
2023 IPLA Firearm Deer Hunt Draw Information

This page includes information and instructions for those interested or selected to participate in a 2023 Indiana IPLA Firearm Deer Hunt Draw. 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:

The application period for the 2023 IPLA Firearm Deer Hunt Draw is Aug. 20 — Sept. 24, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid Archery Deer, Firearms Deer, Antlerless Deer Bonus, or Deer Bundle License prior to applying. Each licensed hunter is eligible to select one date span from one of the participating counties when applying. If successful, you will be awarded a hunt on one private land parcel in that county. More information will be provided via email if successful. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt deer.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment: Legal equipment for IPLA Firearm Deer hunts includes all equipment that is legal for firearm hunting on private property in Indiana. For the full list of legal equipment, please see the Deer Equipment Chart in the [Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide](#).

Bag Limit:

- For those using a deer bundle license, you must ensure you are not over your season bag limits. All deer harvested on IPLA hunts do count towards your state-wide season bag limits.
- Bonus Antlerless Licenses are permitted. All county bonus quotas apply.

Hunting Hours:

- Legal hunting hours for all deer seasons are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Hunt Information:

IPLA deer firearms hunts are divided into 2 windows: If you are successful in drawing an IPLA Firearm Deer Hunt, you will receive a more detailed letter with hunt instructions, a map of the property you were selected to hunt, and a link to a post-hunt survey.

- All hunters must follow all laws and obtain all necessary permits and licenses as outlined in the Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide (including license requirements, bag limits, etc.).
- All deer harvested must be checked in using [Indiana CheckIN Game](#) as PRIVATE land.
- Hunters are permitted for deer hunting only. Removal of anything from the property other than deer is prohibited.
- Hunters are permitted to bring one hunting partner to hunt with them. The drawn partner must always be present (partner cannot hunt alone). If you chose to bring a partner, it must be the same person

throughout the hunt window (you cannot bring a different partner each day). Hunting partners must also sign the waiver of liability.

- Cutting trees and tree limbs is prohibited.
- Portable tree stands/blinds may be used. Portable tree stands/blinds must be legibly marked with the owner's name, address, and telephone number. Information must be easily read from the ground. Fasteners that penetrate the tree more than a half inch are prohibited. This includes screw-in equipment holders.
- Hunters must remove their stands/blinds by the end of their assigned hunt window.
- Hunters must park in designated parking areas. Foot traffic only beyond designated parking areas. Vehicles are not allowed in other areas of the property. This includes stand/blind installation and harvest recovery. The only exception will be for special arrangements to allow access for hunters with disabilities.
- A post-hunt survey must be completed by the drawn hunter. Failure to complete the hunt survey jeopardizes the hunter's future eligibility in IPLA.
- No trail cameras, baits, or attractants are permitted.
- Each successfully drawn hunter is required to sign a liability waiver before participating in an IPLA hunt.

Area Information: IPLA Archery Deer Hunts are available in seven counties. IPLA Archery Deer Hunt applicants may select one county when applying. Some counties include more than one hunt location. The number of opportunities in each county is indicated below.

- LaPorte: 1
- Cass: 1
- Sullivan: 3
- Scott: 3
- Ripley: 1
- Harrison: 1
- Bartholomew: 3

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact Jason Wade at IPLA@dnr.IN.gov.