

Shiawassee NWR Lottery-based Accessibility Hunt

NEW 2026 – A lottery-based accessibility hunt will be held during the State of Michigan Independence Hunt weekend October 15-18, 2026. This hunt replaces the non-ambulatory hunt that was held November 15-18 annually.

- All hunters **must** have a Permit to Hunt from a Standing Vehicle issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Applications and process can be found at this link <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/orv-riding/permit-to-hunt-from-a-standing-vehicle>.
- **Hunters who don't have a permit or don't present their permit will be disqualified even if they were successful in the lottery.**
- Hunters interested in applying for the lottery-based accessibility hunt must complete hunt application form [3-2439](#) and email it to shiawassee_accessibility@fws.gov. Only electronic applications will be accepted.
- Shiawassee NWR will conduct the lottery for this hunt only. All other white-tailed deer hunts at Shiawassee NWR are managed by Michigan Department of Natural Resources electronic licensing system.
- This hunt will be administered by Shiawassee NWR volunteers who will contact all successful hunters and provide more detailed information after the lottery. **Please make sure you put current and correct phone number and email address on application.**
- The hunt will be divided into 2 distinct hunts (Hunt A and B). In total, 24 hunters will be selected. Hunters must select Hunt A or Hunt B.
 - Hunt A - October 15 and October 16
 - 12 Any deer permits
 - Hunt B – October 17 and October 18
 - 12 Any deer permits
- A random lottery will be conducted, and hunters will be contacted in order of the lottery results until 12 hunters are selected for Hunt A and 12 hunters are selected for Hunt B.
- Leftovers will not be available for sale after the lottery.
- Only 1 deer may be harvested during hunt period.