

Deer Hunting Rules

Willow Slough FWA

Indiana Department of Natural
Resources, Division of Fish and
Wildlife

- Deer stands can be placed on Willow slough FWA starting September 1st each year
- All stands must be portable in nature and have the owners name, address, and phone number legibly written on them. Information should be legible from the ground.
- Screw in tree steps, screw in equipment hangers, or other bark penetrating devices are prohibited.
- All stands must be removed by January 10th.
- Hunting units may be closed randomly throughout the season to check for deer stand rule compliance.
- All ground blinds are required to follow the state blaze orange requirements.
- Willow Slough limits the number of hunters to the first 300 people daily.
- Bonus antlerless deer permits can **ONLY BE USED** during the special late antlerless season or youth season.
- Youth hunters can use one bonus antlerless season tag during the youth season. This will not count for the one (1) Bonus antlerless tag allowed in the late season.
- A person **CAN ONLY** harvest (1) bonus antlerless deer on state ground per year during the special late antlerless season (Example - If you harvest a deer at LaSalle FWA, you **CANNOT** harvest another at Willow Slough FWA)
- A grand total of **FOUR ANTLERLESS DEER** can be harvested per year per person of which **ONLY ONE** can be harvested with a bonus antlerless tag during the late antlerless season (combined total of archery, crossbow, and muzzleloader tags or bonus antlerless tag)
- Saplings and limbs that are 1 inch in diameter (size of a quarter) or smaller may be cut to create shooting lanes or aid in stand placement. Nothing over 1 inch can be cut at anytime.
- Hunters must sign the waiver of liability and carry a daily permit card with them while in the field.
- Hunters must fill out the daily permit card after each hunt and drop it in one of the property drop boxes.
- Hunters failing to report game harvested will have their hunting rights revoked at Willow Slough, TNC, and BLNP for a minimum of one calendar year (Harvest can be reported by calling the property as a secondary option within 24 hours)
- All vehicles must be parked in designated lots unless otherwise authorized. **NO DRIVING ALLOWED BEYOND PARKING LOTS.**
- People with disabilities must register yearly at the headquarters to receive special privileges.
- Authorization permit must be displayed in the front window when parked outside of designated areas.
- All other state laws/rules apply.

Please be respectful to other hunters, staff, and the environment.

If you pack it in, please pack it out.

**If you have questions about hunting on Willow Slough FWA or TNC, please call (219) 285-2704
For questions in regards to state laws please call NW enforcement at (219) 879-5710**

Antlerless deer harvest summary by Tag Type

Hunters have the ability to harvest up to four (4) antlerless deer per year, five (5) for youth hunters, and must be tagged with the following tags.

Youth Season – 1 antlerless deer (Hunters meeting the youth season requirements)

Archery/Crossbow Tag(s) – 2 antlerless deer (For all ages)

Muzzleloader Tag – 1 antlerless deer (For all ages)

Bonus Antlerless Tag (Late Bonus Antlerless Season Only) -1 antlerless deer (For all ages)

***In addition to the Willow Slough regulations outlined above, you can harvest one additional antlerless deer off of the TNC or BLNP during the late antlerless season with a bonus antlerless tag

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TNC- Kankakee Sands Property (TNC) & Beaver Lake Nature Preserve (BLNP)

- A daily drawing will be held at 5:00 AM to allocate hunting locations
- Hunting opportunities not allocated through the draw may be claimed up until 8:00 AM local time (Central). Spots still vacant after 8:00 AM will be rested.
- Hunter quotas for each unit will be posted at the time of the draw.
- Deer stands must be portable in nature, may not penetrate the bark of the tree more than ½ inch in which it is placed, and may **NOT** be left unattended overnight.
- Screw in tree steps, screw in equipment hangers, or other bark penetrating devices are prohibited.
- Absolutely **NO CUTTING OF TREES**, limbs, saplings, or brush to create shooting lanes or aid in stand placement.
- Hunting units may be closed randomly throughout the season to check for deer stand rule compliance.
- A bonus antlerless deer permit can **ONLY BE USED** during the late antlerless only gun season or youth season. A total of one (1) bonus antlerless permit can be used per person during this season. This harvest does not count towards the one (1) antlerless deer limit on state ground (Example - If you harvest a deer on TNC or BLNP you can still harvest a deer at Willow Slough FWA if you have not already filled a bonus antlerless tag on other state ground during the late season)
- Youth hunters can use one bonus antlerless season tag during the youth season. This will not count for the one (1) Bonus Antlerless tag allowed in the late season.
- A grand total of **FOUR ANTLERLESS DEER** can be harvested per year per person of which only one can be harvested with a bonus antlerless tag during the late antlerless season (combined total of archery, crossbow, and muzzleloader tags or bonus antlerless tag).
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- Hunters must fill out the daily permit card after each hunt and drop it in one of the property drop boxes.
- Hunters failing to report game harvested will have their hunting rights revoked at Willow Slough, TNC, and BLNP for a minimum of one calendar year (Harvest can be reported by calling the property as a secondary option within 24 hours)
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