

Deer Firearm Hunt Draw Information

State Park Deer Management Hunt

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in a reserved draw hunt 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.

Applying:

You must be properly licensed to hunt deer prior to applying. Applicants must be 18 years old by November 16 and an Indiana resident or possess a valid lifetime license to take deer in Indiana. Visit our [Deer Hunting](#) page to learn more about deer hunting requirements.

Customers can apply as individuals or in groups of 2 or 3. Applicants should only apply as part of a group if they will not hunt unless group members are drawn. If applying as a group, the group leader must apply first and must make a hunt selection for the group. Group members must enter the group leaders customer ID number during the application process. There is no advantage to applying as a group versus applying as an individual.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment:

Equipment	Specifications
Rifle	Bullet diameter: .219" minimum - Full metal jacketed bullets are illegal - Maximum of 10 cartridges can be carried
Handgun	Barrel length: 4" minimum Bullet diameter: .243" minimum Cartridge length: 1.16" minimum, except for 10 mm except for 10 mm Auto and .40 S&W 10 mm also legal cartridges (i.e. 10 mm Auto and .40 S&W) - Rifles with barrel less than 18" are NOT considered handguns .25 – 20 Winchester, .32 – 20 Winchester, .30 carbine, and .38 special ammunition are prohibited.
Shotgun	Bore: 10, 12, 16, 20, or 28 gauge, or .410 - Shooting slugs and sabot bullets only - Combination rifle-shotguns are allowed
Muzzleloading Rifle/Shotgun	Barrel caliber: .40" minimum Bullet diameter: .357" minimum - Single bullet loaded from muzzle. Powder may be loaded from the breach. - Saboted bullets permitted

Muzzleloading Handgun	Barrel length: 12" minimum, measured from the base of the breech plug (excluding tangs and other projections to the end of the barrel, including the muzzle crown) Barrel caliber: .50" minimum Bullet diameter: .44" minimum Loaded from muzzle and single shot
Airguns	Using non-ignited compressed air or other gas charged by external high compression power source Projectiles: Must shoot .40 caliber or larger single bullet generating 400 ft. lbs. of muzzle energy; or an arrow or bolt with sharpened metal or metal-edged broadhead at minimum 300 fps at release
Vertical Bow	Long bows, compound bows, or recurve bows and arrows Draw weight: 35 lbs. minimum Bows drawn, held or released by means other than by hand or hand-held releases may be used Arrows must have metal, metal-edged, napped flint, chert, or obsidian broadheads
Crossbow	Defined as a device for propelling an arrow by means of limbs mounted on a stock and a string, and having a working safety that may be drawn or held Draw Weight: 125 lbs. minimum

- **Clifty Falls State Park, Fort Harrison State Park, and Trine State Recreation Area are archery equipment only hunts. All other properties are firearms only.**
- Harvested deer do not count against the regular state deer seasonal bag limits. Hunters must follow license bag limits for the type of license they possess.
- Non-penetrating tree-stands are allowed.
- Hunters must wear two articles of hunter orange clothing including a hat or cap; and a vest, coat, jacket, or coveralls.

Bag Limit:

- Successfully drawn hunters may harvest up to three deer, only one of which can be antlered.
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Hunting Hours:

- One-half hour before sunrise until 4:00 p.m. EST (3:00 p.m. CST)

Contact:

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