

## Forest Glen Preserve Deer Management 2024

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, 2024. Drawing Monday, July 15, 2024.
- 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 2024

## 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	\$ _____
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Hunt Code	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Hunt Code	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice Hunt Code	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 <sup>th</sup> Choice Hunt Code	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other: Any Available Date</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	YOUTH SEASON (OCT 1 – 6,2024)	

### Payment Information:

PayPal ([www.vccd.org](http://www.vccd.org))

Check Enclosed

For more information contact Cole Craft @ 217-369-0871 or [ccraft@vccd.org](mailto:ccraft@vccd.org)  
Application available online @ [www.vccd.org](http://www.vccd.org)  
or Apply by Mail (postmarked by July 5, 2024):

### Complete and mail with fees to:

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

## Forest Glen Preserve – 2024 Archery Deer Hunt

### Rules:

- Fill out and submit application form by mail. Application available online @ [www.vccd.org](http://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 5, 2024 marked “lottery application”. Application must be received by 4:30 p.m., July 12, 2024 Drawing will be held Monday, July 15, 2024.
- 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](mailto:ccraft@vccd.org)

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

Dates	Hunt Code	Ticket Price
Oct 1 - 6, 2024 YOUTH HUNT	10-1	\$25.00
Oct 6 - Oct 13, 2024	10-2	\$75.00
Oct 13 - Oct 20, 2024	10-3	\$75.00
Oct 20 - Oct 27 2024	10-4	\$75.00
Oct 27 - Nov 3, 2024	10-5	\$75.00
Nov 3 - Nov 10, 2024	11-1	\$75.00
Nov 10 - Nov 17, 2024	11-2	\$75.00
Nov 17 - Nov 21, 2024 *	11-3	\$75.00
Nov 25 - Dec 1, 2024*	11-4	\$75.00
Dec 1 - Dec 4, 2024*	12-1	\$75.00
Dec 9 - Dec 15, 2024*	12-2	\$75.00
Dec 15 - Dec 22, 2024	12-3	\$75.00
Dec 22 - Dec 29, 2024	12-4	\$75.00
No Hunting in January 2025		

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