

## 2023 Portland Arch Deer Draw Information Portland Arch Nature Preserve (PANP)

This page includes information and instructions for those interested or selected to participate in a 2023 Indiana Portland Arch Deer Hunt Draw (PANP). It is important to note that areas participating in reserved hunts are managed by various agencies and may have unique restrictions that each hunter must follow. Please read each area's information packet carefully before pursuing a hunt.

### Applying:

An in-person draw for the 2023 PNAP Deer Hunt will be held Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. ET in the main parking lot of Fountain Central Middle School. Please show up early for draw registration. Please park near the tennis courts. **Firearms are not allowed onto the school property.** Applicants must possess a license to hunt deer to apply. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt white-tailed deer. Draw results will be announced on site. Applicants must be present on July 25, 2023, to enter into the draw. Only one entry is allowed per applicant. A hunting packet will be emailed to successful applicants in the weeks leading up to the hunt. The packet will include maps, delineated hunting zones, property regulations, deer stand requirements, parking, etc. The hunt will be limited to seven hunters selected at the in-person draw.

### Allowed Equipment:

- Archery only.

### Bag Limit:

- Follow county guidelines for regulations and bag limits, as outlined in the [Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide](#). This is not a bonus tag hunt; county bag limits apply.

### Hunting Hours:

- The hunting hours are from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Hunt Information:

- Available hunting dates are from Oct. 14, 2023, to Dec. 17, 2023, from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. The property hours, including access areas, are from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Successfully drawn applicants are allowed to bring one hunting partner; different hunting partners throughout the season are allowed. Both individuals will be required to hunt near each other. The hunting partner not allowed to hunt without the drawn applicant present.
- Successful applicants will be provided with a hunting permit that must be placed on the dash of vehicle parked on PANP.

- Deer may be taken by the legal methods listed under the respective sections in the Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide. All regulations and bag limits will apply as outlined in the guide, including the wearing of hunter orange during proper seasons.
- Deer retrieval on Nature Preserve property by foot or hand cart only. The property hours, including access areas, are from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- This is not a military or State Park reduction hunt. The deer harvested count toward the county bag limit.
- Deer reductions hunts on Nature Preserves are based on ecological objectives and are management tools; trophy hunting is not the mission of the manager. **Do not apply if you are planning on passing on smaller bucks or doe during the Oct. 14, 2023 – Dec. 17, 2023, hunts.**

**Area Information:** PANP is a natural area of just over 430 acres near the Wabash River in Fountain County. It was created for and funded by nature preservation. Agricultural land interspersed with woodland and riparian areas creates ideal habitat for the white-tailed deer.

Hunting is restricted to the designated hunting units. Approximately half the property is open for hunting in 2023. The area of exclusion includes the property's two public hiking trails and areas under active invasive species management contracts. A map is attached with respective boundaries.

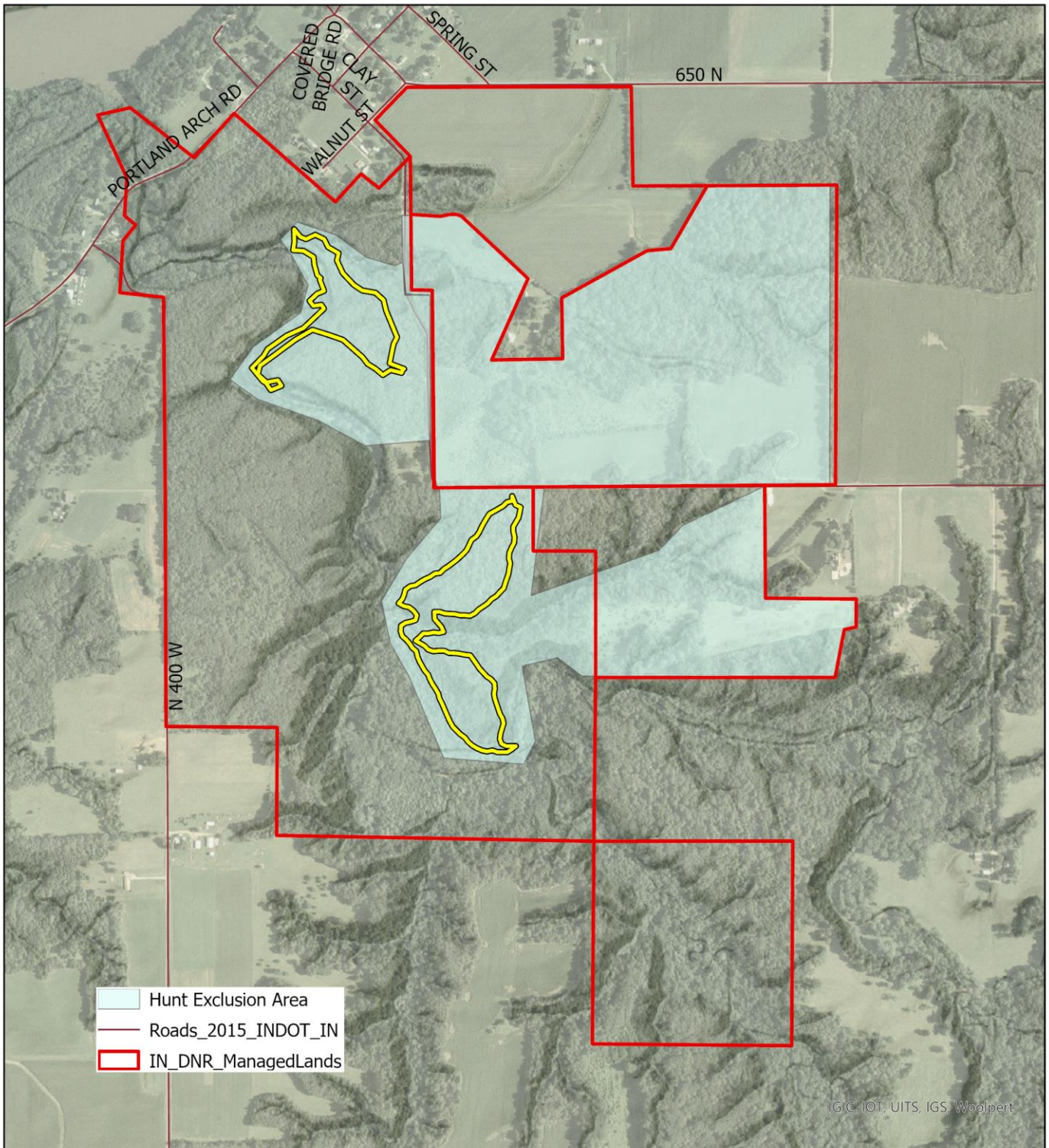
The hunt will be limited to seven hunters selected at the in-person draw. Available hunting dates are Oct. 14, 2023, to Dec. 17, 2023, from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Scouting, stand setup, and camera placement will be permitted starting October 3, 2023.

The address for the property is 1599 W Scout Camp Road, Covington, IN 47932. Please refer to the attached map for allowed hunting areas and access points. The address for the draw is at Fountain Central Middle School, 750 East US Highway 136, Veedersburg, IN 47987.

**Contact:**

If you have further questions, please contact Danielle Williams, the Division of Nature Preserves Central Region Ecologist, at [dpwilliams@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:dpwilliams@dnr.IN.gov) or 317-671-0041.

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