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Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

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Managed Deer Hunts at Lost Mound Unit - 2013

Introduction: Two managed deer hunts, one for youth (ages 10–15) and one for adults with disabilities (16 and older), are conducted within designated areas of the Lost Mound Unit. There are 40 sites available for each hunt that is open to residents and non-residents. These guidelines pertain only to the managed hunts and do not apply to areas open to public hunting.

Attendants: All hunters must be accompanied by an able-bodied adult attendant that is capable of tracking and retrieving deer. Attendants for youth are not allowed to hunt, whereas, attendants for adults can hunt. Hunters may be accompanied by one non-hunting individual in addition to the attendant.

Application Period & Random Draw: The application period and random draw dates for both hunts are the same. Applications are available from July 1-August 1, 2013. Hunters must submit a Fish & Wildlife Service Big Game Hunt Application to: Refuge Manager, 7071 Riverview Road, Thomson IL, 61285 before 4:00PM on August 1. Applications are available at the Refuge office or online; and can be mailed, emailed, faxed or dropped off at the Refuge office, open Monday-Friday, 7:30AM-4:00PM. Hunters needing a wheelchair accessible site should write a note on the application. All eligible applications will be entered into a random draw to be held August 2 at 10:00AM at the Refuge office. The drawing is open to the public and applicants do not have to be present. Applicants that did not hunt at Lost Mound last year will be given priority. All applicants will be notified of the drawing results. A list of 10 standby hunters will be drawn to fill any sites that are turned down. Standbys must attend a safety orientation to be eligible to hunt.

Mandatory Orientation and Safety Training: All hunters, attendants and accompanying individuals must attend a mandatory orientation and safety training to become familiar with the hunt area, safety regulations and access restrictions. Two training sessions are scheduled: Saturday, October 5 and Friday, November 15. Each session is from 9:00AM-3:00PM with classroom orientation at Manny's Pizza, 211 Main Street, Savanna IL followed by a visit to the hunt sites at Lost Mound. Youth must have completed a state approved hunter education safety course prior to this orientation. All state hunting licenses, stamps and permits required by Illinois Department of Natural Resources (ILDNR) must be obtained prior to the orientation.

Hunt Sites & Shooting Zones: There are 40 hunt sites with designated shooting zones. You can hunt within 100 feet of the hunt site marker. Some sites have greater accessibility than others. No hunting blinds are provided. Hunters and attendants are not allowed to climb onto the sides or top of the earthen covered buildings (igloos). Climbing tree stands are allowed within 100 feet of the hunt site marker in the youth hunt but are not allowed in the adult hunt.

Hunter Check-In and Restricted Hours of Movement: Hunters and attendants are required to register at the River Road gate, upon entry and departure, daily. Hunters and attendants may not scout areas, nor walk or drive roads within the hunt area except for direct travel to and from their designated hunt site even during the hours of movement. This travel restriction is to minimize disturbance to other hunters. Hunters and attendants must travel together (i.e., one cannot leave the hunt site without the other) but may travel in separate vehicles.

Hunters must follow these hours of movement restrictions:

4:00AM – 5:30AM: Hunters must check in at the River Road gate. After registering for the days hunt, hunters are required to go directly to their hunt site along designated routes of travel.

5:30AM - 9:00AM: To prevent hunter disturbance, no entry or departing your hunt site is allowed. Hunters must stay at their designated hunt site even if you harvest a deer.

9:00AM - 2:30PM: Hunters may depart and return to their hunt site using designated routes of travel only. No entry is allowed into the hunt area after 2:30PM.

2:30PM - End of Day: Hunters must stay at their designated hunt site until one-half hour after sunset even if you harvest a deer. Hunters are required to check out at the River Road gate no later than 1 hour after the close of shooting time.

Firearms: Shotguns and muzzleloaders are allowed in the youth hunt. Shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns are allowed in the adult hunt. Firearms must be unloaded and cased and/or dismantled at all times while in a vehicle. Archery and crossbow equipment are not allowed.

Blaze Orange & Hunting Blinds: Hunters, attendants and accompanying persons must display blaze orange in accordance with state regulations. Portable blinds or camouflage covering are encouraged and must display 400 square inches of solid vivid blaze orange material that is securely attached to the uppermost portion of the blind or covering and a substantial amount of orange is visible for 360 degrees.

Cell phones are required: Each hunt site must have available one cell phone. No phones will be provided.

Lost Mound Deer Check Station: All harvested deer must be brought to the Lost Mound Deer Check Station for the collection of biological information and testing for Chronic Wasting Disease. You may check in deer during the hours allowed for movement or at day's end. In addition, hunters must register their deer with the ILDNR by 10:00PM on the same calendar day the deer was taken by calling the toll-free Deer Harvest Hotline at 1-866-452-4325. You will be given a confirmation number that has to be written on the leg tag attached to the deer.

Voluntary program for non-lead ammunition: Each hunter and hunting attendant will be provided a free box (5 shells) of non-lead shotgun slugs (Federal solid copper, 2 ¾ inch, 12 gauge or 20 gauge). The Refuge encourages all hunters to voluntarily use these copper slugs in an effort to reduce lead exposure in bald eagles that feed on gut piles left in the field and on wounded but not retrieved deer. In addition, the Refuge will provide free recycling of lead ammunition that is brought in voluntarily by hunters.

Acknowledgement of Danger: All hunters, attendants and accompanying individuals must sign an "Acknowledgement of Danger: Release and Hold Harmless Agreement" that is explained and provided at the orientation. This agreement acknowledges your understanding that Lost Mound is a former military installation and there is potential for munitions of explosive concern being present within the hunt area.

Chronic Wasting Disease: CWD has been confirmed in Jo Daviess County. Each harvested deer at Lost Mound will be checked for CWD. Hunters should also be aware of the regulations regarding transporting deer to or through any other state. To avoid fines and confiscation you must process your deer according to each respective state's laws and regulations before crossing state lines. A list of local meat processors is available. Visit the ILDNR website for additional information on CWD.

Permit Revocation: A hunter's permit may be revoked at any time for violation of these special regulations or state regulations.

Additional Information: For additional Refuge information, call the Refuge office in Thomson IL at 815-273-2732. For additional state hunting information, contact the local ILDNR office or access their website at: www.dnr.illinois.gov

GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH HUNT

1. Youth Hunt Dates: October 12-13, 2013 which coincides with the Illinois Youth Either Sex Deer Hunt.

2. Eligibility Requirements: Youth may be Illinois residents or non-residents, minimum 10 years of age, and not have reached their 16th birthday by October 5, 2013. All hunters born on or after January 1, 1980 must show proof they have successfully completed a state approved Hunter Safety Education course. Youth hunters must be under the immediate control of a parent, guardian or responsible adult that has in their possession a valid Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) Card (if an Illinois resident) and is capable of tracking and retrieving deer. Only one youth can hunt at each site.

3. Jo Daviess County Youth Deer Permit: Youth must obtain an ILDNR Jo Daviess County Youth Deer Hunt Permit that is available over the counter where hunting licenses are sold. This permit costs \$10.50 and must be obtained prior to your attendance at the mandatory orientation; the Refuge does not provide this permit. For additional information, contact your local ILDNR office or visit the ILDNR website.

4. Refuge Permit Fees: There are no Refuge permit fees.

5. Daily limit/possession limit: Youth hunters are allowed to harvest one "either-sex" deer.

GUIDELINES FOR ADULT HUNT

1. Hunt Dates: November 16-17, 2013 which is the Saturday-Sunday prior to the Illinois Firearms Deer First Season.

2. Disability Requirements: Hunters with disabilities must possess a minimum Class P-2A disability certification issued by the State of Illinois or the equivalent certification from another state. The certification requires a physical disability of a permanent nature that renders a person unable to walk 200 feet or more unassisted by another person or without the aid of a walker, crutches, wheelchair, or other device. Standing vehicle permits are allowed.

3. Jo Daviess County Deer Permit: Hunters and attendants **do not need** an ILDNR Jo Daviess County Deer Permit as this permit will be issued by the Refuge.

4. Possession limit: The possession limit for disabled hunters is 5 deer to include 4 antlerless and 1 antlered. The antlered deer can be taken at any time provided an “either sex” permit has been issued. The possession limit for hunting attendants is 4 antlerless deer, no antlered deer are allowed.

5. Permit types: There are two types of deer permits issued to adult hunters, a “Bonus Permit” and a “Standby Permit”. Each permit has specific requirements and fees.

“Bonus Permit”: At the safety orientation, each hunter is issued a “Bonus Permit” that is valid for harvest of your first deer. The “Bonus Permit” for disabled hunters can be an “antlerless” or an “either sex” permit but must be identified when the permit is issued. *(Note: In the past, hunters were required to harvest an antlerless deer first.)* Fees differ between “antlerless” and “either sex” “Bonus Permits”, especially for non-residents. “Bonus Permits” for attendants can only be “antlerless”. After harvesting your first deer with a “Bonus Permit”, hunters and attendants may purchase a “Standby Permit” to harvest additional deer. Attendants may harvest antlerless deer anytime during the hunt. *(Note: This is a change from the past when attendants could not harvest a deer until after the disabled hunter had harvested a deer.)*

“Standby Permit”: After you have harvested your first deer, then a “Standby Permit” is issued to harvest a second deer. Additional “Standby Permits” are issued after each deer is harvested. This permit is valid only for the day it is issued; you must purchase an additional “Standby Permit” in order to hunt the following day. The “Standby Permit” can be an “antlerless” or “either sex” permit, however, “either sex” permits are only issued to disabled hunters that have not yet harvested a buck. Multiple antlerless permits (up to 3 at a time) can be purchased but are only valid for the day of purchase.

6. Permit fees: Permit fees vary depending on: resident versus non-resident; “Bonus Permit” versus “Standby Permit” and; “antlerless” versus “either sex” permit. There is no fee for a non-hunting attendant. These fees are regulated by ILDNR, as follows.

Illinois Resident:

“Bonus Permit”

“Either sex”: \$25.00

“Antlerless”: \$17.50

“Standby Permit”:

“Either sex”: \$5.00

“Antlerless”: \$5.00

Non-resident:

“Bonus Permit”:

“Either sex”: \$300.00

“Antlerless”: \$25.00

“Standby Permit”:

“Either sex”: \$5.00

“Antlerless”: \$5.00

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Wildlife Refuge System**

Big/Upland Game Hunt Application

OMB Control Number
1018-0140
Expires 4/30/2015

Follow instructions in the refuge hunt publication; all fields may not be required.
Read and comply with all refuge regulations, including application deadlines.

1. Name of Refuge	Upper Mississippi River NWFR-Savanna District	2. Date of application	
3. Legal Name		Area Code/Phone No.	
Mailing Address			
City, State, ZIP		e-mail	
4. Method			
5. Species			
6. Hunt Date Choices (if applicable)	1st Choice	N/A	7. Hunt Location Choices (if applicable)
	2nd Choice	N/A	1st Choice
	3rd Choice	N/A	2nd Choice
			3rd Choice
8. Special Hunt	Youth or Disabled (circle one)	8A. Youth Hunt Only: Age at time of hunt	

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

Hunter signature

Guardian signature (required for hunters under 18 years of age)

For Office Use only:

Payment Exempt/No fee Payment required

Payment Type: **Amount:** _____ **Notes:** _____

Personal Check Cashiers Check

Money Order Other

Permit issued by: _____

Date Received _____

Notice

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information:

- The issuance of a permit and collection of fees on lands of the National Wildlife Refuge System 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).
- The information that you provide is voluntary; however submission of requested information is required to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants under the above Acts. It is our policy not to use your name for any other purpose. The information is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act. 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). Failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit.
- We estimate the public reporting burden on the applicant for information collection to be 30 minutes. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 2042-PDM U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20240.
- Routine use disclosures may be made: (a) to the U.S. Department of Justice when related to litigation or anticipated litigation; (b) of information indicating a violation or potential violation of a statute, rule, order, or license to appropriate Federal, State, local or foreign agencies responsible for investigating or prosecuting the violation or for enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulations, order, or license; (c) from the record of the individual in response to an inquiry from a Congressional office made at the request of the individual (42 FR 19083; April 11, 1977); and (d) to provide addresses obtained from the Internal Revenue Service to debt collection agencies for purposes of locating a debtor to collect or compromise a Federal Claim against the debtor, or to consumer reporting agencies to prepare a commercial credit report for use by the Department (48 FR 54716; December 6, 1983).
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