

Versailles State Park

812 689-6424

2013 Deer Reduction Information

Versailles State Park info at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2963.htm>

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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.

DATE/TIME

Hunt dates are November 18-19 and December 2-3. You have been selected for one or both of these periods. The Park will be closed to everyone except selected hunters and staff from 8:00 p.m. on Sunday 11-17-2013 and will reopen for Park visitors on Wednesday 11-20-2013. The park will be closed to everyone except selective hunters and staff from 8:00 p.m. on Sunday 12-1-2013 and reopen for Park visitors on Wednesday 12-4-2013. Hunting hours are from 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM (Eastern Time) on Monday and Tuesday.

Hunters must be out of their selected hunting area by 5:00 PM. Check station closes at 5:30 PM.

Hunting/Shooting hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ALL HUNTERS WILL NEED A PHOTO ID TO BE ALLOWED INTO THE PARK.

OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, November 17th and Sunday December 1st, an open house will be held at the Park Office (located at the entrance of the park) from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Personnel will be available to answer questions and register hunters who would like to camp during the hunt.

HUNT DETAILS

Hunters must check-in at Main Gate each morning of the 2 day hunt before proceeding to your chosen area. Check-in will begin at 5 am each morning. At check-in hunters will receive a credential tag which will need to be displayed on rear view mirror at all times. All firearms which may be legally used to hunt deer in Indiana (as defined in the 2013-14 Indiana Hunting and Trapping Regulations) will be allowed. You may take up to three deer, only one of which may be antlered. Please field dress deer well off trails and roads and cover the entrails with leaf litter and pick up your shell/cartridge casings. You will be responsible for retrieving deer and for transportation to the park check station. When transporting harvested deer home or to a processor, please cover the carcass or keep it in the vehicle. Hunters will be allowed to hang deer in assigned areas.

SCOUTING/ And OR TREE STANDS	<u>When scouting have your PHOTO ID with you.</u> Only Non- Penetrating trees stands may be put up in the park between November 8th through November 17 th for the first hunt and November 22 nd through December 1st for the second hunt. The DNR (Versailles State Park) is <i>Not</i> responsible for damaged or stolen tree stands. All tree stands must be legibly marked with the owner's name, address, and telephone number. All stands must be removed by the evening of the last day of each hunt. November 19 th or December 3 rd .
ACCESS	<u>The park must be entered and exited through the main entrance gate only.</u> All hunters must register at the main entrance gate each morning of the hunt, and this process will begin at 5 am each morning. The entrance is located 1 mile east of Versailles on U.S. 50. No entrance fee will be charged during the hunt. Do not drive vehicles off park roads and used designated parking areas. ATV's WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.
CAMPING	Sites 1 through 96 have been set-aside for hunters who wish to camp at Versailles State Park. All other campsites are closed. Our winter camping rate of \$12.84 per night or \$25.68 for two nights will be charged. The modern restrooms and showers will be closed. A vault toilet, water, and electricity will be available. Hunters who choose to camp at Versailles will be restricted to the camping area during non-hunting hours. You will be allowed to exit and re-enter the park until 11:00 p.m. Only hunters participating in the hunt will be allowed in the camping area.
SAFETY ZONES	Safety Zones have been established and you may not enter these areas except to retrieve a deer. Loaded firearms are not permitted in safety zones, park buildings, or in the service area.
FOOD	Please note that <u>NO</u> food or beverage will be available within the park so plan to pack these items yourself. <u>NO ALCOLOHIC BEVERAGES</u> will be allowed in the park during the hunt.
ASSIGNED ZONES	Versailles is NOT assigning zones for hunters in 2013. The maps below are provided as a courtesy for hunters to use in planning their hunt and scouting.
SUBSTITUTES	<u>DO NOT</u> find your own substitute, as they will not be allowed to enter the park. If one or more members of a buddy group drop out; the remaining member(s) may still hunt.
SAFETY	<u>Hunters must wear both a solid blaze orange head covering AND a solid blaze orange outer garment</u> such as vest, coat or coveralls during the time you are hunting in the park.

PARKING: All hunters must have their credential tag displayed on the rear view mirror of the vehicle. This tag will be given to the hunter during the check-in process at 5 am of each morning of each day of the hunt.

Only park in designated parking areas and be aware of where others are parked so that no one gets blocked in a parking area. Do not park on private property.

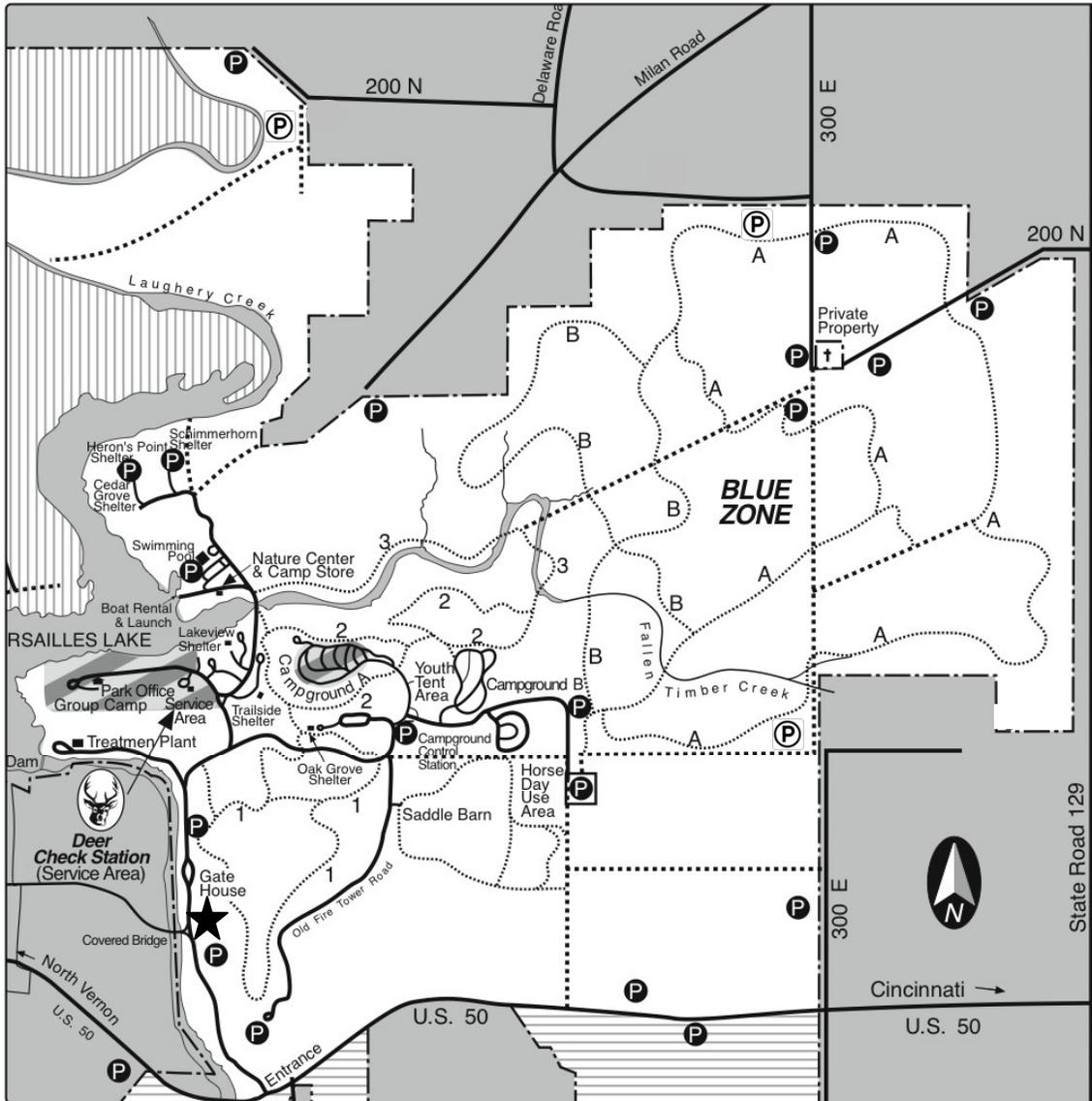
CHECK STATION: All deer taken must be checked at the Park check station located at the park Service Area before being removed from the Park. At the check station deer will be documented and receive a permanent tag. The check station is indicated on park map available upon request. Check station will be open from 7:30AM until 5:30PM.

HANDICAPPED HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS:

If you have a handicapped hunting license and indicated this on your application, please call the park office (812-689-6424), Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, to coordinate your special needs according to your DNR handicapped hunting license. Do not wait until you arrive at the property, please call as soon as possible, so arrangements can be made and to check that you are placed in the correct zone.

UNLIKE PAST HUNTS PARK PERSONNEL WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HAULING DEER FROM YOUR HUNTING AREA TO THE CHECK STATION OR TO YOUR VEHICLE UNLESS YOU HAVE A HANDICAPPED HUNTING LICENSE AND HAVE SPOKEN TO THE PARK OFFICE IN ADVANCE OF THE HUNT

VERSAILLES STATE PARK



BLUE ZONE

Safety Zones: Guns must be unloaded while in Safety Zones.
Hunters may not shoot into Safety Zones.

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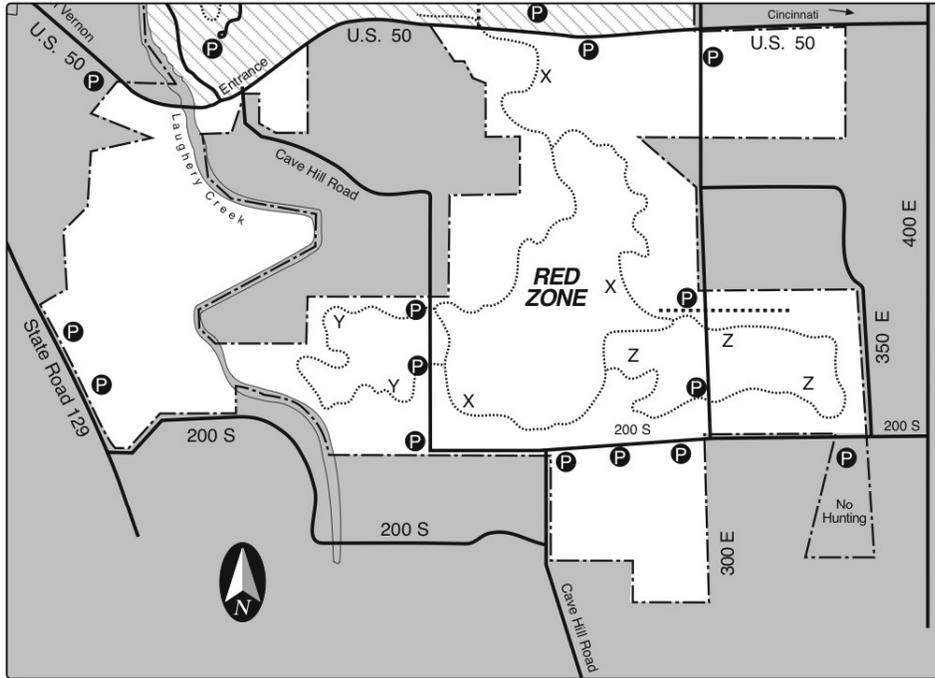
PARK MAP KEY

BLUE ZONE

-  The star denotes the new location of the park office. This is the location where the open house will be held the Sunday before both hunts as well as the additional safety zone in the Blue zone.
- The blue zone is the northeastern portion of the park and blue flagging will designate it. Access to this area is clearly marked on the maps provided. The western portion of the zone is separated by Versailles Lake. This natural boundary will not be marked with any flagging. The remaining portions of this zone will be clearly marked with white flagging and blue flagging
- All property boundaries are clearly marked with white flagging.
- There are three safety zones located within this zone. The first area encompasses the group camp, the Property Manager, and the Assistant Property Manager's residences, and the Park Service area. The second area surrounds campground A (Sites 1 - 96). The third area encompasses park office and main entrance gate. These safety areas are clearly marked with yellow flagging.
- Parking will be allowed anywhere on developed roads inside the main gate. When parking in these areas, make sure that roads are not blocked in any fashion, trailheads are not blocked, and service gates are not blocked.
- If you are hunting in areas outside the main gate, parking areas will be provided for you. A "P" marks these areas on the map with a circle around it. The parking areas will also be marked on the roads by a poster with the same symbol on it, and parking boundaries will be marked with flagging. Hunters must park in these areas ONLY. Hunters who are found parking in areas other than those designated will lose their hunting credentials, and possibly have their vehicle towed.
- Flagging will be designated as the following:
 - White = Property boundary
 - Yellow = Safety Zone
 - Red = Red Zone
 - Blue = Blue Zone
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Know your boundary designation! All hunters must register at the main gate each morning before proceeding to their assigned zones.

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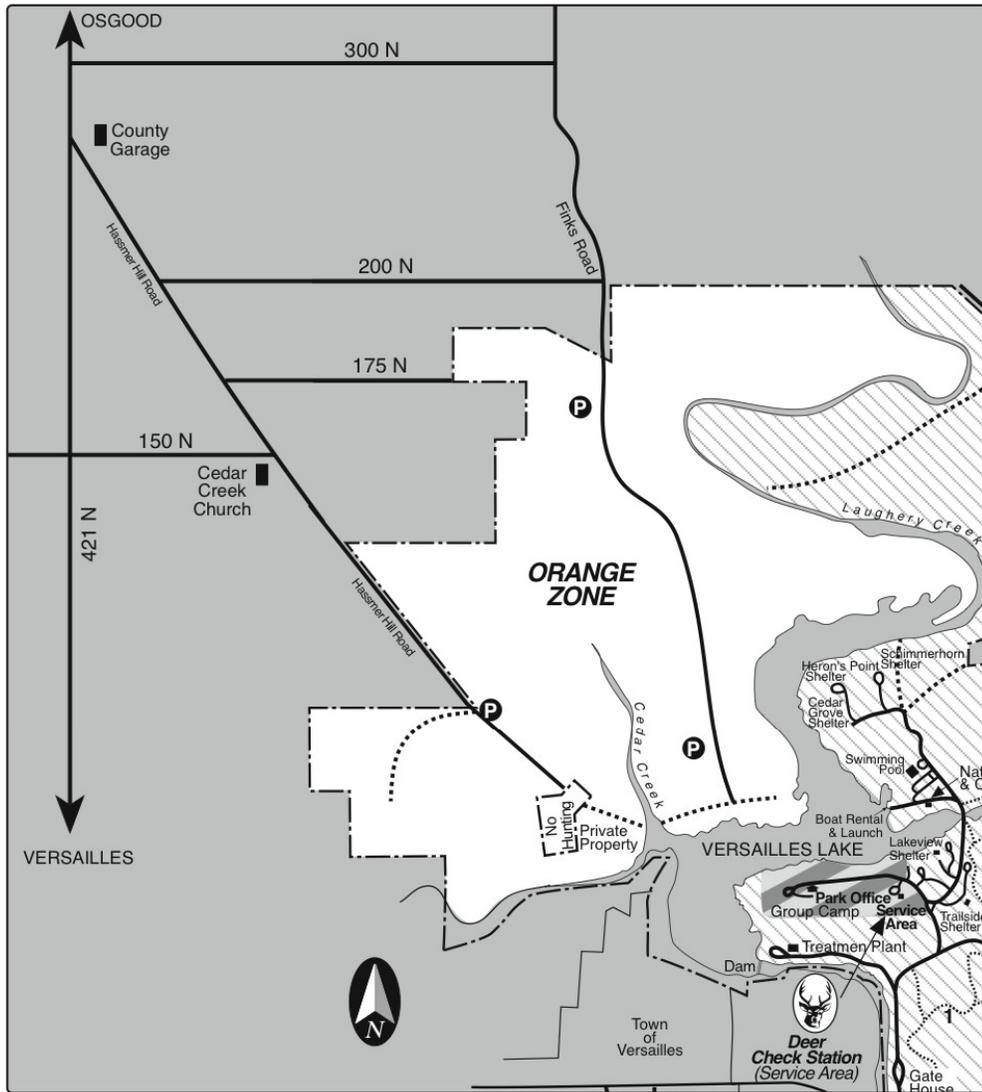
RED ZONE

- The red zone is the southernmost part of the property, and red flagging will designate it. Access to this area is clearly marked on the maps provided.
- U.S. Hwy 50 separates the northern most part of this zone. Flagging will not mark this boundary.
- The remaining portions of this zone will be clearly marked with white flagging and red flagging.
- All property boundaries are clearly marked with white flagging.
- There will be several safety zones located in this area, but these safety zones will not be indicated on the map. These safety zones will encircle private residences by 300 feet. These safety areas are clearly marked with yellow flagging.
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This zone is located entirely on the outside of the park, and it is accessed by four county roads. The county roads are: Hasmer Hill road, county road 175N, county road 200N and Finks Road (Dead ends into the park). These county roads are accessed off of State Road 421. Orange flagging will designate this zone.

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