

CLIFTY FALLS STATE PARK 2013 DEER REDUCTION

 State Road 56 Gate mapping address: 1314 Clifty Hollow Rd., Madison IN 47250

Go to www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/clifty_falls_trail.pdf for the property Map.

FAQ INFORMATION AND RULES ~ READ AND OBEY!

Please save or print a copy of this document for reference. You are responsible for understanding all the following information.



Important Note

We appreciate your willingness to help manage the impact from deer browsing. For this reduction to be effective, please harvest any deer that presents a safe and ethical shot (within established bag limits), especially those that are antlerless. Please make every effort to be present during the reduction. The number of hunters allowed at each park is strategically calculated. Your absence affects how successfully we reach our objective of a balanced ecosystem.

During this reduction you may enter and exit only through the South Gate located on State Road 56. The 2013 reduction headquarters is located at the Park Nature Center.

EACH DAY Every Hunter (Camping Hunters Included) Must Check In At The Nature Center Before Entering The Field To Hunt. Every Hunter Must Also Check Out At The Nature Center When Finished Hunting For The Day or When Leaving The Property For Any Reason. Your number will be kept on file at the Nature Center while you are in the field hunting.

This is an archery only hunt and must be conducted from an elevated non-penetrating tree stand or ladder stand. All steps must be non-penetrating. Hunters and archery equipment must conform to the regulations of the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife for the 2013 archery season.

Indiana law makes it illegal to possess firearms while hunting deer with archery equipment. Do not bring firearms onto the property!

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are allowed in the park during this period. **Safety for all is #1!**

Up to three deer may be taken; only one may be antlered. Deer must be field dressed out of sight from trails, roads, and off property residences. Cover entrails with leaf litter. You are responsible for retrieving deer and for transportation to the **check station located at the Nature Center.** At the check station deer will be aged, sexed, and a permanent tag assigned by DNR personnel. All hunters must **check out daily at the Nature Center.** You are responsible for removing your deer and stand from the property by 6:30pm of your final day. You are also responsible for all transportation and processing fees. All deer must be covered when they leave the park.

ORIENTATION: Questions can be answered at the **optional "Open House"** at the NATURE CENTER 12pm-4pm Nov.17 or Dec.1 or phone the park office at 812-273-8885 8:30am-3pm Mon. - Fri.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Call the park office at 812-273-8885 no later than Friday, Nov. 8 to coordinate special needs.

SAFETY & ZONES: **Hunter orange** hat or cap AND vest, coat, or overalls are required at all times while you are on the property. Safety Zones around residences, buildings, and other facilities are to be avoided. **If you can see a structure you are too close!** Turn 180 degrees and move out of sight. Our perimeter is lined in several places with residential housing. We must not disturb our neighbors. Our goal is to reduce the deer population from within this property but retrieval must be kept in mind when setting up stands. **Tracking of deer off property is illegal. Contact DNR officials before attempting to go off property.** Concentrate on the uplands. It would be a waste of your productive time to have to track and retrieve deer from the canyon. Space yourself well away from others to allow everyone a successful hunt.

SCOUTING & TREE STANDS: You are encouraged to scout prior to the reduction. Non-penetrating tree or ladder stands are required and **NO GROUND BLINDS. No off road vehicles, scouting on foot only** and pre-installation may be done **8am – 6pm** Nov. 11 – 17 for the first hunt or Nov. 25 – Dec.1 for the second hunt. Stands must be removed when you leave the property at the conclusion of the reduction. **IDNR assumes no responsibility for your stands.**

CREDENTIALS, PHOTO ID, and PARK ACCESS: Enter/exit only through the South Gate on St.Rd. 56. To enter (or re-enter) you must show your Photo ID (valid Indiana driver's license). Carry your Photo ID at all times while in the park. A reduction Credential will be issued upon check in. Your Credential must be displayed in the front window of the vehicle in which you are traveling, readable from the outside. **Again, while in the park your Credential is displayed in the front window of the vehicle in which you are traveling; your photo ID carried on your person at all times. CREDENTIALS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE; NO SUBSTITUTES.**

DAY & TIME: Hunting areas will be closed to the general public from **6pm Sunday** until **7am Wednesday** for this reduction. Sunday after 6pm only drawn camping hunters may enter to register and camp ~ up to **8pm. On Monday and Tuesday hunters may enter the property at 5:30am. All hunters, campers included, must check in at the Nature Center before entering the field to hunt. Hunting hours are 7am to 6pm EST. Property closes 6:30pm Monday** at which time all hunters must be off the property unless camping Monday night. **All hunters** must leave the park by **6:30pm Tuesday.**

PARKING: Because Clifty's road shoulders are especially soft and easily damaged we require that you park as follows: **during the pre-hunt scout week park only in the parking lots. On hunt days (Mon-Tue) you may park either in the parking lots or on the roadway. When parking on the roadway keep vehicle wheels on the pavement; leave one lane open. At no time should you park on the road shoulder.**
On hunt days (Mon-Tue) each parked vehicle must have a readable Reduction Credential for each hunter in that vehicle displayed in the front window.

CAMPING: (Sunday & Monday nights only) sites 1-8 & 44-68 will be available. This includes pit toilet, potable water, and electricity (no showers). You may set up camp Sunday evening until 8pm. Camping hunters may exit the park via the South Gate on SR 56 and must return by 10:30pm and proceed directly to the campgrounds. **Camping hunters, while in the park, are restricted to the campground during non-hunting hours.**

CHECK STATION: At Nature Center: 7:30am to 6:30pm daily.