

Forest Glen Preserve Deer Management 2018

Illinois is unique in that it is influenced by several ecological regions or biomes, creating an area high in biodiversity.

Vermilion County is blessed with some of the most spectacular natural environments in the state. It is here where north meets south and east meets west. Due to this occurrence the diversity of wildlife is great.

As a natural area, Forest Glen Preserve ranks among the finest. Woodland ravines, mature beech-maple forest, tall grass prairies, wetlands and three miles of Vermilion River frontage give it a variety of habitats, which harbor countless species of plants and animals. More than 240 species of birds have been seen in the preserve and rare plants include several species of orchids.

There are four state nature preserves within the boundaries of Forest Glen and the management of these preserves is the responsibility of the Vermilion County Conservation District.

Managing nature preserves can sometimes be as easy as letting nature do its thing or as complicated as controlling invasive species. One of the goals of the Vermilion County Conservation District is to continue to protect and manage all of its park lands to allow natural environments and its wildlife to flourish for today and future generations.

Management Plan for the Deer Population at Forest Glen Preserve

Deer numbers within the park has reached a critical level. Even though there have been no scientific studies to support this, evidence that does exist:

1. A definite browse line.
2. Destruction of certain tree species by bucks rubbing antlers.
3. Understory vegetation reductions.
4. Increased crop damage in agricultural lands surrounding the park.
5. Increased vehicle-deer collisions on roads bordering the park.

Goals:

- Deer reduction – QDM (deer/sq mi & doe/buck ratio)
- Nature Preserve management (habitat) – birds, trees, wildflowers
- Provide hunting opportunities with trophy potential
- Revenue
- Education-yearly deer track counts, performed by high school biology students to monitor trends
- Reduce vehicle vs. deer collisions along main roads
- Reduce crop damage on neighboring agricultural land

Methods:

- Archery/crossbow ONLY
- Each hunt is one week long – EXCEPT weeks of Nov 11, Nov 19, Nov 25 & Dec 3.
- Four hunt sites
- Four hunters/week x 15 weeks = 60 hunters per year
- Non-refundable lottery for all hunts @ \$25 per chance or 5 chances for \$100
- Tickets go on sale March 18, 2018. Drawing July 22, 2018 @ 1 pm @ Gannett Center @ Forest Glen
- Enter as many times as you like, but each applicant can only be drawn once.
- Unfilled spots \$100 each, per week
- ***NEW 2018* Earn-A-Buck-** In order to harvest a buck, you must FIRST harvest a doe. ONLY one (1) doe and one (1) buck per season.
- Each week will begin Sunday @ 12:00 (noon) and end Sunday @ 10:00 am. EXCEPT Nov 11, Nov 19, Nov 25 & Dec 3



Vermilion County Conservation District



Forest Glen Preserve

Whitetail Archery Deer

Hunt 2018

Lottery Applicant Information

Please print or type

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Select your desired hunt code(s) and complete the area below. Tickets are non-refundable and proceeds go to the management of Forest Glen Preserve.

# of Tickets	Total
_____ @ \$25/each	\$_____
_____ @ 5/\$100	\$_____
Total	\$_____
1 st Choice Hunt Code _____	
2 nd Choice Hunt Code _____	
3 rd Choice Hunt Code _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Any Available Date	
<input type="checkbox"/> YOUTH SEASON (OCT 1 – 7, 2018)	

Payment Information:

____ PayPal (www.vccd.org)

____ Check Enclosed

For more information contact Cole Craft @ 217-662-2142 or ccraft@vccd.org

Application available online @ www.vccd.org

or

Apply by Mail (postmark by July 15, 2018):

Complete and mail with fees to:

Forest Glen Preserve
20301 E. 900 North Road
Westville, IL 61883

Forest Glen Preserve – 2018 Archery Deer Hunt

INCREASE YOUR CHANCES –
Enter as many times as you like.
TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Dates	Hunt Code	Hunt Type	Ticket Price	Discount Package
Oct 1 – 7, 2018 YOUTH HUNT	10-1	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Oct 7 - 14, 2018	10-2	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Oct 14–21, 2018	10-3	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Oct 21 - 28, 2018	10-4	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Oct 28 – Nov 4, 2018	10-5	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Nov 4 - 11, 2018	11-1	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Nov 11 - 15, 2018 *	11-2	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Nov 19 - 25, 2018 *	11-3	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Nov 25 - Nov 28, 2018 *	11-4	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Dec 3 - Dec 9, 2018 *	12-1	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Dec 9 - 16, 2018	12-2	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Dec 16 - 23, 2018	12-3	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Dec 23 – Dec 30, 2018	12-4	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Dec 30, 2018 - Jan 6, 2019	1-1	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00
Jan 6 – Jan 13, 2019	1-2	Earn-A-Buck (1 each)	\$25.00	5 for \$100.00

Rules:

- Fill out and submit application form by mail. Application available online @ www.vccd.org. The NON-REFUNDABLE ticket fee is due with application. Payment may be made online through Pay Pal.
- Lottery application forms and payment must be returned and postmarked by July 15, 2018 in a sealed envelope marked "lottery application". Lottery drawing will be held on July 22, 2018 1:00 pm, Gannett Center @ Forest Glen.
- Successful applicants must then obtain their VCCD hunting permit. Resident \$27.00 Non-resident \$54.00.
- Once a VCCD hunting permit is obtained, hunters will receive the Forest Glen Archery Deer Hunting information/rule packet.
- Hunters can only be drawn once.
- * SHORT WEEK – HUNTING AT FOREST GLEN WILL BE **CLOSED** DURING FIREARM DEER SEASON.

- To be eligible for a VCCD hunt permit, every applicant must possess all valid licenses, stamps and permits as required by Federal and State law.
- * **NEW – 2018 – EARN-A-BUCK - In order to harvest a buck, you must first harvest a doe.**

There will also be 7 auction hunts in conjunction with the lottery hunts. For more information contact Cole Craft @ 217-662-2142 or ccraft@vccd.org

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