

2026 IL Resident Firearm Deer Hunting Permit Application

State of Illinois
Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Lottery Selection – select only one box. Applications received in our office after a deadline date will be entered into the next lottery.

First Lottery: 3/3/26 – 4/30/26

Limit 1 application.
Landowner firearm deer applicants/
permit recipients shall not apply.

Second Lottery: 5/11/26 – 6/30/26

Limit 1 application.
Landowner firearm deer applicants/permit
recipients and L1 permit recipients shall not apply.

Third Lottery: 7/13/26 – 8/21/26

No group hunts.



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Permit Type Selection – select only one box. If applying for one of the following counties, you may only select Option (A) below. Antlerless-only permits are not issued for the counties of: Alexander, Champaign, Douglas, Edwards, Greene, Logan, Macon, Mason, Massac, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pope, Pulaski, Scott, and Wabash.

A) One Either-Sex \$29

B) Combo (One Either-Sex &
One Antlerless-Only)
\$46.50

C) One SHA Antlerless-Only
\$29 (Only for Wards Grove
Seasons 1 & 2 Only)

D) One Antlerless-Only
\$21.50
Issued only in Third Lottery

County or Special Hunt Area Choice

First Choice

Grid for First Choice county selection (12 boxes).

Second Choice (Optional)

Grid for Second Choice county selection (12 boxes).

Checkmark the following box only if you apply for Jim Edgar Panther Creek, Ray Norbut, Sand Ridge, Sanganois, or Wolf Creek and will accept a second-season-only permit if no full-season permits remain.

Checkmark box.

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

Grid for Social Security Number (9 boxes).

IDNR Customer # (Located above name on IDNR hunting license)

Grid for IDNR Customer # (12 boxes).

First Name

Text box for First Name.

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Text box for Middle Initial.

Last Name

Text box for Last Name.

Address

Text box for Address.

City

Text box for City.

State

Text box for State (IL).

Zip Code

Text box for Zip Code.

County of Residence

Text box for County of Residence.

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

Grid for Date of Birth (8 boxes).

Daytime Phone Number

Text box for Daytime Phone Number.

Email

Text box for Email.

Applicant's Signature (Required)

I certify to the truth of all, including, but not limited to, state residency. By signing this application, I certify that I am not 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.

This area for Group Hunt applications only. No Group Hunt applications in Lottery 3.

GROUP LEADER'S LAST NAME

Grid for Group Leader's Last Name (12 boxes).

GROUP LEADER'S FIRST NAME

Grid for Group Leader's First Name (12 boxes).

MIDDLE INITIAL

Text box for Middle Initial.

GROUP LEADER'S CUSTOMER ID NUMBER (Required)

Up to 6 individuals may apply to hunt as a group. All individuals in the group must pre-select a group leader, and each application for the group MUST have IDENTICAL choices for the application period, hunt locations & seasons, and group leader information. Illinois residents are given preference for permits allocated in lotteries; therefore, groups containing both resident and non-resident applicants will be treated as non-resident applications. No Group Hunts allowed in Third Lottery.

Make checks payable to IDNR. Mail application and payment to:

ILLINOIS FIREARM DEER PERMIT
One Natural Resources Way
PO Box 19227
Springfield, IL 62794-9227

Save a stamp! APPLY ONLINE at exploremoreil.com

2026 RESIDENT FIREARM DEER HUNTING PERMIT APPLICATION

Season Dates: November 20 - 22, 2026 (First Season) and Dec. 3 - 6, 2026 (Second Season)

All counties are open to Firearm deer hunting except Cook, DuPage, Lake (EXCEPT Chain O' Lakes State Park) and that portion of Kane County east of State Route 47.

- Applicants for free landowner/tenant firearm deer permits are not eligible to participate in the First or Second Firearm Deer Lottery Drawings.
- Permits are not transferable.
- Preference System: Hunter preference in obtaining a permit during the First Lottery Drawing will be given to individuals that applied for an either-sex permit in the previous year's First Lottery Drawing who were rejected because the quota was depleted in their county choices. Preference will not be granted to applicants who received a full-season either-sex permit but who did not receive an antlerless-only permit. The following criteria must be met to obtain a preference in the First Lottery Drawing: a) The applicant must apply using the official Department application; b) The applicant must be a resident of the State, be eligible to receive a Firearm Deer Permit, and not had deer hunting privileges revoked pursuant to Section 650.50; c) The applicant must apply for the same county choices that he/she listed on the previous year's application. Preference will not be granted for Special Hunt Areas.
- **Over-the-counter sales:** Firearm permits remaining after the Third Lottery Drawing will be available over the counter from agents designated by the Department (pursuant to 17 Ill. Adm. Code 2520) **beginning October 20th on a first-come, first-served basis.** Permits will be sold until quotas are exhausted, or until the close of the firearm deer season, whichever occurs first. Persons may purchase one or more permits during this period, subject to availability.

Special Hunt Areas: Special hunts held on federal or state lands are regulated by the agency which manages the property. Some of these areas are included in the lotteries (see list below). If you wish to apply for a permit to hunt one of the areas listed below, enter the appropriate acronym on the front of the application.

Special Hunt Area permits are not valid anywhere else in the county. County permits are not valid for the Special Hunt Areas listed on this application.

Other Hunt Areas: There are other areas that have local drawings for permits from county permit holders. Hunters for these areas must first acquire a permit for the county where the area is located. For more information regarding locations and requirements of Special Hunt Areas only, call the Division of Wildlife Resources at **217-782-6384**.

Special Hunt Area	County Located	Acronym	Special Hunt Area	County Located	Acronym
Apple River Canyon SP Thompson & Salem 1st Season	Jo Daviess	ARCSP1	Lake Shelbyville Project - Moultrie	Moultrie	LSPMOU
Apple River Canyon SP Thompson & Salem 2nd Season	Jo Daviess	ARCSP2	Lake Shelbyville Project - Shelby	Shelby	LSPSHE
Argyle Lake SP	McDonough	ALSP	Lowden-Miller SF 1st Season	Ogle	LMSF1
Big River SF	Henderson	BRSF	Lowden-Miller SF 2nd Season	Ogle	LMSF2
Burning Star SFWA	Jackson	BSSFWA	Mackinaw River SFWA	Tazewell	MRFWA
Butterfield Trail SRA	Iroquois	BTSRA	Marseilles SFWA 1st Season	La Salle	MFWA1
Carlyle Lake SFWA – East Fork Unit	Clinton	CLSFWA	Marseilles SFWA 2nd Season	La Salle	MFWA2
Castle Rock SP 1st Season	Ogle	CRSP1	Marshall SFWA	Marshall	MARFWA
Castle Rock SP 2nd Season	Ogle	CRSP2	Middle Fork SFWA	Vermilion	MFFWA
Cedar Glen SNA	Hancock	CGSNA	Midewin NTP	Will	MNTP
Chain O' Lakes SP 1st Season	Lake	COLSP1	Mississippi Palisades SP 1st Season	Carroll	MPSP1
Chain O'Lakes SP 2nd Season	Lake	COLSP2	Mississippi Palisades SP 2nd Season	Carroll	MPSP2
Chauncey Marsh SNA	Crawford/Lawrence	CM	Momence Wetlands SNA	Kankakee	MW
Clinton Lake SRA - only between CH 14/Friends Creek Rd & SR 48	Dewitt	CLSRA	Moraine Hills SP 1st Season	McHenry	MHSP1
Coffeen Lake SFWA	Montgomery	CLFWA	Moraine Hills SP 2nd Season	McHenry	MHSP2
Copperhead Hollow SFWA	Jersey	COPPER	Morrison-Rockwood SP 1st Season Only	Whiteside	MRSF1
Crab Orchard NWR 1st Season	Williamson	CRAB1	Newton Lake SFWA	Jasper	NLFWA
Crab Orchard NWR 2nd Season	Williamson	CRAB2	Paul C. Burrus SHA	Coles	PCBSHA
Crab Orchard NWR Disabled 1st Season	Williamson	CRABD1	Peabody River King SFWA	St. Clair	PRK
Crab Orchard NWR Youth 1st Season	Williamson	CRABY1	Prairie Ridge SNA	Jasper	PRSNA
Des Plaines SCA 1st Season Only	Will	DPCA	Rall Woods SNA 1st Season	Jo Daviess	RALL1
Dixon Springs SP	Pope	DSSP	Rall Woods SNA 2nd Season	Jo Daviess	RALL2
Embarras River Bottoms SHA	Lawrence	EMBARR	Ray Norbut SFWA	Pike	RNFWA
Ferne Clyffe SP – Ferne Clyffe Hunting Area	Johnson	FCSP	Ray Norbut SFWA - Dutch Creek Unit	Pike	RNFWDU
Flag Pond SNA	Clay	FP	Revis Hill Prairie SNA	Mason	RHPSNA
Fort Massac SP	Massac	FMSP	Sahara Woods SRA	Saline	SWSRA
Fox Creek SFWA 1st Season Only	Richland/Wayne	FCSFWA	Sand Ridge SF	Mason	SAND
Fox Ridge SP	Coles	FRSP	Sangamon County SCA	Sangamon	SCCA
Franklin Creek SNA 1st Season	Lee	FCSNA1	Sanganois SFWA	Cass/Mason	SSFWA
Franklin Creek SNA 2nd Season	Lee	FCSNA2	Siloam Springs SP	Adams/Brown	SSSP
French Bluff SNA 1st Season	Carroll	FBSNA1	Siloam Springs SP - Buckhorn Unit	Brown	SSSPBU
French Bluff SNA 2nd Season	Carroll	FBSNA2	Spoon River SF 1st Season	Knox	SPOON1
Goose Lake Prairie SNA/Heidecke SFWA 1st Season	Grundy	GLPH1	Spoon River SF 2nd Season	Knox	SPOON2
Goose Lake Prairie SNA/Heidecke SFWA 2nd Season	Grundy	GLPH2	Starved Rock SP 1st Season - includes Matthiessen SP, Margery C. Carlson SNA, Mitchell's Grove SNA, Sandy Ford SNA	LaSalle	SRSP1
Green River SWA 1st Season	Lee	GRSWA1	Starved Rock SP 2nd Season - includes Matthiessen SP, Margery C. Carlson SNA, Mitchell's Grove SNA, Sandy Ford SNA	LaSalle	SRSP2
Green River SWA 2nd Season	Lee	GRSWA2	Tapley Woods SNA 1st Season	Jo Daviess	TWSNA1
Hanover Bluff SNA 1st Season	Jo Daviess	HBSNA1	Tapley Woods SNA 2nd Season	Jo Daviess	TWSNA2
Hanover Bluff SNA 2nd Season	Jo Daviess	HBSNA2	Union County SFWA Refuge Nov. 6 & 7 only	Union	UCSWAR
Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA	Vermilion	HBWSNA	Vesely LWR/Wilmington Shrub Prairie NP 1st Season	Will	VLWPN1
Henry Allan Gleason SNA	Mason	HAGSNA	Vesely LWR/Wilmington Shrub Prairie NP 2nd Season	Will	VLWPN2
Hidden Springs SF	Shelby	HIDDEN	Wards Grove SNP 1st Season (Antlerless-Only; select Box C)	Jo Daviess	WGNP1
Horseshoe Lake SFWA Refuge—Alexander Nov. 6 & 7 only	Alexander	HLSFWA	Wards Grove SNP 2nd Season (Antlerless-Only; select Box C)	Jo Daviess	WGNP2
Iroquois County SCA 1st Season	Iroquois	ICCA1	Weinberg-King SP	Schuyler	WKSP
Iroquois County SCA 2nd Season	Iroquois	ICCA2	Weinberg-King SP – Scripps Unit	Schuyler	WKSPSU
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA	Cass	JEPC	Weldon Springs SP – Piatt County Unit	Piatt	WSSP
Jubilee College SP 1st Season	Peoria	JCSP1	White Pines SP Nov. 16, 17 & 18 only	Ogle	WPSPA
Jubilee College SP 2nd Season	Peoria	JCSP2	White Pines SP Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2 only	Ogle	WPSPB
Kaskaskia River FWA (Baldwin Lake) 1st Season	Randolph/St. Clair	KASK1	Winston Tunnel SNA 1st Season	Jo Daviess	WTSNA1
Kaskaskia River FWA (Baldwin Lake) 2nd Season	Randolph/St. Clair	KASK2	Winston Tunnel SNA 2nd Season	Jo Daviess	WTSNA2
Kickapoo SRA	Vermilion	KSRA	Witkowski SWA 1st Season	Jo Daviess	WSWA1
Kishwaukee River SFWA 1st Season	DeKalb	KRFWA1	Witkowski SWA 2nd Season	Jo Daviess	WSWA2
Kishwaukee River SFWA 2nd Season	DeKalb	KRFWA2	Wolf Creek SP	Shelby	WCSP
Lake Le Aqua Na SP 2nd Season only	Stephenson	LLSP2			
Lake Le Aqua Na SP Youth 1st Season only	Stephenson	LLSPY1			