



2026 FOREST GLEN PRESERVE ARCHERY DEER HUNT RULES ☺

- Permit NON-TRANSFERABLE
- Permits must be clearly displayed on the dash of the vehicle with the name of the hunter visible from the outside.
- Hunters will be assigned a hunt zone (LHZ1, LHZ2, LHZ3, LHZ4, AHZ-E, AHZ-W)
- Hunt **only** in the designated hunt zone assigned to you. Boundaries are **strictly** enforced.
- Parking allowed **only** in your assigned hunt zone area.
- The hunt begins at noon on Sunday and continues until 10 a.m. the following Sunday.
- Forest Glen is now a part of the Earn-A-Buck Program ☆. This means that you must first harvest a doe before you can harvest a buck. Any person harvesting a buck first will no longer be able to hunt at Forest Glen. Limit One (1) buck and One (1) doe per hunter; or Two (2) does still applies to all Forest Glen Hunters. ☆ Auction by sealed bid hunters are excluded from the Earn-A-Buck Program.
- **Buck requirement: at least four (4) points on one side. All deer MUST be checked in with Cole Craft, COMPLETELY INTACT, on the day it was harvested. NO EXECPTIONS.**
- Coyotes may be harvested – NO other animal can be hunted or harvested. NO turkey hunting.
- Two (2) tree stands or two (2) ground blinds allowed. NO screw-in steps.
- No tree or brush trimming!!! Violators will lose hunting privileges.
- Stand can be no closer than **100 yards** from a park designated trail or roadway.
- Drawn hunter may bring one observer, but only the drawn hunter is allowed to carry and shoot a bow/crossbow. This year's exception is the auction sealed bid hunts.
- **All scouting ends September 5, 2026.**
- If your wounded deer leaves your designated hunt zone area, the park must be notified **before** tracking by phoning 217-369-0871 [Cole]; 217-662-2142 [Forest Glen Office], or 217-304-8603 [Forest Glen Security].
- If your wounded deer leaves the park and moves onto private property, permission must be obtained from the landowner before entering property.
- All tracking tape must be removed.
- Use of trail cameras is allowed, but you cannot place them until the start of your week's hunt. They must be removed at the end of your hunt.
- The agriculture field to the West of Zone 3 is PRIVATE PROPERTY.
- **ALL deer harvested MUST be reported to the Vermilion County Conservation District on the day of harvest, and COMPLETION AND RETURN of your V.C.C.D. hunt card provided to you is mandatory.**
- All harvested bucks must be photographed and photo sent to ccraft@vccd.org. These photos become the property of the V.C.C.D.



Youth Season: Preserving Our Hunting Heritage



Youth Only Hunt:

- The Youth Hunt Season at Forest Glen will run from October 1st – 4th, 2026.
- To apply, youth hunters must fill out the same application that is required of the adult hunters.
- Must be 15 years *or younger* to apply for this week.
- Must follow state laws and have all necessary permits and licenses required by IDNR and VCCD.
- All Forest Glen Archery Rules apply.
- Must be accompanied by an adult.
- There will be four (4) areas available for hunting. Youth hunters that are not drawn for the Youth Season will be put into the regular lottery to be potentially drawn.
- Earn-A-Buck Program applies.

→ Failure to comply with any of the above listed 2026 Forest Glen Archery Deer Hunt Rules may result in loss of hunting privileges.