

2025 IPLA Deer Firearms Hunt Draw Information

This page includes information and instructions for those interested in or selected to participate in an Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) 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:

You must obtain a valid deer firearms license, multi-season antlerless license, or deer license bundle prior to applying. 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 Deer Firearms Hunts includes all equipment that is legal for firearms 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:

- All deer harvested on IPLA hunts count toward your state bag limit of one (1) antlered deer and six (6) antlerless deer, as well as the county bag limit for the property hunted. To check the local county antlerless bag limit, see the [Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide](#).

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 Deer Firearms 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.
- Each successfully drawn hunter is required to sign a liability waiver before participating in an IPLA hunt.
- 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 choose 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 liability waiver.
- 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 allowing access to hunters with disabilities.
- A post-hunt survey must be completed by the drawn hunter. Failure to complete the hunt survey jeopardizes future eligibility in IPLA.
- No trail cameras, baits, or attractants are permitted.

Area Information: IPLA Deer Firearms Hunts are available in 6 counties. IPLA Deer Firearms Hunt applicants may choose 2 counties or dates when applying but can only be selected for one. Some counties include more than one hunt location. The number of opportunities in each county is indicated below.

- LaPorte: 1
- Cass: 1
- Sullivan: 2
- Scott: 2
- Harrison: 1
- Bartholomew: 3

Contact:

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