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PART 650  
WHITE-TAILED DEER HUNTING BY USE OF FIREARMS

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#### **Section 650.10 Statewide Season and Permit Quotas**

- a) Season: 12:01 a.m. on Friday of the 3-day (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) weekend immediately before Thanksgiving to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday of the 3-day weekend before Thanksgiving, and 12:01 a.m. on Thursday of the first 4-day (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) weekend following Thanksgiving to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday of the first 4-day weekend following Thanksgiving. Full season permits shall be for all days. Second season permits shall be valid for the last four days of the season only. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- b) Permit quotas shall be set by the Department of Natural Resources (Department) on a county or special hunt area basis. Cook, DuPage and Lake Counties (except for Chain O'Lakes State Park) and that portion of Kane County east of State Route 47, are closed to firearm deer hunting.
- c) Hunting prior to ½ hour before sunrise or after ½ hour after sunset is a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum \$500 and maximum \$5,000 fine, in addition to other statutory penalties (see 520 ILCS 5/2.33(y)). Hunting during the closed season is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24).

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 9300, effective June 13, 2008)

#### **Section 650.20 Statewide Deer Permit Requirements**

- a) All deer hunters must have a current, valid Firearm Deer Permit. Fees for deer

permits are as follows:

- 1) Illinois Resident Permits (issued by Deer Permit Office):  
Either-sex – \$25  
Bonus antlerless-only – \$17.50  
Antlerless only for Special Hunt Areas with antlerless-only hunts – \$25
- 2) Nonresident Permits (issued by Deer Permit Office):  
Either-sex – \$300  
Bonus antlerless-only – \$25  
Antlerless-only for Special Hunt Areas with antlerless-only hunts – \$300
- 3) In addition to a Special Hunt Area Permit issued under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2), a hunter may obtain additional Special Hunt Area Permits, issued by staff at the Special Hunt Area, when unfilled permits are available.

Fees:

Either-sex (full, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> season) – \$25 regardless of residency  
Antlerless-only (full, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> season) – \$17.50 regardless of residency  
One-day standby permits – \$5 regardless of residency

- 4) Over-the-Counter Permits sold by license vendors pursuant to subsection (i) (all prices in this subsection (a)(4) include vendor's issuing fee):

Resident either-sex – \$25.50  
Resident antlerless-only – \$18.00  
Nonresident either-sex – \$300.50  
Nonresident bonus antlerless-only (hunter has obtained a firearm either-sex permit for the current year) – \$25.50  
Nonresident antlerless-only (hunter has not obtained a firearm either-sex permit for the current year) – \$100.50

- b) A permit is issued for one county or special hunt area and is valid only in the county or special hunt area stated on the permit. Only applicants who receive an either-sex permit in a county or special hunt area are eligible for an antlerless-only permit for that county or special hunt area (with the exception of special hunt areas offering antlerless-only hunts), until the Third Lottery Drawing, at which time antlerless-only permits remaining in the quota will be made available regardless of whether applicants already possess an either-sex permit. For permit applications and other information write to:

Department of Natural Resources  
(Firearm or Landowner/Tenant or Non-Resident)  
Deer Permit Office

P.O. Box 19227  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9227

- c) Applications from Illinois residents for participation in the First Lottery Drawing will be accepted through April 30 of the current year. Nonresidents may not apply to participate in the First Lottery Drawing. Applications received after April 30 will not be included in this lottery. Permits will be allocated in a computerized random drawing. Permits will be issued as either sex, antlerless only, or antlered only. A maximum of one either-sex and one antlerless-only permit shall be issued per person. Applicants for free landowner/tenant permits are not eligible to participate in the First or Second Lottery Drawings. Landowners who receive permits in the First or Second Lottery Drawing are not eligible for landowner permits. Lifetime licenses issued after August 15, 2006 shall not qualify a non-resident of Illinois for a resident deer permit.
- d) Applicants must complete all portions of the current year permit application form. Incomplete or incorrect applications will be returned along with the applicant's permit fee for correction or completion if received in the Permit Office prior to the deadline established in subsection (c).
- e) Applicants must check the second-season box if they agree to accept a second-season permit upon being rejected for a full-season permit.
- f) Applicants must check the antlerless-only box and provide the appropriate fee to apply for an additional antlerless-only permit. Antlerless-only permits will be issued until the antlerless-only quota is filled for a given county or special hunt area.
- g) Permits for counties and special hunt areas with unfilled quotas after the First Lottery Drawing will be allocated in a Second Lottery Drawing. This drawing is open only to nonresident applicants and to Illinois residents who were not previously issued firearm permits for the current hunting season. Illinois residents will be given preference for permits allocated in the Second Lottery Drawing. Applications for the Second Lottery Drawing will be accepted through June 30 of the current year. Applicants may also apply for remaining antlerless-only permits by checking the antlerless-only box and providing the appropriate fee. A list of unfilled counties and special hunt areas will be announced upon becoming available after the First Lottery Drawing. Applicants must apply on a current year Firearm Deer Permit application form. A maximum of one either-sex and one antlerless-only permit shall be issued per person.
- h) A Third Lottery Drawing will be held during which anyone (regardless of any other deer permit they may have) may apply for one or more either-sex and/or antlerless-only permits for counties or special hunt areas with unfilled quotas. Applications for

the Third Lottery Drawing will be accepted through the third Friday in August of the current year. A list of unfilled counties and special hunt areas will be announced upon becoming available after the Second Lottery Drawing. Applicants must apply on a current year Firearm Deer Permit application form. All applications for the Third Lottery will be processed individually (i.e., no group applications will be processed).

- i) Permits remaining after the Third Lottery Drawing will be available over-the-counter (OTC) from agents designated by the Department (pursuant to 17 Ill. Adm. Code 2520) beginning the third Tuesday in October 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. Persons purchasing OTC deer permits must supply all necessary applicant information to the agents in order to properly complete the permit.
- j) 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; or to applicants that received, in the previous year, a second season either-sex permit in the First Lottery Drawing only. In order to be eligible for preference during the First Lottery Drawing, the second season box must have been checked on the application form of unsuccessful applicants when they were rejected. Preference will not be granted to applicants who received a full-season either-sex permit but who did not receive an antlerless-only permit. Persons with lottery preference will have first chance at receiving available either-sex permits. The following criteria must be met to obtain a preference in the First Lottery Drawing:
  - 1) The applicant must apply using the official Department application.
  - 2) 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.
  - 3) 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.
- k) Applications may be accepted at the counter window of the permit office; however, permits for the First Lottery, Second Lottery and Third Lottery Drawing will be mailed. In-person, mail-in and electronic applications will receive equal treatment in the drawings.

- l) Permits are not transferable. Refunds will not be granted, unless the Department of Natural Resources has erroneously issued the permit after the quota has been depleted or where the applicant was unsuccessful in obtaining a permit.
- m) A \$3 service fee will be charged for replacement permits issued by the Department, except when permits are lost in the mail, then there will be no charge. The procedures for obtaining a replacement license are detailed in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 2520.50. Monies derived from this source will be deposited in the Wildlife and Fish Fund.
- n) The periods for accepting applications for the First and Second Lottery periods may be extended if applications are not available to the public by April 1. A news release will announce the extension of the application periods.
- o) Hunting without a valid permit is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24).

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 10545, effective July 20, 2016)

#### **Section 650.21 Deer Permit Requirements – Landowner/Tenant Permits**

- a) The immediate family of a landowner or tenant is defined as, and limited to, the spouse, children and parents permanently residing on the same property as the landowner or tenant.
- b) A tenant for the purpose of this Part is one who rents 40 acres or more land for commercial agricultural purposes under an agreement with a landowner. Commercial agriculture shall be defined as utilization of land for the raising of hay, grain crops or livestock for profit.
- c) Resident Illinois landowners who own 40 acres or more of land and resident tenants renting or leasing 40 acres or more of commercial agricultural land, and members of their immediate family, may apply for a free either-sex permit for their property only in counties open for firearm deer hunting. Recipients of the free either-sex permit will also be given a free antlerless-only permit for their property only. Nonresident Illinois landowners (of 40 acres or more land) are also eligible to apply for one either-sex permit and one antlerless-only permit for their property only. The fee to nonresident Illinois landowners (of 40 acres or more land) for permits for their property only shall be \$150 for the either-sex permit and \$25 for the antlerless-only permit. These applications will not be subject to the public lottery process. This deer hunting permit *shall be valid on all farmlands which the person to whom it is issued owns, leases or rents* [525 ILCS 5/2.26] in counties open for firearm deer hunting.
- d) Bona fide Illinois landowners or tenants who do not wish to hunt only on the land

they own, rent, or lease must apply for permits in the same manner as the applicant who is not a landowner or tenant. However, resident Illinois landowners who own 40 acres or more of land, and resident tenants leasing or renting 40 acres or more of commercial agricultural land, who apply during the First Lottery application period for a permit to hunt in the county in which they own or lease land and are rejected because the county quota is full, may apply for a county-wide either-sex paid landowner firearm deer permit to hunt in the county where the land is located. Members of the immediate family of the landowner or tenant are also eligible to apply for a county-wide either-sex paid landowner firearm deer permit if they were rejected in the First Lottery. Applications for county-wide paid landowner deer permits will be accepted from August 1 through the last working day in August. Incomplete applications will be returned. The fee for a county-wide either-sex paid landowner deer permit shall be the same as for permits for hunters that are not landowners or tenants. Recipients of a county-wide either-sex paid landowner deer permit may also apply for a regular bonus antlerless-only permit for that county, but will be issued such permit only if there are antlerless permits remaining in the county quota. Landowners and tenants, and their immediate families, who did not apply for permits in the First Lottery and subsequently fail to receive them, are not eligible to apply for or receive county-wide paid landowner deer permits.

- e) Property-only hunting permit renewal and first time applications will be accepted as soon as they are available. The application deadline for all property-only applications (both renewal and first time) is October 1.
- f) Landowners and resident tenants are not required to participate in the public drawing for permits in order to apply for and receive a property-only permit.
- g) Proof of ownership for all landowner or tenant applications must be provided by one of the following methods:
  - 1) Submittal of a copy of property deed, recorded/file stamped by the County Recorder or County Clerk;
  - 2) Submittal of a copy of contract for deed, recorded/file stamped by the County Recorder or County Clerk;
  - 3) Submittal of a copy of the most recent real estate tax statement for the property that identifies the property acreage (upon which the landowner's name appears as landowner, or person signing application appears as landowner);
  - 4) Submittal of a copy of a current Farm Service Agency 156EZ form; or

- 5) Submittal of a copy of a trust agreement which must indicate that the trust owns at least 40 acres and the applicant is a current income beneficiary of the trust.
- h) Tenant permit applicants are required to submit, in addition to the landowner certification and proof of ownership, a copy of one of the following:
  - 1) A copy of a lease or a rental agreement, file stamped as recorded by the County Recorder or County Clerk, covering the current year. The agreement must contain the landowner's signature, tenant's signature, description of monetary consideration, specified period of the lease and acreage involved, and a statement that the lease is for agricultural purposes; or
  - 2) A copy of a current Farm Service Agency 156EZ form.
- i) A hunting rights lease, or other non-agricultural lease, is not valid as a basis for obtaining a landowner or tenant permit.
- j) County-wide permit holders are authorized to firearm deer hunt only in the county identified on the deer permit and only on property where permission to hunt has been obtained from the property owner.
- k) If the property is owned or rented by more than one person: Only one landowner (and immediate family) or one tenant (and immediate family) shall be issued a permit on a first-come, first-served basis for every 40 acres of owned or rented land. For example, if 3 persons own 90 acres, only 2 of the landowners and their immediate family may receive deer permits.
- l) Bona fide equity shareholders of corporations, bona fide equity members of limited liability companies, bona fide current income beneficiaries of trusts or bona fide partners of a partnerships owning 40 or more acres of land in a county may apply for one either-sex permit to hunt the corporation, limited liability company, trust or partnership lands only. Only one permit per 40 acres, for a maximum number of 15 permits per county, for corporations, trusts and limited liability companies, and a maximum number of 3 permits per county for partnerships, shall be issued based on ownership of lands by corporations, limited liability companies, trusts or partnerships. Lands leased to corporations, limited liability companies, trusts or partnerships shall not be considered as a basis for a permit for the shareholders/members/beneficiaries/partners of the lessee. Lands held in trust by corporations, limited liability companies or partnerships shall not be considered as a basis for a permit by the shareholders/members/partners of the trustee. If application is made for a permit based upon lands owned by the corporation, limited liability company, trust or partnership, a duly authorized

officer of the corporation, limited liability company, trust or partnership must sign a notarized statement authorizing the applicant to hunt on the corporate, company, trust or partnership lands for which a permit is being requested. This statement must identify the applicant as a bona fide equity shareholder, member, beneficiary or partner, as defined in this subsection, identify authorization to hunt and identify that no more than 15 authorizations will be requested per county for the corporation, limited liability company, or trust lands and no more than 3 authorizations will be requested per county for partnership lands.

- 1) In addition:
  - A) Corporation applicants must submit a copy of ownership interest in a for-profit corporation with a fully-executed stock certificate, articles of incorporation or corporate agreement;
  - B) limited liability company applicants must submit a copy of the limited liability company's articles of organization or the operating agreement;
  - C) limited partnerships, limited liability limited partners, and limited liability partnership applicants must submit a copy of the partnership agreement, certificate of partnership or statement of qualification; and
  - D) general partnership applicants must submit a copy of the partnership agreement.
- 2) These documents must be attached to the application upon submittal to the Permit Office. The shareholder/member/partner either-sex permit shall be free to resident shareholders/members/partners, and the cost to nonresident shareholders/members shall be \$150. An antlerless-only shareholder/member/partner permit (free to resident shareholders/members/partners; \$25 to nonresident shareholders/members) will be made available if in the best interest of managing the deer herd. Nonresident partners cannot receive permits under this subsection.
- 3) Bona fide equity shareholder means an individual who:
  - A) purchased, for market price, publicly sold stock shares in a corporation; purchased shares of a privately-held corporation for a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the corporate assets represented by the ownership in the corporation; or is a member of a closely-held family-owned corporation and has

- purchased or been gifted with shares of stock in the corporation accurately reflecting his or her percentage of ownership; and
- B) intends to retain the ownership of the shares of stock for at least 5 years.
- 4) Bona fide equity member means an individual who:
- A) became a member upon the formation of the limited liability company; or has purchased a distributional interest in a limited liability company for a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the limited liability company assets represented by the distributional interest in the limited liability company and subsequently becomes a member of the company pursuant to Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company Act; and
- B) intends to retain the membership for at least 5 years.
- 5) Bona fide current income beneficiary means an individual who, at the time of application for a permit, is entitled to income (whether income exists or not) from the trust that owns the land the applicant wishes to hunt with no condition precedent (such as surviving another person, reaching a certain age, etc.) other than the trustee distributing the income, and is listed by name in the trust documents as an income beneficiary.
- 6) Bona fide equity partner means an individual who:
- A) became a partner, either general or limited, upon the formation of the partnership; or has purchased a distributional interest in the partnership or limited partnership for a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the partnership assets represented by the distributional interest in the partnership;
- B) intends to retain ownership of the partnership for at least 5 years; and
- C) is a resident of Illinois.
- m) Landowners or tenants that apply for or receive property-only landowner/tenant firearm deer permits may not apply for additional permits in the First or Second Lottery Drawing. Landowners or tenants that apply for county-wide paid landowner firearm deer permits must have been rejected in the First Lottery drawing for a permit in the county in which they own or lease land, and they may not apply for additional permits in the Second Lottery Drawing.

- n) *For the purposes of calculating acreage under this Section, the Department shall, after determining the total acreage of the applicable tract or tracts of land, round remaining fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal to half of an acre up to the next whole acre [520 ILCS 5/2.26].*
- o) Providing false information on an application is a Class A misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.38).

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 7643, effective May 18, 2015)

### **Section 650.22 Deer Permit Requirements – Special Hunts**

- a) Special hunt sites are defined as those sites which are owned or controlled by agencies/entities other than the Department, or sites at which the Department only controls a portion of the property designated for deer hunting, which issue deer hunting permits through the statewide lottery process. The Permit Office issues deer hunting permits through a computerized drawing for the following sites, in addition to the Department-owned or -managed sites listed in Section 650.60(i). The permit preference system does not apply to special hunt areas or to State sites allocating permits in the lottery.

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (the first and second season are considered separate hunt choices, and permit applicants must specify which season they are applying for in the County Choice or Hunt Area field of the application. Permits may be issued as antlerless-only without the normal bonus requirement. Standby hunting will be allowed if additional permits are available at the site)

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Disabled Hunt (first season only)

Joliet Army Training Area (Will County)

Lake Shelbyville Project Lands – Disabled Hunt (first season only; permit drawing will be conducted by Corps of Engineers' staff with permits mailed to successful applicants by the Department; contact Corps of Engineers, Lake Shelbyville office for application procedures/dates; additional permits will be available for purchase at the site for any unfilled positions)

Lake Shelbyville Project Lands (Moultrie County) (it is unlawful to drive deer; for Corps of Engineers managed lands not managed by IDNR, contact Corps of Engineers, Lake Shelbyville office for specific deer hunting policy)

Lake Shelbyville Project Lands except Wolf Creek State Park (Shelby County) (it

is unlawful to drive deer; for Corps of Engineers managed lands not managed by IDNR, contact Corps of Engineers, Lake Shelbyville office for specific deer hunting policy)

Lost Mound Unit – Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, including Stewardship Park and Eagles Landing (DNR owned) (Friday, Saturday and Sunday prior to the first statewide firearm deer season only; permit drawing will be conducted by USFWS; preference given to disabled hunters; either-sex permits; bonus antlerless-only permits and one-day standby permits will be sold at site)

Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (no handguns allowed; additional site pass is required; check-in, check-out and reporting of harvest is required)

- b) Providing false information on an application is a Class A misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.38). Hunting deer prior to ½ hour before sunrise or after ½ hour after sunset is a Class A misdemeanor with a \$500 minimum and \$5,000 maximum fine, in addition to other statutory penalties (see 520 ILCS 5/2.33(y)). Taking an antlered deer with an antlerless permit is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24). Hunting after sunset or outside the set season is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24).

(Source: Amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 22742, effective November 18, 2014)

### **Section 650.23 Deer Permit Requirements - Group Hunt**

- a) Up to six individuals may apply to hunt as a group during the First and Second Lottery Drawings.
- b) Each individual must sign his or her own application.
- c) In order to receive preference for the group, all members must have preference for the same county choice. If any member does not have preference for the group's county choice, the entire group will not receive preference.
- d) Applicants applying as a group will be rejected if they do not list the same county or special hunt area choice, complete the group leader information listing the identical group leader, and complete the second-season option box identically.
- e) Since Illinois residents are given preference for permits allocated in the Second Lottery Drawing, groups containing both resident and non-resident applicants will be treated as non-residents.
- f) Providing false information on an application is a Class A misdemeanor (see 520

ILCS 5/2.38).

(Source: Amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 12155, effective June 28, 2006)

### **Section 650.30 Statewide Requirements for Hunting Devices**

- a) The only legal hunting devices to take, or attempt to take, deer are:
  - 1) Shotgun, loaded with slugs only, of not larger than 10 nor smaller than 20 gauge, not capable of firing more than 3 consecutive slugs; or
  - 2) A single or double barreled muzzleloading rifle of at least .45 caliber shooting a single projectile through a barrel of at least sixteen inches in length; or
  - 3) Centerfire revolvers or centerfire single-shot handguns of .30 caliber or larger with a minimum barrel length of 4 inches; or
  - 4) On private land only, archery equipment as prescribed by 17 Ill. Adm. Code 670.30, except that crossbows may only be used by persons age 62 and older with a valid photo ID containing proof of age, or by a disabled person to whom the Department has issued a permit to use a crossbow as provided by 17 Ill. Adm. Code 760.
- b) Standards and specifications for legal firearm ammunition are:
  - 1) For shotguns and muzzleloading firearms, the minimum size of the projectile shall be .44 caliber. A wad or sleeve is not considered a projectile or a part of the projectile.
  - 2) For handguns, a bottleneck centerfire cartridge of .30 caliber or larger with a case length not exceeding 1.4 inches, or a straight-walled centerfire cartridge of .30 caliber or larger, both of which must be available as a factory load with the published ballistic tables of the manufacturer showing a capability of at least 500 foot pounds of energy at the muzzle.
  - 3) Non-expanding, military-style full metal jacket bullets cannot be used to harvest white-tailed deer; only soft point or expanding bullets (including copper/copper alloy rounds designed for hunting) are legal ammunition.
- c) Standards and specifications for use of muzzleloading firearms are as follows:
  - 1) A muzzleloading firearm is defined as a firearm that is incapable of being loaded from the breech end.

- 2) Only black powder or a "black powder substitute" such as Pyrodex may be used. Modern smokeless powders (nitrocellulose-based) are an approved blackpowder substitute only in muzzleloading firearms that are specifically designed for their use.
  - 3) Only percussion caps, wheellock, matchlock or flint type ignition may be used, except the Connecticut Valley Arms (CVA) electronic ignition shall be legal to use.
  - 4) Removal of percussion cap or removal of prime powder from frizzen pan with frizzen open and hammer all the way down or removal of prime powder from flashpan and wheel unwound or removal of prime powder and match with match not lit, or removal of the battery from the CVA electronic ignition muzzleloader, shall constitute an unloaded muzzleloading firearm.
- d) Violation of this Section is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24).

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 10545, effective July 20, 2016)

#### **Section 650.40 Statewide Deer Hunting Rules**

- a) The bag limit is one deer per legally authorized either-sex, antlered-only or antlerless-only permit. All either-sex permits and antlered-only permits are subject to the following restriction: no hunter, regardless of the quantity or type of permits in his/her possession, may harvest more than 2 antlered deer during a year, including the youth, archery, muzzleloader, and firearm seasons. For purposes of this Section, deer seasons are considered to be in the same year if their opening dates fall within the same 12-month period that begins on July 1. A hunter in possession of an either-sex permit after having harvested 2 antlered deer during a year, as defined above, may only use the permit to harvest an antlerless deer. Subject to this restriction, an either-sex permit holder is allowed to take a deer with or without antlers and an antlered-only permit holder is allowed to take only a deer having at least one antler of a length of 3 or more inches. An antlerless only permit holder is allowed to take only a deer without antlers or a deer having antlers less than 3 inches long.
- b) Recipients of the Firearm Deer Hunting Permit shall record their signature on the permit prior to hunting and must carry it on their person while hunting.
- c) The temporary harvest tag shall be attached and properly sealed immediately upon kill and before the deer is moved, transported or field dressed. No person shall leave any deer that has been killed without properly attaching the temporary

harvest tag to the deer in the manner prescribed on the permit.

- d) Hunters shall not have in their possession, while in the field during firearm deer season, any deer permit issued to another person (permits are non-transferable).
- e) Permits will not be re-issued in cases involving deer taken which are found to be diseased or spoiled due to previous injury. Legal disposal of unfit deer taken shall be the responsibility of the hunter. For those hunters participating in the Department's Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance Program, a free permit for the same county or special hunt area will be made available the subsequent year if their tested deer is determined to have chronic wasting disease.
- f) Violation of this Section is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24), except unlawful take or possession of 2 or more deer within 90 days is a Class 4 felony, and unlawful take of 2 or more deer as a single act or possession or single course of conduct is a Class 3 felony (see 520 ILCS 5/2.36(a)).

(Source: Amended at 33 Ill. Reg. 11534, effective July 27, 2009)

#### **Section 650.45 Reporting Harvest**

- a) Testing of deer for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) by DNR personnel will occur so long as funding is available in:
  - 1) counties where deer have been documented with the disease;
  - 2) counties considered high-risk for the disease; and
  - 3) counties in which additional surveillance is warranted.
- b) These counties shall be publicly announced following the conclusion of the previous year's annual fall/winter CWD surveillance, which will be used as a basis for decision making. For these counties, hunters shall take their whole (or field dressed) deer to a designated firearm deer check station by 8:00 p.m. on the day the deer was killed. A permanent harvest tag will be attached to the leg of the deer upon registration at the check station. If a hunter is not able to locate a harvested deer in sufficient time to enable reporting the harvest by 8:00 p.m., the hunter must take the deer to the appropriate check station upon its opening at 8:00 a.m. the following morning, or immediately upon retrieving it if that occurs later than the opening of the check station. If this situation occurs on a Sunday (e.g., the check station will not be open on Monday), the hunter must contact the appropriate regional DNR Law Enforcement Office by 10:00 a.m. Monday morning for instructions on checking in the deer. If the head/antlers are delivered to a taxidermist for processing, the temporary harvest tag must accompany the

head/antlers and be kept with the head/antlers while at the taxidermist. If the carcass is taken to a meat processor, the permanent harvest tag must remain attached to the leg of the deer until it is processed, then must remain with the processed deer until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer. Persons delivering deer/parts of deer to a tanner for processing must supply the tanner with their deer permit number to verify lawful acquisition. In the absence of a permit number, the tanner may rely on the written certification of the person from whom the deer was received that the specimen was legally taken or obtained.

- c) For counties in which Chronic Wasting Disease surveillance is not occurring:
- 1) Successful hunters during the firearm deer season must register their harvest by 10:00 p.m. on the same calendar day the deer was taken by calling the toll-free telephone check-in system at 1-866-ILCHECK or by accessing the on-line check-in system at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov). The hunter will be provided with a confirmation number to verify that he or she checked in the harvest. This number must be written by the hunter onto the temporary harvest tag (leg tag). If the condition of the tag precludes writing on the tag in the appropriate space (i.e., bloody, etc.), the confirmation number shall be written elsewhere on the tag, or onto a piece of paper and attached to the deer along with the temporary harvest tag. The deer must remain whole (or field dressed) until it has been checked in. In instances where deer are checked in while the hunter is still afield, the deer may not be dismembered while afield beyond quartering the animal. If quartered, all parts of the carcass (except the entrails removed during field dressing) must be transported together and evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to one quarter. Evidence of sex is:
    - A) For a buck: head with antlers attached to carcass, or attached testicle, scrotum, or penis.
    - B) For a doe: head attached to carcass, or attached udder (mammary) or vulva.
  - 2) The temporary harvest tag (leg tag) and confirmation number must remain attached to the deer until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer, the deer has been checked in, and final processing is completed. If the head/antlers are delivered to a taxidermist for processing, the confirmation number must be recorded on the "head tag" portion of the permit and both must remain with the deer while at the taxidermist. If the carcass is taken to a meat processor, the temporary harvest tag with confirmation number must remain with the deer while it is processed, and until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally

took or possessed the deer. Persons delivering deer/parts of deer to a tanner for processing must supply the tanner with either their deer permit number, their confirmation number, or a written certification by the person from whom the deer was received that the specimen was legally taken or obtained.

- d) Site specific reporting requirements must be followed in addition to this Section.
- e) Violation of this Section is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24).

(Source: Amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 14888, effective August 30, 2013)

### **Section 650.50 Rejection of Application/Revocation of Permits**

- a) In the event that an applicant is in violation of one of the following subsections, the application shall be held in suspension, and the application fees shall be deposited, pending a determination by the permit office of whether or not the violation was knowing. If the permit office determines the violation was knowing, the application shall be rejected and the fee shall be retained by Natural Resources. The applicant may request a hearing on this decision pursuant to 17 Ill. Adm. Code 2530. Should it be determined that the violation was without the knowledge of the applicant, the permit office will process only the number of applications allowed by administrative rule with additional applications rejected and fees returned.
  - 1) Using hunting rights lease or mineral rights lease or other lease for land which does not evidence a genuine farm tenancy to obtain a firearm deer permit. Violation is a Class A misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.38).
  - 2) Submitting more applications in the same name or by the same person for Firearm Deer Permits than the number of legally authorized permits. Violation is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24).
  - 3) Applying prior to the Second Lottery Drawing for a firearm deer permit if the applicant has already been issued a free landowner/tenant permit or a paid landowner permit. Violation is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24).
  - 4) Providing false and/or deceptive information on the deer permit application form. Violation is a Class A misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.38).
  - 5) Submitting an application when the applicant has a license or permit currently revoked pursuant to Section 3.36 of the Wildlife Code [520

ILCS 5/3.36]. Violation is a Class A misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.38).

- b) Any violation of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5] or administrative rules of the Department (17 Ill. Adm. Code, Chapter I), in addition to other penalties, may result in revocation of deer hunting permits as per 17 Ill. Adm. Code 2530.

(Source: Amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 8039, effective May 26, 2004)

### **Section 650.60 Regulations at Various Department-Owned or -Managed Sites**

- a) All the regulations in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 510 – General Hunting and Trapping apply in this Section, unless this Section is more restrictive.
- b) It is unlawful to drive deer, or participate in a deer drive, on all Department-owned or -managed properties. A deer drive is defined as a deliberate action by one or more persons (whether armed or unarmed) whose intent is to cause deer to move within firearm range of one or more participating hunters.
- c) Only one tree stand or ground blind is allowed per deer permit holder. Tree stands and ground blinds must comply with restrictions listed in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 510.10(c)(3) and (c)(12) and must be portable. Tree stands and ground blinds must be removed at the end of each day with the exception that they may be left unattended from September 15-January 31 at those sites listed in this Section that are followed by a (1). Any tree stand or ground blind left unattended overnight must be legibly marked with the owner's name, address, and telephone number, or site assigned identification number.
- d) Check-in, check-out, and reporting of harvest is required at those sites listed in this Section that are followed by a (2). Sites that require use of windshield cards by hunters as specified in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 510.10 are followed by a (6).
- e) Only antlerless deer or antlered deer having at least four points on one side may be harvested at those sites listed in this Section that are followed by a (3).
- f) Only antlerless deer or antlered deer having at least five points on one side may be harvested at those sites listed in this Section that are followed by a (4).
- g) Statewide regulations shall apply at the following sites:

Alvah Borah State Habitat Area (1) (6)

Big Grand Pierre Glade State Natural Area (1)

Cache River State Natural Area (1) (2)

Campbell Pond State Habitat Area (1) (6)

Cape Bend State Fish and Wildlife Area (1) (2)

Carlyle Lake Lands and Waters (Corps of Engineers managed lands except for Jim Hawn and East Spillway areas that are closed to firearm deer hunting)

Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (except subimpoundment area) (6)

Chauncey Marsh State Natural Area (1) (6)

Collier Limestone Glade State Natural Area (1)

Crawford County Fish and Wildlife Area (1) (6)

Cretaceous Hills State Natural Area (1) (6)

Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge

Cypress Pond State Natural Area (1) (2)

Deer Pond State Natural Area (1) (2)

Devil's Island State Wildlife Management Area

Dog Island State Wildlife Management Area (1) (6)

Ferne Clyffe State Park – Cedar/Draper Bluff Hunting Area (1) (2)

Fort de Chartres State Historic Site (muzzleloading rifles only; no in-line muzzleloading rifles or muzzleloaders with scopes allowed) (1) (2)

George S. Park Memorial Woods State Natural Area (2)

Giant City State Park (1) (2)

Hamilton County State Conservation Area (1) (6)

Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area – Alexander County (all portions of the Public Hunting Area except the Controlled Goose Hunting Area) (1) (2)

Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area, excluding Doza Creek Water Management Area and Baldwin Lake Rest Area (1) (2, except south of Highway

154 and north of Highway 13)

Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (1) (2)

Lake Le Aqua Na State Park (standby hunting allowed during the first season if all blinds not filled by youth hunters)

Lusk Creek Canyon State Natural Area (1)

Meeker State Habitat Area (1) (6)

Mermet Lake State Conservation Area (1) (6)

Miller-Anderson Woods State Natural Area (Bureau County permit holders may hunt the Bureau County portion of the Area and Putnam County permit holders may hunt the Putnam County portion of the Area) (2)

Mississippi State Fish and Waterfowl Management Area – Pools 25 and 26 (Batchtown, Crull Hollow and Godar Waterfowl Rest Areas are closed to hunting beginning 14 days before the regular duck season; areas reopen to hunting the day after duck season closes; it is unlawful to trespass upon the designated duck hunting areas between sunset of the Sunday immediately preceding opening day of regular duck season through the day before regular duck season as posted at the site; no deer hunting is allowed within 200 yards of an occupied duck blind; during duck season only, deer hunters may not access the designated duck hunting areas by launching a boat at certain specifically posted boat ramps; boat ramps reopen to deer hunters the day after duck season closes; hunting is allowed at Red's Landing and Riprap Landing walk-in areas from 12:00 p.m. to ½ hour after sunset during duck season, statewide hours during remainder of the season) (1)

Mississippi River Pool 16 (1)

Mississippi River Pools 17, 18 (1)

Mississippi River Pools 21, 22, 24 (1)

Oakford State Conservation Area

Pere Marquette State Park (1) (6)

Rend Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area and Corps of Engineers' managed areas of Rend Lake

Saline County State Fish and Wildlife Area (1) (6)

Sielbeck Forest State Natural Area (1) (6)

Skinner Farm State Habitat Area (1) (2)

Ten Mile Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (areas designated as Waterfowl Rest Areas are closed to all access during the Canada Goose Season only) (1); Belle Rive Unit only (3) (6)

Trail of Tears State Forest (1) (2)

Turkey Bluffs State Fish and Wildlife Area (1) (2)

Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area (Firing Line Unit only) (1) (2)

Weinberg-King State Park – Spunky Bottoms Unit (6)

Wildcat Hollow State Forest (1) (6)

Wise Ridge State Natural Area (1)

- h) Statewide regulations shall apply at the following sites by special permit allocated through the regular statewide drawing. Season dates that differ from the statewide dates are in parentheses. Sites that offer standby hunting are followed by a (5). At sites offering standby hunting, permit holders must register at the check station by 5:00 a.m. each day of the hunt. Unvalidated permits are void after 5:00 a.m. Vacancies each day will be filled by a drawing held at 5:00 a.m. Vacancies may be filled by any person holding a valid hunting license, Habitat Stamp, and Firearm Owner Identification Card, unless exempt. Standby hunters will be issued a one-day site-specific deer permit at the check station, and charged a permit fee of \$5. All hunters must check out and report harvest. Sites that require use of windshield cards by hunters as specified in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 510.10 are followed by (6). In the event that Department budget reductions or site staffing reductions make the operation of check stations or issuance of standby permits impractical, changes to check station procedures and standby permit issuance will be publicly announced and posted at the site.

Apple River Canyon State Park – Thompson and Salem Units (first or second season only) (6)

Argyle Lake State Park (2) (5) (6)

Big River State Forest (2) (5) (6)

- Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area (6)
- Butterfield Trail State Recreation Area (6)
- Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area – East Fork Unit in Clinton County
- Castle Rock State Park (first or second season only) (1) (5) (6)
- Cedar Glen State Natural Area (1) (6)
- Chain O'Lakes State Park (first season permits only; hunting from elevated stands only, 6 feet minimum above the ground except for designated accessible blinds; firearms must be fully enclosed in a case, except while the hunter is in an elevated stand or as otherwise authorized by an employee of the Department; all hunters must attend a site lottery drawing for designated hunter stations) (1) (2) (5)
- Clinton Lake State Recreation Area (only in the area between County Highway 14 and State Route 48 – both sides of lake) (6)
- Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (6)
- Copperhead Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area (1) (6)
- Des Plaines State Conservation Area (first season only) (2) (5)
- Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area (1) (6)
- Ferne Clyffe State Park – Ferne Clyffe Hunting Area (1) (2)
- Flag Pond State Natural Area (1) (6)
- Fort Massac State Park (6)
- Fox Ridge State Park (1) (6)
- Franklin Creek State Natural Area (first or second season only) (5) (6)
- French Bluff State Natural Area (1) (6)
- Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area/Heidecke State Fish and Wildlife Area (first or second season only) (2) (5)
- Green River State Wildlife Area (first or second season only) (1) (5) (6)

Hanover Bluff State Natural Area (first or second season only) (6)

Harry "Babe" Woodyard State Natural Area (3) (6)

Henry Allan Gleason State Natural Area (2)

Hidden Springs State Forest (1) (6)

Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area – Refuge (Alexander County)  
(hunting only on the third Friday and Saturday of October) (2)

Iroquois County State Conservation Area (first season only) (5) (6)

Iroquois County State Conservation Area (second season only; no hunting in the  
controlled pheasant hunting area) (5) (6)

Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (1) (3) (6)

Jubilee College State Park (first or second season only; hunting is prohibited in  
marked zones (handicapped hunt area and areas within 300 yards of an inhabited  
dwelling); tree stands may be erected the day before the first season and must be  
removed by the day after the end of the second season) (2) (5)

Kaskaskia River Fish and Wildlife Area (Baldwin Lake Rest Area; first or second  
season only; hunting from elevated stands only; six feet minimum above ground;  
hunting must occur within 20 yards of an assigned, numbered stake; an inhouse  
drawing will be held in mid-October for such assignments; hunters will be  
notified by mail of their hunting location; no hunters may enter the area before  
5:00 a.m.) (1) (2) (5 – last 2 days of second season)

Kickapoo State Recreation Area (6)

Kishwaukee River State Fish and Wildlife Area (first or second season only) (6)

Lake Shelbyville State Fish and Wildlife Area (must have valid permit for Lake  
Shelbyville Project Lands – Moultrie County) (6)

Lowden-Miller State Forest (first or second season only) (1) (5) (6)

Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area (1) (2) (5)

Marseilles Fish and Wildlife Area (first or second season only) (all tree stands  
must be removed no later than the last day of the archery deer season;  
unauthorized personnel may not be on the site outside of the posted check station)

operating hours; hunters may enter the site only from designated parking lots) (1)  
(2) (5)

Marshall State Fish and Wildlife Area (2) (5)

Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Area (6)

Mississippi Palisades State Park (first season only) (1) (5) (6)

Momence Wetlands State Natural Area

Moraine Hills State Park (first or second season permits only; hunting from elevated stands only, 6 feet minimum above ground except for designated accessible blinds; firearms must be fully enclosed in a case, except while the hunter is in an elevated stand or as otherwise authorized by an employee of the Department) (2) (5)

Morrison-Rockwood State Park (first season only) (5)

Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (6)

Paul C. Burrus State Habitat Area (6)

Peabody River King State Fish and Wildlife Area

Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper County) (6)

Pyramid State Park (3) (6)

Pyramid State Park – Captain Unit (3) (6)

Pyramid State Park – Denmark Unit (3) (6)

Pyramid State Park – East Conant Unit (3) (6)

Pyramid State Park – Galum Unit (3) (6)

Rall Woods State Natural Area (first or second season only) (6)

Ray Norbut State Fish and Wildlife Area (6)

Ray Norbut State Fish and Wildlife Area – Dutch Creek Unit (6)

Revis Hill Prairie State Natural Area (2)

Sand Ridge State Forest (6)

Sangamon County State Conservation Area (6)

Sanganois State Wildlife Area (Ash Swale Waterfowl Rest Area will be closed to deer hunting during the waterfowl hunting season) (1) (6)

Siloam Springs State Park (3) (6)

Siloam Springs State Park – Buckhorn Unit (3) (6)

Spoon River State Forest (first or second season only) (1) (6)

Starved Rock State Park (first or second season only; permit includes Starved Rock State Park, Matthiessen State Park, Margery C. Carlson State Natural Area, Mitchell's Grove State Natural Area and Sandy Ford State Natural Area; all initial permits will be issued as antlerless only; hunters must take an antlerless deer during the current year firearm season on site before they can purchase an either-sex site-specific permit; hunters must check antlerless deer with site staff for verification to participate in bonus buck program; standby hunters may purchase up to 2 one-day site-specific antlerless-only permits each day) (2) (5)

Tapley Woods State Natural Area (first or second season only) (6)

Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area – Refuge (hunting only on the first Friday and Saturday of November) (2)

Vesely Land and Water Reserve/Wilmington Shrub Prairie Nature Preserve (first or second season only) (6)

Wards Grove State Nature Preserve (first or second season only; antlerless only) (6)

Weinberg-King State Park (6)

Weinberg-King State Park – Scripps Unit (6)

Weldon Springs State Park – Piatt County Unit (6)

White Pines Forest State Park (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the first statewide firearm deer season only) (5) (6)

White Pines Forest State Park (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the

second statewide firearm deer season only) (5) (6)

Winston Tunnel State Natural Area (first or second season only) (6)

Witkowsky State Wildlife Area (first or second season only) (6)

Wolf Creek State Park (participants in the Corps of Engineers special disabled hunt program are exempt from site's antler restrictions; for Corps of Engineers managed lands not managed by IDNR, contact Corps of Engineers, Lake Shelbyville office for specific deer hunting policy) (3) (6)

- i) Violations of site specific regulations are petty offenses (see 520 ILCS 5/2.20).

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 10545, effective July 20, 2016)

### **Section 650.66 Special Hunts for Young Hunters**

- a) Statewide regulations shall apply, except as noted in parentheses, at the following sites by special permit allocated through the regular statewide drawing. Shooting is allowed from elevated tree stands, except as noted in parentheses. Applicants must not have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, have completed a State-approved Hunter Education course and have a hunting license, unless exempt, by the start of the season. Only one tree stand is allowed per person. Tree stands must comply with restrictions listed in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 510.10(c)(3) and must be portable. Tree stands may be set up the day before the hunt and shall be removed the day after. All tree stands must be marked with a site assigned identification number. Check-in, check-out and report of harvest is required.

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (public hunting area only, except area north of Route 13 is closed to firearm deer hunting)

Dixon Springs State Park

Lake Le Aqua Na State Park (hunting from Department established ground blinds only; first season only; permits shall be antlerless only; youth hunters may purchase a \$5 either sex permit after harvesting an antlerless deer; supervisors may hunt, but may only take antlerless deer)

- b) Violation of this Section is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24).

(Source: Amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 10545, effective July 20, 2016)

### **Section 650.67 Special Hunts for Disabled Hunters**

- a) Statewide regulations shall apply; season dates shall be the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday immediately prior to the first firearm deer season, and the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday immediately following the second weekend of the regular firearm season unless otherwise noted in parentheses. Permit applications may be obtained from the appropriate site office, and completed applications must be returned to that office by the third Friday in October. Disabled hunters must possess a Class P2A disability card in order to be eligible for the drawing. All participating hunters must show proof of passing the Illinois Hunter Safety Course or an equivalent State program for nonresidents unless otherwise noted in parentheses. Additional regulations will be publicly announced.

Clinton Lake State Recreation Area (Mascoutin State Park) (2)

Horseshoe Lake State Conservation Area (first Saturday and Sunday of November; participants other than disabled hunters must take an antlerless deer before taking an antlered deer) (1) (2) (5)

Jubilee College State Park (coincides with first firearm deer season; hunter safety course not required) (2) (5)

Jubilee College State Park (coincides with second firearm deer season; hunter safety course not required) (2) (5)

Rock Cut State Park (Thursday, Friday and Saturday prior to the first statewide firearm deer season) (2) (5)

Starved Rock State Park (coincides with first firearm deer season; permit applications may be obtained from the site office and completed applications must be returned to that office by the third Friday in October; all initial permits will be issued as antlerless only; hunters must take an antlerless deer during the current year firearm season on site before they can purchase an either-sex site-specific permit; hunters must check antlerless deer with site staff for verification to participate in bonus buck program; hunter safety course not required) (2) (5)

Starved Rock State Park (coincides with second firearm deer season; permit applications may be obtained from the site office and completed applications must be returned to that office by the third Friday in October; all initial permits will be issued as antlerless only; hunters must take an antlerless deer during the current year firearm season on site before they can purchase an either-sex site-specific permit; hunters must check antlerless deer with site staff for verification to participate in bonus buck program; hunter safety course not required) (2) (5)

- b) Violation of this Section is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24).

(Source: Amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 14888, effective August 30, 2013)