



2026 IL Resident Either-Sex Archery Deer Permit Application

State of Illinois
Illinois Department of Natural Resources

APPLICATION PERIOD: August 1 - September 1, 2026

Do not cut or tear this application in half.

Please enter your SSN or your IDNR Customer#. All individuals must have a valid SSN on file with IDNR to be eligible for any type of license purchase.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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IDNR CUSTOMER # (Located above name on IDNR hunting license).

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FIRST NAME

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LAST NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

IL

ZIP CODE

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Each individual is limited to one \$17 single either-sex archery permit through the mail from the IDNR Permits Office.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (Required)

I certify to the truth of all statements including but not limited to residency, hunter education, and not being delinquent on a child support order. I further certify that the privileges applied for have not been suspended in this state, or by any other state or federal agency.

Archery Season Dates

October 1, 2026 - January 17, 2027, in Cook, DuPage and Lake counties, and that portion of Kane County east of State Route 47

In all other counties and that portion of Kane County west of State Route 47, archery season dates are October 1, 2026 - January 17, 2027, **except archery deer hunting is closed for the Firearm Deer Seasons** November 20-22, 2026 and December 3-6, 2026.

Archery deer hunting is **open** during the following seasons:

Muzzleloader-Only	December 11-13, 2026
Youth Firearm	October 10-12, 2026
Late Winter	Dec. 31, 2026 - Jan. 3, 2027 and Jan. 15-17, 2027
CWD	Dec. 31, 2026 - Jan. 3, 2027 and Jan. 15-17, 2027

Application Information: Applications for a Resident Either-Sex Archery Deer Permit are accepted as soon as the application is available until the last day to apply, September 1. Each individual is limited to one single either-sex archery permit through the mail from the Permit Office. Incomplete or incorrect applications will be returned.

Illinois Restricted Archery Zone: During the period October 1 - October 31, only antlered deer may be harvested in the Restricted Archery Zone, regardless of permits in possession. Please consult the 2026-2027 Hunting and Trapping Digest for details.

Over-the-Counter Permits: Archery deer permits will be available over the counter from license vendors beginning August 3, 2026.

Mail \$17 check payable to IDNR. Mail application and payment to:

IDNR Archery Deer Permit
One Natural Resources Way
PO Box 19227
Springfield, IL 62794-9227