

Macon County Conservation District
3939 Nearing Lane, Decatur, IL 62521, (217) 423-7708
Archery Deer Herd Management 2013 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Deer hunting is by archery method only, **October 25-December 20, 2013**. Hunting is not allowed during the Illinois shotgun deer seasons or on Thanksgiving Day. Firearms and pursuing wildlife other than deer are prohibited on District property.
2. All hunters must sign in and out daily at designated sign in locations at area to be hunted. Sign in box locations are as follows:
Rock Springs: Mailbox at entrance to maintenance facility, 3740 Banton Lane.
Sand Creek: Mailbox at maintenance facility, 946 E. Elwin Rd.
Fort Daniel: Mailbox at site entrance, 4975 Fort Daniel Rd.
Friends Creek: Mailbox at Bethel School parking lot, 13723 Friends Creek Park Rd.
3. All hunters must complete the information indicated on the sign in/out forms. Harvested deer must also be checked in with a District employee at any of the maintenance compounds, ranger residences, or at Rock Springs Nature Center, 3939 Nearing Lane.
4. Scouting will be allowed through the **20th of October**. After this date, hunters may scout from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM the day before their hunting period begins.
5. Tree stands and ground blinds may be placed in the field as soon as **11:00 AM-2:00 PM the day before your hunting period begins**. They may be left in the field throughout your hunting period, but **must be removed by the end of your hunting period**.
6. Only portable tree stands or ground blinds may be used. No screws, nails or any other device which pierces the bark of the tree are allowed. Hunters are limited to **one tree stand or ground blind** in the field at a time. A stand tag issued by the District must be attached to the tree stand or ground blind in a manner that it can easily be read from the ground. **Any unlabeled stand will be removed by District staff**. It is recommended that the owner's name and contact information be permanently etched or written on the tree stand or ground blind in case of theft. Tree stands removed by District staff due to rule violations will be held for a period of one year, after which the stand will be considered **abandoned property** and disposed of.
7. An antlerless deer must be harvested on District lands and checked in with a District employee before pursuing a buck. Each hunter is **limited to one antlered deer** on District lands per year. An antlered deer is considered a deer with antlers 3 inches in length or greater.
8. All hunters must comply with the Illinois and Federal Game Codes and must carry the permit issued by the Conservation District at all times while hunting.



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9. No hunting is allowed within 75 yards of any building or official hiking trail. No shooting is allowed toward any building or across any official hiking trail or road.
10. Hunting may only take place within designated hunting areas. Hunters walking through any non-hunting area to reach a permitted area must have their bows unstrung, cased or locked.
11. Target shooting or shooting at random is prohibited.
12. Vehicles must be parked in locations designated by the Conservation District. A parking permit issued by the District must be placed in the windshield.
13. Any person who wishes to track a wounded deer outside District property must first obtain permission from the private land owner.
14. Driving or stalking of deer by any person is prohibited.
15. No vegetation may be cut, broken, or removed for any reason. Trails may not be marked with any man-made material.
16. Field dressing of deer is not allowed on hiking trails, next to roads or in parking lots. Please cover entrails with leaves, grass, etc.
17. The District reserves the right to suspend hunting at any time in any area for any reason.

Violations

Violation of any of the above rules may result in the suspension or revocation of hunting privileges on District property. The District reserves the right not to issue a permit to any person.