



2019 Archery Deer Hunting Regulations Loud Thunder Forest Preserve

<u>Species</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Hunting Hours</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>
Deer/Archery	11/2-1/17 Closed: 11/20 - 11/22, 12/3 - 12/6	IL DNR Regulations	Must harvest antler-less deer before harvest of antlered deer, same rule applies for any consecutive deer harvested, all other IL DNR regulations apply.

Rock Island County Forest Preserve District Archery (Deer) Hunting Regulations

1. Archers are **required** to apply for a site permit. Applications may be obtained in person at the Loud Thunder Forest Preserve Office. Applications may also be downloaded from www.ricfpd.org. Applications will be available 8/1/20- to 8/30/2020 to Rock Island County Residents **Only**. All applications have to be received **No later than August 30th, 2020 at 4:30 pm at Park Office**.
2. Each application will have ONE (1) Youth Hunter option for an additional permit. Youth Hunters must be under 18 years of age, and will hunt within supervising adult's eyesight at all times.
3. Fifty (50) permits will be issued for Loud Thunder Forest Preserve/Martin Conservation Area. In the event that more than 50 applications are received, a drawing will be held, and hunters will be notified of a successful drawing by October 1st. Preference will be given to unsuccessful applicants who have applied in previous consecutive years.
4. Loud Thunder Forest Preserve and Martin Conservation Area will be divided into 6 hunting zones. Hunters have 6 zone options 1 being most desirable and 6 their last choice. **Applicants must choose all 6 on application form.**
5. The permit fee will be \$100.00 payable after notification of receiving a permit. Youth hunter permit fee will be \$25.
6. Archers will be required to harvest an **ANTLER-LESS** deer before harvesting an antlered deer. Hunters must harvest a **SECOND ANTLER-LESS** deer before harvesting a second antlered deer.
7. A map of Loud Thunder Forest Preserve and Martin Conservation Area as well as the hunting zones will be provided to each hunter.
8. Transfer of permits to another person will **Not** be allowed.
9. Site permits must be displayed on the dashboard and or rear view mirror of vehicle.
10. Tree stand hunting is allowed; however **only portable tree stands are permitted**. Tree stands may be left in place and must be identified with the hunter's permit number at all times and shall be visible from the ground. **Only one (1) tree stand may be left in the woods**. No nails, screws, or screw in steps, will be allowed. Tree stands may be put up 1 day before the season begins on **11/02/2020, and must be taken down and removed within 5 days after the season closes**. **Any stands not removed within 5 days after the season closes will become the property of Rock Island County Forest Preserve, and will not be returned under any circumstances to original owner.**
11. Hunters must **sign-in daily prior to hunting**, and **sign-out daily after hunting**, at the check stations provided and record their hunting activities as requested.
12. All deer harvested must be checked in at sign in locations. Refer to page two of the rules for proper deer check in procedure.
13. **Closed areas**: hunters will be required to stay at least 25 yards away from any picnic area, campground, roadway, building, or other improved area. This 25 yard closed area also includes all Forest Preserve boundary lines.
14. ATV's or motorized vehicles will not be permitted.
15. All Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources hunting regulations apply.
16. **Season will be closed 11/20 – 11/22, 12/3 – 12/6/20, and Ends 1/17/2020.**
17. In the interest of safety, all hunters should be aware that the forest preserve is open to the public during the archery deer season. You may encounter various park users such as; hikers, bikers, or horseback riders during the archery season.
18. Regular routine maintenance of the park will continue i.e. running of equipment, saws.
19. Park Rangers and/or Conservation Police Officers may check hunters for compliance at any time. Penalties for violation may be fines and/or revocation of hunting permit, or forfeiture of participation in program indefinitely.
20. A waiver of liability must be signed before a permit will be issued. Minors must have a parent or legal guardian sign their form.
21. Selected applicants must show state of Illinois Drivers License, hunting license, and Archery either-sex tag.
22. Access to hunting zones will be restricted when weather requires road closures. **Gates will not be opened for stand removal.**



Deer Check in Procedure

All hunters must check in and check out on designated sign in sheets. Harvested deer must be checked in on sign in sheets prior to leaving the Preserve. Hunters must harvest an antlerless deer prior to taking an antlered deer.

Successful hunters will have to contact rangers at the Park Office during working hours 8am – 4:30pm, or via phone at (309) 795-1040 on weekends or after 4:30pm on weekdays with their hunter # given to them at time of selection, and the harvest number provided to them by the state at time of registration of the harvested deer. Successful hunters may also leave this information on the answering machine if they are unable to contact a staff member on the phone.

Any person caught in violation of these rules will forfeit their right to participate in the Loud Thunder Archery Hunt indefinitely.



2020 Loud Thunder Forest Preserve Archery Deer Permit Application

Note: Only fully completed applications will be entered into the drawing.

Section 1. (Please print legibly. There will be a \$100 participation fee upon selection)

Applicant's full name _____

Street address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Day time phone number _____

Home phone number _____

Zone Preference: Number 1 being first choice and 6 your last choice; one **Must rank all 6.**

Zone 1: _____ Zone 2: _____

Zone 3: _____ Zone 4: _____

Zone 5: _____ Zone 6: _____

Section 2. (Complete only if requesting a permit for the youth hunter option \$25.00 per youth hunter)

Youth hunter name _____

Street address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Date of birth _____

Youth hunter signature _____

I hereby declare that the above information is true and correct. Providing false information will void your permit application.

Applicant's signature: _____

Applications must be completed and returned by August 30th, 2020.

Return to: Loud Thunder Forest Preserve
19406 Loud Thunder Road
Illinois City, IL 61259
Phone 309-795-1040

Successful applicants will be notified by October 1st, 2020.