

Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is a favorite destination for archery deer hunting. Approximately 5,200 acres of the refuge are open to big game hunting. This year, Kirwin NWR will hold a lottery-style draw for 30 archery deer hunting permits. See below for application instructions and the application form.

Kirwin NWR Archery Deer Hunt:

- The application window for the limited-draw archery deer hunt at Kirwin NWR closes on Friday, August 15, 2025.
- The names of the selected applicants will be posted to the Refuge website shortly following the close of the hunt application period.
- Successful applicants for the 2025 archery deer hunt will receive a “hunt package” via email, containing additional information and requirements.
- **All hunters must possess a valid Kansas hunting license** and all the necessary stamps and/or permits as required by Federal and State laws.
- Hunters who possess a Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) permit that allows the taking of an antlered deer may purchase as many as five (5) Antlerless White-tailed Deer permits, as per State regulations.
- **Archery deer hunters are required to display a Refuge Access Permit on their vehicle dashboard.** Selected archers will receive the Refuge Access Permit as part of the hunt package.
- Not all hunting areas are open for all species. Refer to the current Kirwin NWR Hunting and Fishing brochure for more information. Areas open for hunting are outlined in the brochure, which is available on the Refuge website at www.fws.gov/refuge/kirwin/library. If you are unsure, contact Refuge staff for assistance at (785) 543-6673; extension 11 for Federal Wildlife Officer, Jeff Dunlap, or extension 14 for Station Manager, Jillian Boyd.
- Hunting regulations generally follow statewide regulations, including seasons and bag limits established by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Regulations Specific to the Refuge:

- No more than two blinds or tree stands per hunter are allowed. No cutting vegetation to aid in installation of tree stands (e.g., removing tree limbs). Tree stands may not be placed until 7 days prior to the season opening and must be removed within 14 days of the close of season. Portable blinds must be removed at the end of each day’s hunt. Tree stands must be labeled with the user’s Department-issued KDWP number.
- Natural vegetation may be used to construct a temporary blind.

- Baiting and trail cameras are prohibited.
- Retrieving game from a NO HUNTING ZONE or from an area that is not open to the hunting of that species is prohibited. Regulate your hunting to ensure that game does not fall into an area where it cannot be retrieved.

Instructions for Special Hunts:

- The application includes options for three special hunts: Youth, Disability, and Buddy Hunters.
 - **Special Youth and Disability Archery Deer Hunt:** The Refuge will be open to archery deer hunting by youth and persons with disabilities during the Youth and Disability deer season running from Saturday, September 6 through Sunday, September 14. There will be an unlimited number of Special Youth and Disability Permits offered for this season.
 - **Youth Hunting Requirement:** Youth hunters who are at least 16 years of age and have completed Hunter Education may hunt alone. All other youth hunters, whether they participate in the special youth archery deer hunt or the regular Kirwin NWR archery deer hunt, must be accompanied by an adult who is 18 years of age or older. The accompanying adult may assist with scouting, stalking, and game retrieval but may not participate in the actual harvest. The accompanying adult is responsible for the safety and compliance of the youth hunter. It is prohibited for an adult to permit a youth hunter to violate State or Federal laws or regulations while hunting at Kirwin NWR.
 - **Special Buddy Hunt:** The application includes an option for a special “buddy hunter” permit for the 2025 archery deer hunt. A party of no more than two (2) hunters is allowed under this permit.
- Adults may assist other adults only with the removal of a harvested deer, unless the archer has special physical needs and prior permission is given.
- **Continued Eligibility:** Hunters participating in the limited-draw archery deer hunt at Kirwin NWR are required to send a photo of all deer harvested and complete a hunter survey card. All those persons selected in the drawing are required to fulfill these criteria or be removed from any future drawings.

For additional information, please email kirwin@fws.gov or mail to Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge at 702 E Xavier Rd, Kirwin, KS 67644.





BIG/UPLAND GAME HUNT APPLICATION
National Wildlife Refuge System

KIRWIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
702 E Xavier Rd, Kirwin, KS 67644
kirwin@fws.gov



Please review the application; not all fields may be required. Read and comply with all refuge regulations, including application deadlines. For further information regarding hunting at Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge, please refer to the hunting and fishing brochure, which is available on the refuge website, <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/kirwin>.

1. Name of Refuge: Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge 2. Date of Application: _____

3. Full Legal Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Area Code/Phone No.: _____

Email Address: _____

4. Method: Archery

5. Regular Hunt: Only use if NOT applying for a special hunt. Regular: _____

6. Special Hunt: Please check ONE. Only use if applying for a special hunt.

Youth: _____ Disability: _____ Buddy: _____

Youth Hunt Only: Age at time of hunt: _____

Buddy Application (2 Hunters Only): Names of both hunters: _____

BOTH buddy hunters must apply to be selected for the hunt.

7. KDWP License # _____

8. FOR NON-RESIDENT APPLICATIONS ONLY

Do you possess a Kansas Lifetime Hunting License? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, License #: _____

If no, were you selected for a Kansas White-tailed Deer Tag? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, which units were you selected for? Primary _____ Secondary _____

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

Hunter Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)
(Required for hunters less than 18 years old)

Parent/Guardian Signature

***APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 15, 2025 TO BE
CONSIDERED FOR THE DRAWING***

Email to: kirwin@fws.gov or Mail to: Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge, 702 E Xavier Rd, Kirwin, KS 67644

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, 640K-3, & 664).

Purpose: The collection of personal information is to verify that an individual is eligible to receive a permit to conduct monitored activity on areas within the National Wildlife Refuge System, national fish hatcheries, and other conservation areas administered by the Secretary of the Interior for fish and wildlife purposes.

Routine Uses: The individual's information will be used to verify permit status, provide permittees with permit-related information, and monitor activities conducted under a permit. This information may be shared in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the routine uses listed in the System of Records Notices: FWS-5 National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permits; FWS-21 Permits System; FWS-10 National Fish Hatchery Special Use Permits.

Disclosure: Providing the information is voluntary; however, as a requirement for 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.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) 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 10 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: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at Info_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed application to this address.

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