

IPLA Archery Deer Hunt Information

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in an Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) Archery Deer Hunt Draw. 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 IPLA Archery Deer Hunts includes all equipment that is legal for archery hunting on private property 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 broadheads. Crossbows must have a draw weight of 125 lbs. minimum. Hunters with a deer bundle license may use any of the equipment listed above.

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

Bag Limit:

- Deer harvested on an IPLA Archery Deer Hunt count toward the statewide bag limit of one (1) antlered deer and six (6) antlerless deer. Multi-season antlerless licenses are permitted. [County antlerless bag limits](#) apply.

Hunting Hours:

- Legal hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Hunt Information: If you are successful in drawing an IPLA Archery Deer Hunt, you will receive a more detailed letter with hunt instructions, a map of the property you were selected to hunt, and a link to a post-hunt survey.

- All hunters must follow all laws and obtain all necessary permits and licenses as outlined in the IN Hunting & Trapping Guide (including license requirements, bag limits, etc.).

- All deer harvested must be checked in using [Indiana CheckIN Game](#) as PRIVATE land.
- Hunters are permitted for deer hunting only. Removal of anything from the property other than deer is prohibited.
- Hunters are permitted to bring one hunting partner to hunt with them. The drawn partner must always be present (partner cannot hunt alone). If you choose to bring a partner, it must be the same person throughout the hunt window (you cannot bring a different partner each day). Hunting partners must also sign the waiver of liability.
- Cutting of trees and tree limbs is prohibited.
- Portable tree stands/blinds may be used. Portable tree stands/blinds must be legibly marked with the owner's name, address, and telephone number. Information must be easily read from the ground. Fasteners that penetrate the tree more than a half inch are prohibited. This includes screw-in equipment holders.
- Hunters must remove their stands/blinds by the end of their assigned hunt window.
- Hunters must park in designated parking areas. Foot traffic only beyond designated parking areas. Vehicles are not allowed in other areas of the property. This includes stand/blind installation and harvest recovery. The only exception will be for special arrangements to allow access to hunters with disabilities.
- Post-hunt survey must be completed by the drawn hunter. Failure to complete the hunt survey jeopardizes future eligibility in IPLA.
- No trail cameras, baits, or attractants are permitted.
- Each successfully drawn hunter is required to sign a liability waiver before participating in an IPLA hunt.
- Advanced scouting is not permitted. You may only access the property during your selected hunt window.

Area information: IPLA Archery Deer Hunts are available in 5 counties. Some counties include more than one hunt location.

- LaPorte
- Cass
- Sullivan
- Scott
- Bartholomew

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact Jason Wade at IPLA@dnr.IN.gov.