

**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

**Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge**

**Deer Hunt for Persons with Disabilities**

**January 7 – 8, 2017**

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# Clarence Cannon NWR Deer Hunt for Persons with Disabilities.

## A Recreational Opportunity for Permanent Mobility and Visually Impaired Individuals



### Purpose

The Special Deer Hunt at Clarence Cannon NWR is used to help improve the deer herd on the refuge and provide for a recreational opportunity. This opportunity is being extended to a special group of the nation's population that has a permanent physical condition that severely impairs their mobility or vision. These individuals are fully capable of properly using a firearm to hunt game, but have restricted ability to access land for a quality hunting experience. This hunt is an effort to provide for proper access, facilities, and other needed resources so individuals with disabilities can enjoy a safe and successful recreational experience.

### Point of Contact

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge  
37599 County Road 206  
Annada, Mo 63330

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### Description of Proposed Area

Located one mile east of Annada, Missouri, in Pike County, the hunt will take place within the boundaries of the 3,750 acre Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). The entire refuge is located within the floodplain of the Mississippi river where the land was previously converted to farmland and is now managed for migratory waterfowl and other birds.

### Method

1. Centerfire firearms will be the only device permitted during the hunt. Legal centerfire firearms must be in accordance with Missouri hunting regulations.
2. No hunting dogs or other pets will be permitted to be used for the hunt, nor will they be allowed in the area during the hunt.

### Bag Limit

Two deer, either one antlerless and one antlered or two antlerless are permitted to be harvested by each hunter. Each hunter must harvest one antlerless deer prior to harvesting an antlered deer.

#### *Antlered Deer*

*An antlered deer is defined as a deer having at least one antler, 3 inches or longer. The four point restriction **will** apply for this hunt.*

## Monitoring

The check station will be located at the headquarters of Clarence Cannon NWR. Hunters will be required to check in and out each day of the hunt. Personnel at the station will be on hand to ensure compliance with regulations and safety during the hunt, as well as gather biological data for use by the refuge.

## Season

The January hunt is a 2-day hunt from Saturday, January 7 to Sunday, January 8, 2017.

## Permit Information and Criteria for Eligibility:

1. Successful applicants must purchase a managed deer hunting permit for the State of Missouri. A resident permit is \$17.00 and nonresident is \$225.00. Youth permits are \$8.50.

**NOTE: Permits must be purchased only if drawn for the hunt.**

2. Applicants must be non-ambulatory or legally blind to participate in the special hunt. Non-ambulatory is defined as a permanent physical condition that severely impairs mobility resulting from paralysis or amputation of one or more of the lower extremity(ies) which require the use of a wheelchair, braces, crutches or other similar aids of mobility. Legally blind as defined for this hunt includes conditions where the better eye has a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less with the use of a correcting lens. A person with an eye which is accompanied by a limitation in the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees shall be considered as having a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less.
3. Assistance for personal hygiene needs will not be provided by refuge personnel or volunteers. If necessary, the applicant will be required to provide his or her own personal assistant.

## Application Procedure and Permit Notification

- The eligible applicant will be required to provide completed Quota Deer Hunt Application forms (page 5). All information must be received by close of business **Monday, August 29, 2016**.
- Three (3) permits will be issued for the designated hunting blinds. Participants will be selected by random drawing. **\*\*NOTICE** – an additional 12 hunt spots will be available for this hunt to any legal Missouri hunter. Those individuals must apply on the Missouri Department of Conservation website at <http://mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/deer-hunting>.
- Successful applicants will be notified by mail with a letter and packet of instructions enclosed. **Hunters and their assistants will be required to attend an orientation meeting to be held at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, January 7, 2017.** Orientation will outline the special hunt instructions and cover safety requirements for the hunt. A drawing for the selection of the days appointed hunt blind will be conducted each morning.

## Safety

### Hunting Areas / Firearms

1. Hunters will be required to have an assistant with them throughout the hunt. The assistant will not be permitted to possess any weapon, unless drawn to participate by the state in the other managed hunt taking place on Clarence Cannon NWR at the same time. Only participating hunters may possess firearms for this hunt. Hunters and their assistants have the ability to hunt from an assigned blind or any other location within the refuge. The assistant, whether hunting or not, must remain with their hunter at all times unless in the event of retrieving a harvested deer.

2. Hunting from a vehicle is prohibited, with the exception of specially designed ATVs while parked inside the blind. Helmets must be worn when operating any ATV. All firearms must be cased and unloaded when transported in any vehicle (car, truck, ATV, etc.).
3. All firearms will be unloaded until the hunter and assistant are safely positioned for the hunt.
4. Cellular phones are recommended for direct communication with refuge personnel in case of emergency or if assistance is needed.

### **Hunter Orange**

All hunters and their assistants must wear Hunter orange at all times during the hunt. Hunter orange must meet or exceed what is specified in the Missouri State hunting regulations.

### **Equipment Required**

On each day of the hunt, participants will have access to locations with a blind set up. It is the responsibility of the participant and their assistant to bring with them any equipment and gear required to hunt and/or harvest deer. No hunting gear or equipment will be supplied by Clarence Cannon NWR.

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

**Quota Deer 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  2. Date of application

3. Legal Name  Area Code/Phone No.

Mailing Address

City, State, ZIP  e-mail

4. Method

5. Hunt Date Choice

1st Choice	<input type="text" value="January 7-8, 2017"/>
2nd Choice	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>
3rd Choice	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>
4th Choice	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>
5th Choice	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>

6. Hunt Location Choices

1st Choice	<input type="text" value="Clarence Cannon NWR"/>
2nd Choice	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>
3rd Choice	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>
4th Choice	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>
5th Choice	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>

7. Special Hunt  7A. Youth Hunt Only: Age at time of hunt

8. 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:

Personal Check  Cashiers Check

Money Order  Other

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 3042-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).
- An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned control number 1018-0140.

FWS Form 3-2354  
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