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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge
7071 Riverview Road
Thomson, Illinois 61285
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Managed Deer Hunts at Lost Mound Unit - 2012

Introduction: Two managed deer hunts, one for youth and one for hunters with disabilities, are conducted within designated areas of the Lost Mound Unit. These guidelines pertain only to the managed hunts and do not apply to the areas open to public hunting. All state hunting licenses, stamps and permits that are required by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (ILDNR) must be obtained.

Eligible Hunters & Attendants: Both youth and hunters with disabilities must be accompanied by an adult (18 years minimum) attendant that is able-bodied (cannot be disabled) and capable of tracking and retrieving deer. Attendants for youth are not allowed to hunt. Attendants for hunters with disabilities are allowed to hunt.

Application Process: Eligible hunters must submit a Big Game Hunt Application to the Refuge office in Thomson (IL) and show proof of age or disability status. Refer to the attached application guidelines.

Random Draw: Applicants names will be entered in a random draw for the 40 hunt sites. Hunters that did not participate in last year's Lost Mound hunt will be given priority. Ten standby hunters will be drawn in the event of cancellations. Standbys must attend the mandatory 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 areas and access restrictions. See attached schedule of training sessions.

Hunt Sites & Shooting Zones: There are 40 hunt sites with designated shooting zones. No hunt blinds are provided. You will need to bring a pop-up blind or alternative concealment structure that must be located within 100 feet of the hunt site marker. 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 disabled 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; this restriction includes the hours allowed for movement. This restriction on travel route 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: During the Youth Hunt, shotguns and muzzleloaders are allowed in accordance with state regulations. Hunters with disabilities may use shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns in accordance with state regulations. Archery and crossbow equipment are not allowed. Firearms must be unloaded and cased and/or dismantled at all times while in a vehicle.

Blaze Orange & Hunting Blinds: Hunters, attendants and accompanying persons must wear blaze orange in accordance with state regulations. Ground pop up blinds 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 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.

Deer Check Station: All harvested deer must be brought to the Deer Check Station. Hunters must also 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.

Acknowledgement of Danger: All hunters, attendants and accompanying individuals must sign an Acknowledgement of Danger: Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. 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 ILDNR guidelines before crossing state lines. A list of local meat processors will be 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.state.il.us*

GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH HUNTERS

1. Youth Hunt Dates: October 6-7, 2012 which coincides with the Illinois Youth Either Sex Deer Hunt.

2. Eligibility Requirements: Youth can be Illinois residents or non-residents, a minimum 10 years of age, and not have reached their 16th birthday by the date of the Youth Hunt. All youth must show proof they have successfully completed a certified Hunter Safety Education course or show a previous year's hunting license. Resident hunters or attendants must have in their possession a valid Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) Card. Youth hunters must be under the immediate control of a parent, guardian or responsible adult that is capable of tracking and retrieving deer. Youth may be accompanied by one individual in addition to the attendant.

3. Jo Daviess County Youth Deer Permit: Youth must obtain a Jo Daviess County Youth Deer Permit that is available over the counter where hunting licenses are sold. This permit must be obtained prior to your attendance at the mandatory orientation; the Refuge does not provide this permit.

4. Youth Hunt Fees: There are no Refuge permit fees.

5. Lost Mound Application: Applications are available on July 1, 2012. Youth can submit their Big Game Hunt Application to the Refuge office in Thomson from July 1-19, but no later than 4:00PM on the 19th. The Refuge office address is 7071 Riverview Road, Thomson IL 61285 and is open Monday-Friday, 8AM-4:00PM. Hunters needing a handicap accessible site should write a note on the application.

6. Random Draw & Hunt Site Assignment: All eligible youth applications will be entered into a random draw on July 20 at 10:00AM at the Refuge office in Thomson. 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. The random draw will determine the hunt site assigned to each youth. Only 1 youth can hunt at each site. All applicants will be notified of the drawing results. A list of 10 standby youth hunters will be drawn to fill any sites that are turned down. Standbys must attend the safety orientation to be eligible to hunt.

7. Mandatory Orientation & Safety Training: Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 9:00AM-4:00PM with classroom orientation at Manny's Pizza, 211 Main Street, Savanna IL followed by a visit to the hunting sites at Lost Mound. Youth hunters, attendants and any individual who will accompany the hunter into the field must attend this mandatory program. This mandatory training will be held one time only with no alternative dates offered. **Youth must have completed a certified hunter safety education course prior to this orientation.**

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

9. Deer Check-In: All deer must be brought to the 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 the end of the day.

GUIDELINES FOR HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES

1. Hunt Dates: November 10-11, 2012 which coincides with the weekend prior to the Illinois Firearms Deer First Season.

2. Disability Requirements: Hunters with disabilities must possess a minimum Class P2A disability certification issued by the State of Illinois or the equivalent disability 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. Hunters may be Illinois residents or non-residents and must be accompanied by an adult attendant. Hunters may be accompanied by one non-hunting individual other than the attendant.

3. Jo Daviess County Deer Permit: Hunters and attendants **do not need** a Jo Daviess County Deer Permit as this permit will be provided to the hunter.

4. Lost Mound Application: Available on July 1, 2012. Hunters can submit their Big Game Application to the Refuge office in Thomson from July 1 - 19 but no later than 4:00PM on the 19th. The Refuge office address is 7071 Riverview Road, Thomson IL 61285 and is open Monday-Friday, 8:00AM-4:00PM. Hunters needing a handicap accessible site should write a note on the application.

5. Random Draw & Hunt Site Assignment: All eligible applications will be entered into a random drawing to be conducted at the Refuge office in Thomson on July 20 at 10:00AM. 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. The random drawing will determine the site assigned to each hunter. 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 the safety orientation to be eligible to hunt.

6. Fees: At the orientation, each hunter and hunting attendant will be issued a Bonus Deer Permit to harvest one antlerless deer. This permit is valid for both hunt days. Resident hunters pay $17.50 and non-resident hunters pay $25.00 for this permit. Upon harvesting an antlerless deer, then additional $5.00 Standby Permits (valid for the day of issue only) can be purchased. Up to 3 standby permits can be purchased at a time. The standby permit is an either-sex permit that allows for the harvest of 1 antlered deer by the disabled hunter; attendants cannot harvest an antlered deer. There is no fee for non-hunting attendants.

7. Orientation and Safety Program: Hunters with disabilities have two opportunities to attend an Orientation/Safety program to be held on Saturday, September 29, from 9:00AM-4:00PM at Manny's Pizza, 211 Main Street, Savanna IL or on Friday, November 9, from 9:00AM-4:00PM at Manny's Pizza. Both programs will be followed by a visit to the Lost Mound hunt sites. Hunters, attendants and any individual who will accompany the hunter into the field must attend one of these mandatory programs. Hunters can set up pop-up blinds or other temporary hunting structures at this time.

8. Daily limit/possession limit: Hunters and attendants are initially issued one antlerless deer permit. Either may harvest antlerless deer anytime during the regular shooting hours. Hunters and attendants must purchase a standby permit to harvest additional deer. The possession limit for hunters with disabilities is 5 deer to include 4 antlerless and 1 antlered. The possession limit for attendants is 4 antlerless deer, no antlered deer are allowed. If the disabled hunter has not harvested an antlerless deer by noon on the second day, then the hunter may purchase ($5.00) an either-sex standby permit to harvest an antlered deer. This permit cannot be purchased until noon on the second day.

9. Deer Check-In: All deer must be brought to the 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 the end of the day.

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

Big/Upland Game Hunt Application

OMB Control Number
1018-0140
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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
2nd Choice N/A
3rd Choice N/A

7. Hunt Location Choices (if applicable)
1st Choice Lost Mound Unit
2nd Choice N/A
3rd Choice N/A

8. Special Hunt Youth or Disabled (circle one)

8A. Youth Hunt Only: Age at time of hunt

Print Form

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:

Date Received

☐ Payment Exempt/No fee ☐ Payment required

Payment Type: Amount:

Notes

☐ Personal Check ☐ Cashiers Check

☐ Money Order ☐ Other

Permit issued by:

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:

1. 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).
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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).
5. 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.