



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

## Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge



### Restricted Area Firearm Deer Hunt Regulations

First firearm deer season: November 21-23, 2025. Scouting: November 20, 2025.

Second firearm deer season: December 4 – 7, 2025. Scouting: December 3, 2025

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](http://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

