



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge



## Restricted Area Archery Deer Hunt Regulations

Illinois State Hunting Regulations Apply to Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge

Hunt Dates: Archery Deer Season is October 1 – November 14, 2025, and December 9 – January 18, 2026.

### Before your hunt:

- ☐ Review Unexploded Ordinance information
- ☐ Have Illinois hunting license and habitat stamp
- ☐ Have State Archery Deer tag
- ☐ Have signed Self-Check-in Hunting Permit
- ☐ Have signed 2025-26 Crab Orchard Hunting regulations (*Orange Brochure*)
- ☐ Have a **Crab Orchard NWR Entrance Pass** or **Duck stamp** or **America the Beautiful Pass**
- ☐ **Hunter check-in:** Hunters must check in once per season before they start their hunt and return harvest report at end of their season on last day of hunting.

### During your hunt:

- No vehicles behind refuge gates
- Bicycle use permitted only on designated road and foot trails shown on hunt map
- Weapons on bicycles must be in a case or made inoperable
- No hunting within 50 yards of buildings, roads, and areas posted closed to hunting (see map)
- No hunting over trails or road
- Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages are prohibited
- Deer stands with identification may be left up to 24 hours. Stands must be removed at the end of your hunt.
- Only deer may be harvested.
- Have the signed Crab Orchard Hunting regulations with you as you hunt.

### After your hunt:

- ☐ Complete Crab Orchard game harvest slip and put it in the drop box at headquarters or hunter check-in station
- ☐ Report your harvest to IDNR at 1-866-452-4325 or online at [www.exploremoreil.com](http://www.exploremoreil.com) by 10 PM day of harvest

## Restricted Area Archery Deer Hunt Map 2025

