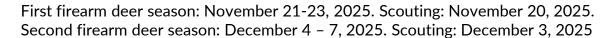


U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge

Restricted Area Firearm Deer Hunt Regulations



Illinois State Hunting Regulations apply to Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.

Before your hunt:

- Preregister at the Refuge Visitor Center
- ☐ Purchase 2025 Crab Orchard Deer Hunt Pass -\$5.00. (available at preregistration)
- □ Have IDNR Crab 1 or 2 deer hunting permit
- ☐ Review and sign Unexploded Ordinance information
- ☐ Review Crab 1 and 2 Hunting Regulations and Map
- ☐ Have Illinois hunting license and habitat stamp
- ☐ Have FOID Card
- NOTICE: ROAD RESTRICTIONS— Please review map on other side. Some roads previously open to vehicles have been restricted to bike or foot traffic only. (Additional Parking Areas have been developed)

During your hunt:

- Only Crab 1 or Crab 2 permit holders may hunt in the Special Hunt Area
- Have signed 2025 Crab Orchard Recreation Use Permit
- Vehicles are restricted to roads shown on map (reverse side). Bicycles are permitted on foot trails. DO NOT BLOCK GATES, ROADS, OR ENTRANCE TO FIELDS
- Handguns are prohibited
- No hunting within 50 yards of buildings, roads, bunkers, and areas posted closed to hunting (see map)
- Possession & or use of alcoholic beverages are prohibited
- Hunters may bring non-hunting aid. Aids may not assist with transporting or discharging any firearms
- Deer stands or blinds tagged with owners' identification may be left up for 24 hours unoccupied. Stands left vacant for over 24 hours or untagged will be removed.
- Target practice is prohibited
- We prohibit organized deer drives
- Marking or flagging any tree with reflectors, tape, or paint is prohibited

After your hunt:

- ☐ Complete Crab Orchard game harvest slip and drop off at the Visitor Center
- □ Report your harvest to IDNR at 1-866-452-4325 or online at exploremoreil.com

Shooting Hours

- Crab 1 November 21 6:13 AM-5:10 PM
- Crab 1 November 22 6:14 AM-5:10 PM
- Crab 1 November 23 6:15 AM-5:09 PM
- Crab 2 December 4 6:25 AM-5:06 PM
- Crab 2 December 5 6:26 AM-5:06 PM
- Crab 2 December 6 6:27 AM-5:06 PM
- Crab 2 December 7 6:28 AM- 5:06 PM

Restricted Area Firearm Deer Hunt Map 2025

