



2011 Deer Management Hunt Program at Spicer Lake Nature Preserve

County Line Road, New Carlisle, IN

Deer hunting will be allowed on November 12 and 13, 2011 at Spicer Lake Nature Preserve to help maintain a healthy deer population and a healthy forest ecosystem. Hunting will be allowed in accordance with the following rules:

(1) Hunting will be allowed by St. Joseph County Parks PERMIT ONLY.

- Permitted hunters are allowed to hunt with firearms on the following dates: November 12 and 13. Spicer Lake Nature Preserve will be closed to the public on those dates.
- Hunter applications must be received by the end of the workday, Friday, October 14. (A limit of one application per person will be accepted for the drawing.) A lottery drawing for 5 hunters, and 1 reserve, will take place on October 19. Successful applicants will be promptly notified by email. (Note that applicants **do not** have to be present for the drawing.) One reserve applicant will be drawn, in case a selected hunter is unable to participate.

- (2) **This is an antlerless hunt, and hunters must purchase an Indiana Sport Recreation Resident Deer Bonus Antlerless license at their own expense, prior to the hunt. *Hunters are encouraged to take more than one antlerless deer.***
- (3) Hunters will be assigned to a specific hunting zone at the time of the lottery drawing. The use of temporary stands is permissible, and permit holders can arrange with park staff to set their stand in advance.
- (4) All permit holders must meet with the park staff and visit their hunting zones in advance, so they clearly understand hunt rules and the boundaries of their hunt zones. (Note that Spicer Lake is closed on November 11. Hunters must arrange to scout or set stands prior to November 11)
- (5) Hunters must check in and out at the Visitor Center or a designated location on the hunt dates.

- **As noted above, this hunt is being conducted for deer management objectives. *If you are selected, but do not make a reasonable effort to hunt here, it denies another hunter the opportunity to hunt. Please do not apply for a permit unless you are committed to hunt here on both dates noted above (We need hunters in all zones to help us meet our deer management objectives.) Thanks!***

For additional information, please call 574-654-3155