
2024 Deer Firearms Draw Information Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in a 2024 Indiana Deer Firearms 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 2024 Deer Firearms Hunt Draw is Aug. 19, 2024 – Sept. 15, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted. You must obtain a valid Deer Firearms License, Deer Archery License, Deer Crossbow License, Deer Bundle License, or Youth Hunt/Trap License prior to applying. Each hunter is eligible to select 1 hunt period from any participating property when applying. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt white-tailed deer.

Restrictions:

Allowed Equipment:

- Hunters with a deer firearms license may use shotguns, handguns, and rifles with legal cartridges, muzzleloading long-guns, muzzleloading handguns, and air guns during firearms season.
 - Shotguns must have a 10, 12, 16, 20, 28, or .410" bore and shoot a single slug or sabot bullet.
 - Handguns must have a barrel length of 4" minimum, bullet diameter of .243" minimum and a cartridge length of 1.16" minimum, except for 10mm.
 - Rifles must have a bullet diameter of .375" and case length between 1.16"-1.8".
 - Muzzleloading long guns must have a barrel caliber of .44" and bullet diameter of .357".
 - Muzzleloading handguns must have a barrel length of 12", measured from the base of the breech plug (excluding tangs and other projections to the end of the barrel, including the muzzle crown), barrel caliber of .50", and bullet diameter of .44".
 - Air guns must shoot .40 caliber or larger single bullet generating 400 ft. lbs. of muzzle energy; or an arrow or bolt with a sharpened metal or metal-edged broadhead at minimum of 300 fps at release.
- Hunters with an archery license may use vertical bows and hunters with a crossbow license may use crossbows.
 - Vertical bows (long bows, compound bows, or recurve bows and arrows) must have a draw weight of 35 lbs. minimum and arrows must have metal, metal edged, napped flint, chert, or obsidian broadheads.
 - Crossbows must have a draw weight of 125 lbs. minimum.
- Hunters with a deer bundle license or youth hunt/trap license may use any of the equipment listed above.

*For a complete list of equipment regulations please refer to the Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide.

Bag Limit:

- For those using a firearms license the season bag limit is one (1) antlered deer. An antlered deer must have at least one antler that is 3” long.
- For those using an archery or crossbow license the season bag limit is two (2) deer: one (1) antlered and one (1) antlerless deer **or** two (2) antlerless deer. Only one deer may be harvested per license. i.e. you must have two (2) archery or crossbow licenses to harvest two (2) deer.
- For those using a deer bundle license or youth hunt/trap license you must ensure you are not over any of your season bag limits.
- Bonus Antlerless Licenses are not permitted. i.e. You **cannot** harvest an antlerless deer with a firearm at Deer Creek FWA.

Hunting Hours:

- Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Hunt Information: If you are successful in drawing a deer firearms hunt at Deer Creek FWA, you will receive a more detailed letter with instructions on how to claim your hunt, property sign-in procedures, and your daily hunt permits. Successfully drawn hunters may bring one (1) hunting partner with them during their hunt. All hunting partners must be properly licensed. Please be aware that other property users such as squirrel hunters may be in the area. Do not trespass on adjacent private lands or the Department of Corrections for any reason. All hunters are required to follow hunter orange requirements. All other state hunting regulations apply in addition to Deer Creek FWA procedures.

Hunters may start hunting one-half hour before sunrise and must stop one-half hour after sunset.

Area Information:

Possession of Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA) began in 2010 with the transfer of 1,962 acres from Putnamville Correctional Facility. After 2010, several more parcels were added to Deer Creek, bringing the current total to 2,175 acres.

The property consists of rolling interspersed agriculture and mature oak-hickory woods. Deer Creek winds through the south portion of the property, with a low-head dam, iron bridge, and a concrete creek crossing. A smaller, unnamed creek crosses the north portion of the property.

Deer hunting is by draw only the first 7 days of deer firearms season at Deer Creek. When applying to the 2024 Deer Creek FWA Deer Firearms hunt, you may choose from three hunt periods:

- Saturday – Sunday: Nov. 16, 2024 – Nov. 17, 2024
- Monday – Tuesday: Nov. 18, 2024 – Nov. 19, 2024
- Wednesday – Friday: Nov. 20, 2024 – Nov. 22, 2024

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact the Deer Creek FWA property office at (765)-653-0453 or DeerCreekFWA@dnr.IN.gov.

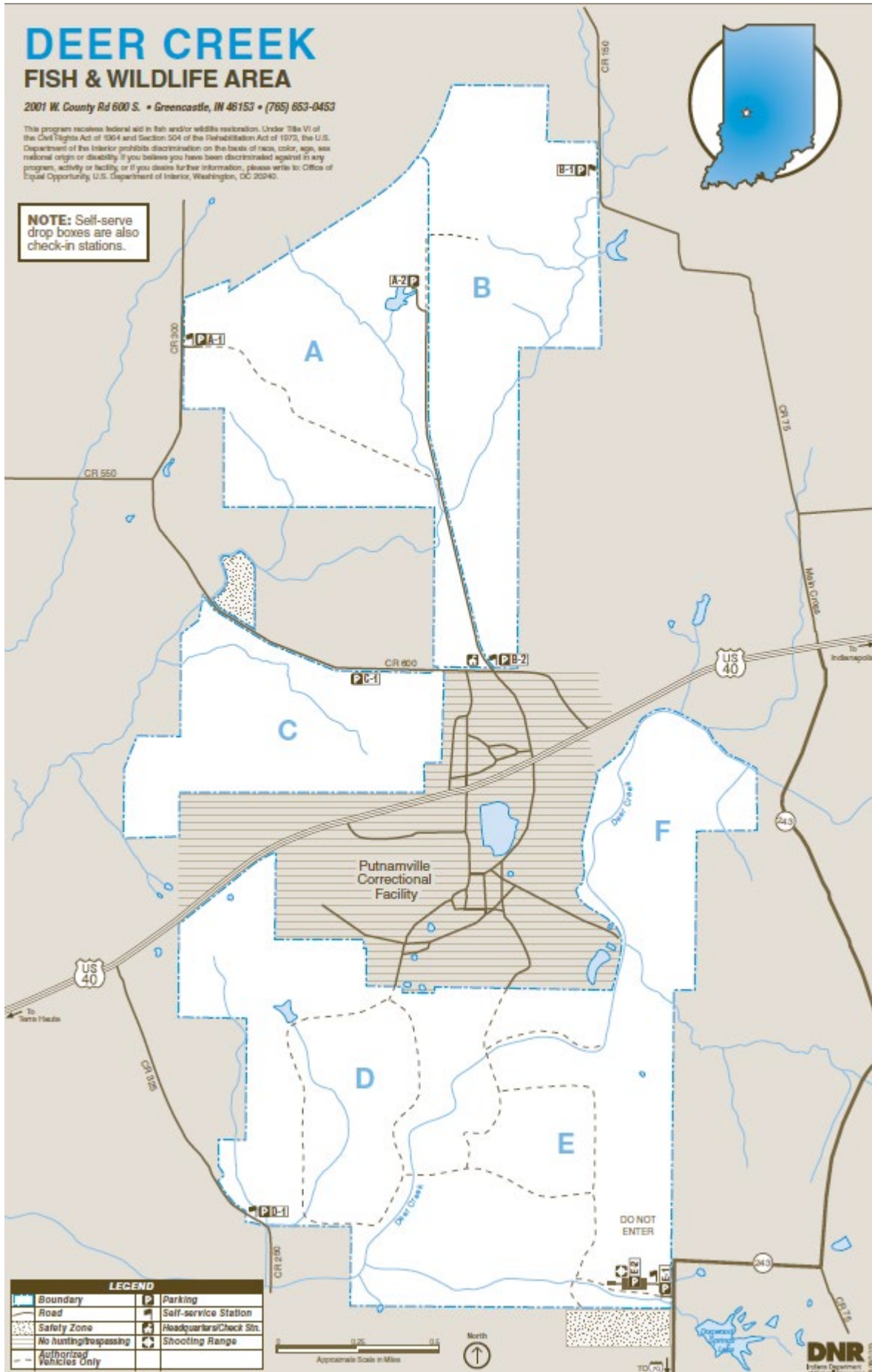
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LEGEND	
	Boundary
	Road
	Safety Zone
	No hunting/trespassing
	Authorized Vehicles Only
	Parking
	Self-service Station
	Headquarters/Check Stn.
	Shooting Range

0 0.25 0.5
Approximate Scale in Miles



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