annada, Missouri, in Pike County, the hunt will take place within the boundaries of the 3,750 acre Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). The entire refuge is located within the floodplain of the Mississippi River. Previously, this land had been converted to farmland, but is now managed for migratory waterfowl and other birds.

Seasons

1. A 3-day hunt from Friday, October 25, 2018 to Sunday, October 27, 2019.
2. A 2-day hunt on Saturday and Sunday, January 4-5, 2020.

Criteria for Eligibility and Permit Information

1. Applicants **must be non-ambulatory or legally blind** to participate in the special hunt.
 - a. Non-ambulatory is defined as a permanent physical condition that severely impairs mobility resulting from paralysis or amputation of one or more of the lower extremities **requiring the use of a wheelchair, braces, crutches or other similar aids of mobility**.
 - b. Legally blind as defined for this hunt includes conditions where the better eye has a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less with the use of a correcting lens. A person with an eye which is accompanied by a limitation in the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees shall be considered as having a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less.
2. Successful applicants must purchase a **managed** deer hunting permit for the State of Missouri through the Missouri Department of Conservation. A resident permit is \$17.00 and nonresident is \$225.00. Youth (ages 6-15) permits are \$8.50. For more information go to the [Missouri Department of Conservation](#) website. **NOTE: Do NOT purchase a permit until you have been notified you were drawn for the hunt.**
3. Assistance for personal hygiene needs will not be provided by refuge personnel or volunteers. If necessary, the applicant will be required to provide his or her own personal assistant.

Application Procedure and Permit Notification

1. The eligible applicant will be required to provide completed a Quota Deer Hunt Application (attached). All applications must be received by close of business **Friday, August 30, 2019**.
2. Eligible applicants must indicate which hunt(s) is being applied for on the Quota Deer Hunt Applications.
3. Nine (9) permits will be issued for the October 2019 hunt.
4. Three (3) permits will be issued for the January 2020 hunt.
5. Participants will be selected by a random drawing.
6. Successful applicants will be notified by mail with a letter and will receive a packet of instructions. **Hunters and their assistants will be required to attend an orientation meeting held at 5:00 a.m. on Friday October 25th for the October hunt and/or Saturday January 4th at 5:30 a.m. for the January hunt.** Orientation will outline the special hunt instructions and cover safety requirements for the hunt. A drawing for the selection of the day's appointed hunt blind will be conducted each morning of the hunt.

Method

1. Centerfire firearms will be the only device permitted during the hunt. Legal centerfire firearms must be in accordance with Missouri hunting regulations.
2. No hunting dogs or other pets are permitted for the hunt, nor will they be allowed in the area during the hunt.

Bag Limit

October Hunt: Two deer, either one antlerless and one antlered or two antlerless are permitted to be harvested by each hunter. Each hunter may **ONLY** harvest one antlered deer.

January Hunt: Two deer, either one antlerless and one antlered or two antlerless are permitted to be harvested by each hunter. Each hunter may **ONLY** harvest one antlered deer. Each hunter must harvest one antlerless deer prior to harvesting an antlered deer.

Antlered Deer

An antlered deer is defined as a deer having at least one antler, 3 inches or longer.

The four point restriction will **ONLY apply for the January Hunt**.

Monitoring

The check station will be located at the headquarters of Clarence Cannon NWR. Hunters will be required to check in and out each day of the hunt. Personnel at the station will be on hand to ensure compliance with regulations and safety during the hunt, as well as gather biological data for use by the refuge.

Safety

1. Hunters will be required to have an assistant with them throughout the hunt. The assistant will not be permitted to possess any weapon, therefore only one firearm will be permitted in the blind. Hunters and their assistants will be required to remain within their blind unless pre-approved by the Refuge Manager. The assistant may leave the blind to retrieve a harvested deer, provided they call the refuge personnel in advance.
2. Hunting from a vehicle is prohibited, with the exception of specially designed ATVs while parked inside the blind. Helmets must be worn when operating any ATV. All firearms must be cased and unloaded when transported in any vehicle (car, truck, ATV, etc.).
3. All firearms will be unloaded until the hunter and assistant are safely seated inside the blind. Firearms must be unloaded upon departure of the hunter and/or the assistant from the blind.
4. Hunter Orange – all hunters and their assistants must wear hunter orange at all times during the hunt. Hunter orange must meet or exceed what is specified in the Missouri State hunt regulations both on person and on the blind.
5. Cellular phones are recommended for direct communication with refuge personnel in case of emergency or if assistance is needed.

Equipment Required

On each day of the hunt, participants will be assigned a specific hunt location with a blind set up. It is the responsibility of the participant and their assistant to bring with them any equipment and gear required to hunt and/or harvest deer. No hunting gear or equipment will be supplied by Clarence Cannon NWR with the exception of one chair per blind and shooting sticks.

Flooding Notice

Clarence Cannon NWR has been flooded since the end of March. The water is currently receding, but it will take some time for the deer to move back into the area. That being said, we expect harvest rates to be low for this hunting season.



QUOTA DEER HUNT APPLICATION
National Wildlife Refuge System



Follow instructions in the refuge hunt publication; not all fields may be required. Read and comply with all refuge regulations, including application deadlines.

1. Name of Refuge: _____ 2. Date of Application: _____

3. Full Legal Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Area Code/Phone No: _____

Email Address: _____

4. Method: _____

5. Hunt Date Choices

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

4th Choice: _____

5th Choice: _____

6. Hunt Location Choices

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

4th Choice: _____

5th Choice: _____

7. Special Hunt: _____

7A. Youth Hunt Only: Age Limit at Time of Hunt: _____

8. *I have read and understand the refuge hunt regulations and agree to abide by the regulations governing hunting on the refuge.*

Hunter Signature

Print guardian name and signature here
(required for hunters less than 18 years old)

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Date Received: _____

Payment Exempt/No Fee

Payment Required

Payment Amount: _____

Payment Type: Personal Check

Cashier's Check

Money Order

Other:

Notes: _____

NOTICES

All information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001).

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) as amended and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k – 460k-4).

Purpose: The collection of contact information is to verify that the individual has an eligible permit to hunt on one of the National Wildlife Refuges that is designated for deer hunting.

Routine Uses: The individual's contact information may be used to verify permit status, provide permittees with permit-related information, and monitor waterfowl hunt activities conducted under a permit. More information about routine uses can be found in the System of Records Notice, Permits System, FWS-21.

Disclosure: Providing the information is required as a condition of maintaining a Federal permit under the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act. Failure to disclose the requested information may be sufficient cause for revocation of the permit. If the information indicates a violation of a statute, regulation, rule, order or license, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, the information may be transferred to the appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agency charged with investigating or prosecuting such violations.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to provide the refuge managers the information needed to decide whether or not to allow the requested use, and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is voluntary; however, submission of the requested information is required to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants. Failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned OMB Control No. 1018-0140.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed application to this address.