

Big Walnut Nature Preserve Archery Deer Hunt Information

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in an Indiana reserved draw hunting opportunity. It is important to note that areas participating in reserved hunts are managed by various agencies and may have unique restrictions that each hunter must follow. Please read each area's information packet carefully before pursuing a hunt.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment: Legal equipment for this deer hunt includes all equipment that is legal for archery hunting in Indiana. Hunters with an archery license may use vertical bows or crossbows. Vertical bows (long bows, compound bows, or recurve bows and arrows) must have a draw weight of 35 lbs. minimum and arrows must have metal, metal edged, napped flint, chert, or obsidian broad-heads. Crossbows must have a draw weight of 125 lbs. minimum.

Visit our [Deer Hunting](#) page to learn more about deer hunting requirements.

Bag Limit:

- Deer harvested during the hunt count toward the statewide bag limit of one (1) antlered deer and six (6) antlerless deer. Multi-season antlerless licenses are permitted. All [county antlerless bag limits](#) apply.

Hunting Hours:

- Legal hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Property access is permitted from 5 a.m. ET until 7 p.m. ET.

Hunt Information: If you are successful in drawing a hunt, you will receive a more detailed letter with hunt instructions.

- Hunt period begins Oct. 15 and ends Nov. 30.
- Successfully drawn hunters may bring one hunting partner. Different hunting partners throughout the season are allowed. The drawn hunter and the hunting partner are required to hunt near each other. The hunting partner may not hunt without the drawn hunter present.
- A hunting permit is provided to successfully drawn hunters and must be placed on the dash of your vehicle.
- Deer retrieval is by foot or hand cart only.

Area information: Big Walnut Nature Preserve is a conservation area of protected lands in northeast Putnam County created for and funded by nature preservation. Hunting and all access is restricted to designated hunting units. Agricultural land interspersed with woodland and riparian areas creates ideal habitat for white-tailed deer.

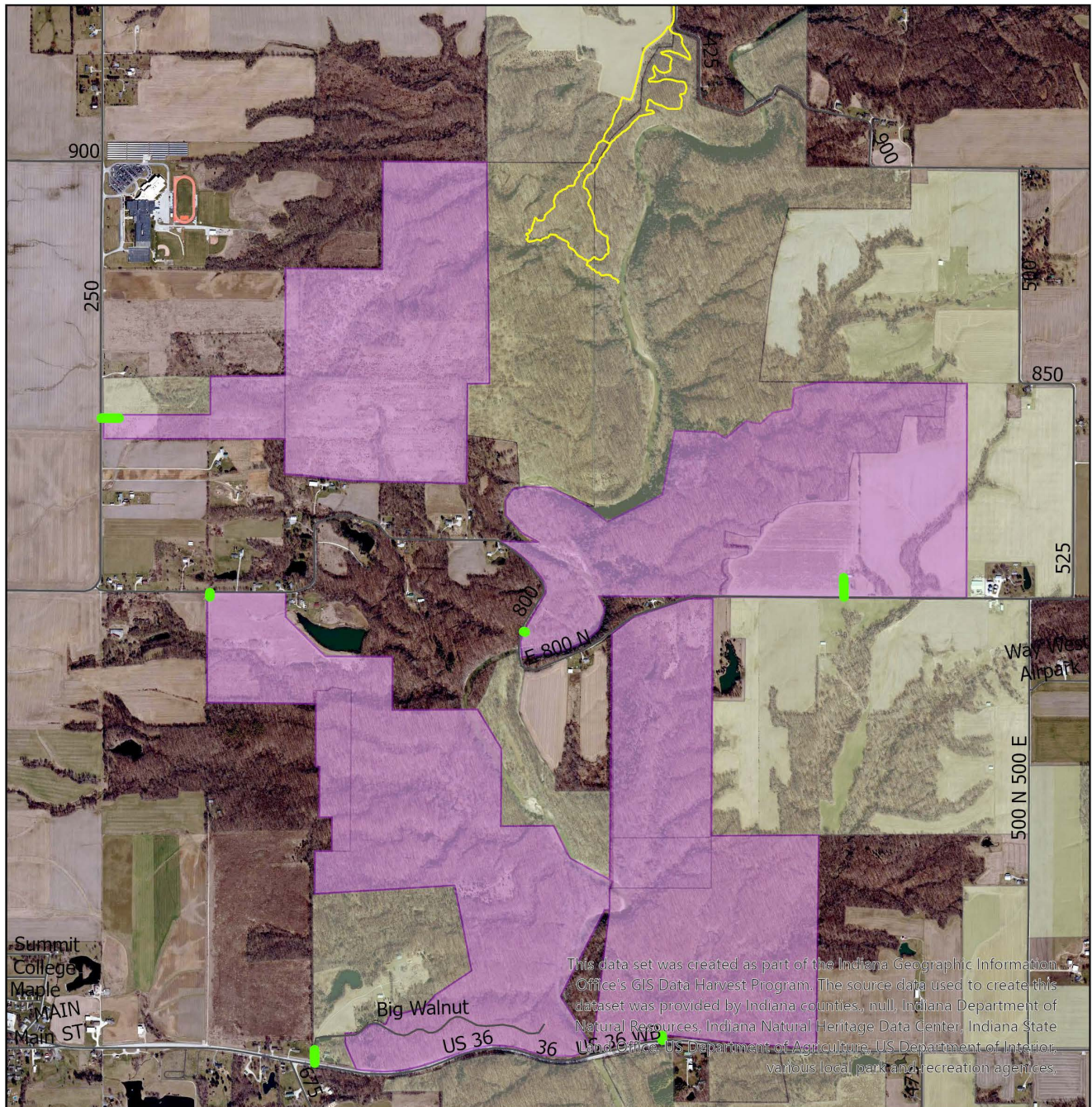
The hunter quota is 10. Scouting, stand set-up and camera placement are permitted starting Sept. 15, 2026.

The property address is 9498 N Co Rd 425 E, Bainbridge, IN 46105. Please refer to the attached map for allowed hunting areas and access points.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact Andrew Reuter at AREuter@dnr.IN.gov

Big Walnut Hunting Areas 2026



Legend



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-  Access/parking
-  Hunting Area
-  Tall Timbers Trail
-  Roads_2015_INDOT_IN