

2023 Deer Firearm Draw Information Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in a 2023 Indiana Deer Firearm 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 Fairbanks Landing FWA Deer Firearm Hunt Draw is August 20, 2023 – September 24, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid Deer Firearm license, a Deer Archery license, or a Deer License bundle prior to applying. Hunters may apply for the chance to hunt opening weekend of Deer Firearm season, November 18-19, 2023. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt Deer.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment:

Equipment	Specifications
Rifle	<p>Bullet diameter: .357" minimum Casing length: 1.16 – 1.8"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full metal jacketed bullets are illegal
Handgun	<p>Barrel length: 4" minimum Bullet diameter: .243" minimum Cartridge length: 1.16" minimum, except for 10 mm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 mm also legal cartridges • Rifles with barrel less than 18" are NOT considered handguns • .25 – 20 Winchester, .32 – 20 Winchester, .30 carbine, and .38 special ammunition are prohibited.
Shotgun	<p>Bore: 10, 12, 16, 20, or 28 gauge, or .410</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shooting slugs and sabot bullets only • Combination rifle-shotguns are allowed
Muzzleloading Rifle/Shotgun	<p>Barrel caliber: .44" minimum Bullet diameter: .357" minimum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powder and bullet loaded from muzzle and single bullet • Saboted bullets permitted • Multiple barreled guns permitted

Muzzleloading Handgun	<p>Barrel length: 12” minimum, measured from the base of the breech plug (excluding tangs and other projections to the end of the barrel, including the muzzle crown)</p> <p>Barrel caliber: .50” minimum</p> <p>Bullet diameter: .44” minimum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loaded from muzzle and single shot
Airguns	<p>Using non-ignited compressed air or other gas charged by external high compression power source</p> <p>Projectiles: Must shoot .40 caliber or larger single bullet generating 400 ft. lbs. of muzzle energy; or an arrow or bolt with sharpened metal or metal-edged broadhead at minimum 300 fps at release</p>

Bag Limit:

- The bag limit is one antlered deer.

Hunting Hours:

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

Hunt Information:

Successfully drawn hunters will receive a hunt information packet with access permits included. If drawn, hunters may bring one hunting partner with them who is allowed to hunt. The hunting partner must be properly licensed, and the above restrictions apply. Successfully drawn hunters must sign in each day of their hunt at the self-service booth before entering the field. Access permits must be filled out and returned to one of the drop boxes on the property at the conclusion of their hunt period.

Tree stands must contain your name, address, and telephone number legibly written, that can be read from ground level. Tree stands or any equipment associated with tree stands may not penetrate the bark of a tree more than ½ inch. Stands can be installed starting September 15th and all stands must be removed within 10 days following the end of all deer hunting seasons.

Area Information:

Fairbanks Landing Area FWA is a 7,234 acre property composed of bottomland hardwoods, upland, and ephemeral wetland habitats. It is located west of Highway 63 approximately 3 miles west of Fairbanks, Indiana along the Wabash River.

The first weekend (two days) of deer firearms season is by reserve draw only at Fairbanks Landing FWA. When applying for the 2023 Deer Firearms Fairbanks Landing FWA hunt, you may choose only one hunt period: Saturday, Nov.18, 2023 – Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023.

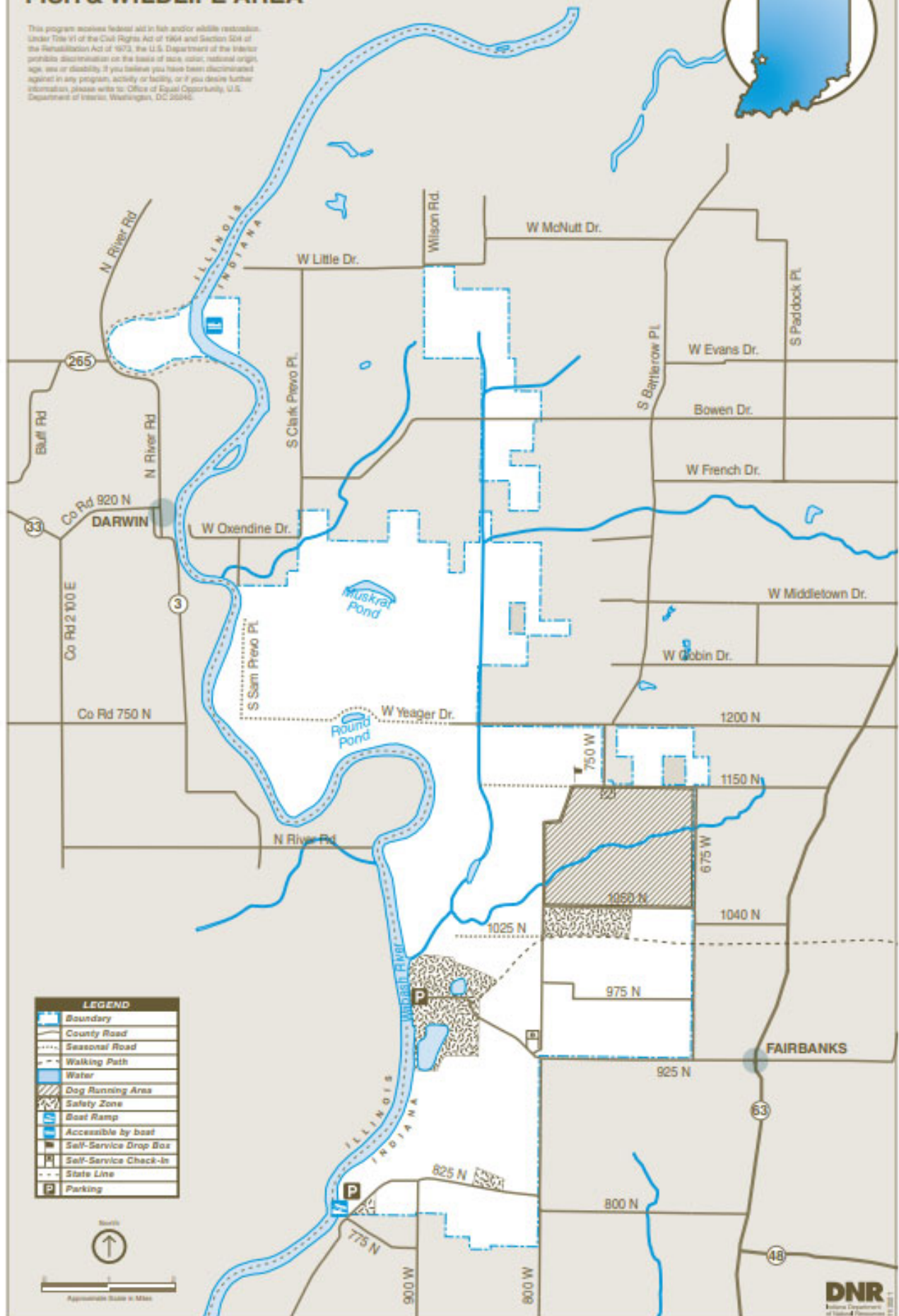
The property will draw 175 hunters to hunt for this period. If successful, you must take your hunt permit with you and check in each day of your hunt period at the self-service station located at the intersection of 925 N and 800 W on Fairbanks Landing FWA. There is no standby drawing at Fairbanks Landing FWA

Contact: If you have further questions, please contact the Goose Pond property office at 812-512-9185.

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	Boundary
	County Road
	Seasonal Road
	Walking Path
	Water
	Dog Running Area
	Safety Zone
	Boat Ramp
	Accessible by boat
	Self-Service Drop Box
	Self-Service Check-in
	State Line
	Parking

