

Forest Glen Preserve Deer Management 2023

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 are at a critical level. Even though there have been no scientific studies to support this, evidence 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 population reduction – QDM (deer/sq mi & doe/buck ratio)
- Nature Preserve management (habitat) – birds, trees, wildflowers
- Provide hunting opportunities
- 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 during firearm season
- Four hunt sites
- Four hunters/week x 14 weeks = 56 hunters per year
- **Lottery tickets for all adult hunts \$75 per chance. Youth hunt lottery tickets \$25 per chance –Lottery ticket purchase includes VCCD Forest Glen hunt permit fee.** Tickets go on sale May 1, 2023. Drawing Monday, July 17, 2023.
- VCCD staff will draw and you will be notified by email or mail.
- **Limit one ticket per person**
- **Tickets not drawn will be refunded.**
- **Unfilled spots \$100 each, per week**
- **Earn-A-Buck**- In order to harvest a buck, you must FIRST harvest a doe. **ONLY** one (1) buck per season.
- Each week will begin Sunday @ 12:00 (noon) and end Sunday @ 10:00 am. **EXCEPT** during firearm season.



Vermilion County Conservation District



Forest Glen Preserve

Whitetail Archery Deer

Hunt 2023

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 not drawn will be refunded.

# of Tickets		Total
<u> 1 </u>	@\$75/each	\$ _____
<u> Youth </u>	@ \$25/each	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 st Choice Hunt Code	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 nd Choice Hunt Code	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd Choice Hunt Code	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 th Choice Hunt Code	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: Any Available Date	
<input type="checkbox"/>	YOUTH SEASON (OCT 1 – 8, 2023)	

Payment Information:

___ PayPal (www.vccd.org)

___ Check Enclosed

For more information contact Cole Craft @ 217-369-0871 or ccraft@vccd.org
 Application available online @ www.vccd.org
 or Apply by Mail (postmarked by July 7, 2023):

Complete and mail with fees to:

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

Forest Glen Preserve – 2023 Archery Deer Hunt

Rules:

- Fill out and submit application form by mail. Application available online @ www.vccd.org. Tickets not drawn will be refunded. Payment online may be made through Pay Pal.
- Tickets may be purchased at the Forest Glen Visitor Center with completed application form. Lottery application forms and payment must be postmarked by July 7, 2023, marked "lottery application". Application must be received by 4:30 p.m., July 14, 2023. Drawing will be held Monday, July 17, 2023.
- VCCD staff will draw and you will be notified by email or mail.
- Lottery ticket purchase includes VCCD FG special hunt permit fee.
- Hunters drawn must contact Forest Glen to complete special hunt permit form. They will then receive the Forest Glen Archery Deer Hunting information/rule packet and dash card.
- Limit one ticket per person.
- 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.
- EARN-A-BUCK – In order to harvest a buck, you must first harvest a doe.
- No refunds if ticket is drawn and your top 4 choices are unavailable.

** Short week – HUNTING AT FOREST GLEN WILL BE CLOSED DURING FIREARM DEER SEASON*

There will also be 6 auction hunts in conjunction with the lottery hunts. For more information contact Cole Craft @ ccraft@vccd.org

LOTTERY TICKETS \$75 – includes FG special hunt permit fee – YOUTH HUNT TICKETS \$25

Dates	Hunt Code	Ticket Price
Oct 1 – 8, 2023 YOUTH HUNT	10-1	\$25.00
Oct 8 - 15, 2023	10-2	\$75.00
Oct 15 – 22, 2023	10-3	\$75.00
Oct 22 - 29, 2023	10-4	\$75.00
Oct 29 – Nov 5, 2023	10-5	\$75.00
Nov 5 – 12, 2023	11-1	\$75.00
Nov 12 – 16, 2023*	11-2	\$75.00
Nov 20 - 26, 2023 *	11-3	\$75.00
Nov 26 – Nov 29, 2023*	11-4	\$75.00
Dec 4 – 10, 2023 *	12-1	\$75.00
Dec 10 - 17, 2023	12-2	\$75.00
Dec 17 - 24, 2023	12-3	\$75.00
Dec 24 - 31, 2023	12-4	\$75.00
No Hunting in January 2024		

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