

Revis Hill Prairie State Natural Area

Located in Mason County on the bluffs of the Sangamon River Valley, Revis Hill Prairie State Natural Area is less than 420 acres in size. Cover is native hill prairie on the upper reaches with upland forest in the lower reaches and in the numerous ravines dissecting the area. Topography ranges from 530 feet in the ravine bottoms to 670 feet on the ridge tops. Soils are predominately silt-loam. The site is bounded on three sides by private land and on the south by Mason County Road 660N.

Access to the area is from IL Rt. 97 or IL Rt. 29 by way of Mason County Road 710N, known locally as the Easton-Kilbourne Blacktop. Turn south at the intersection of Mason County Roads 710N and 2620E, and go ½ mile to Mason County Road 660N. Turn east on Mason County Road 660N and proceed ½ mile to a marked parking lot on the north side of the road. The parking lot is located on the natural area.

Hunting is available for whitetail deer only. Firearm deer hunting permits are allotted through random drawing. Archery deer hunting is by statewide permit. Applications for firearm and archery permits are available at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Pages/default.aspx>; click on the hunting/trapping icon. Archery deer permits are also available at licensed vendors.

All hunters are required to register for a Hunter Windshield Card online at <https://dnr.illinois.gov/windshieldcard/index.asp>. Sand Ridge State Forest is in the drop down box for Region 4. Each hunter must register for a free site hunter windshield card prior to hunting. Windshield cards must be posted and visible from outside of vehicles. Harvest must be recorded on the same web page by February 15th of each year.

Deer stands or ground blinds must be removed at the end of each day's hunt. Hunting is only allowed north of the blacktop.

Public notice of prescribed fire will be included on the IDNR "Closure Listing" seven days prior to burn ignition. Prior to ignition a horn will sound three times to notify any person within the burn unit they have 45 minutes to exit the area. A second horn will sound three times 15 minutes after the first, indicating 30 minutes to exit the area. In addition, notification to the public will be reflected in handouts, hunter fact sheets, hunter windshield card sign-up web page, Sand Ridge State Forest web page, and Sand Ridge telephone answering machine.

For further information, contact Sand Ridge State Forest, P.O. Box 111, Forest City, IL. 61532, phone (309) 597-2212 or go online at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

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