

HUNTER FACT SHEET**GOOSE LAKE PRAIRIE STATE NATURAL AREA /HEIDECKE SFWA/MORRIS WETLANDS**

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INTRODUCTION: The Department of Natural Resources is responsible for providing quality outdoor recreation opportunities for the residents of the state. Of particular concern is providing safe hunting areas on public grounds. This hunter fact sheet contains information relating to deer hunting at Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area and Heidecke State Fish and Wildlife Area. These two areas have been combined into one hunting program for ease of use and administration. Archery deer hunting is only allowed at Heidecke SFWA (Fields D & E) and Fields A & B at Goose Lake SNA. Firearm, muzzle loader and late winter season deer hunting is allowed in parts of Heidecke SFWA (Field D only) and Fields A, B & C at Goose Lake SNA. The area is characterized by scrub timber and several marshy grass tracts and prairie areas east of the former Collins Station power plant and on both sides of Jugtown Rd. Areas east of the park are private property, and are homeland security sites. Trespass is strictly enforced. DO NOT wander onto these sites.

DIRECTIONS: Southeast of Morris on Pine Bluff/Lorenzo Road, Six mile from Route 47 & I-55.

PROGRAM	DATES	HOURS	OTHER REQUIREMENTS
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All regulations found in the Illinois Wildlife Code of 1971, Administrative Orders, and Federal Regulations apply, unless area regulations are more restrictive.

Program	Dates & Hours	Other Requirements
Deer Archery	Statewide (closed Christmas & New Year's (Day) Statewide Hours	Those wishing to participate must obtain a site windshield hunting permit, beginning Sept. 1. These permits are available via the internet at http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/programs/windshieldcard . Hunters must park in designated areas, and display their permits in their windshield while hunting. Either sex deer may be harvested according to your deer tags in your possession. You may not leave your tree stands up overnight. Harvest data must be reported via the call-in system and via the reporting system on your windshield card by Feb. 15th Closed During all seasons in which a firearm is allowed. Hunters hunting at the Morris wetlands must also sign in and sign out at the site parking lot daily.
Deer Firearm	Statewide dates Statewide hours	Permits for the firearm deer season are allocated during the spring lottery drawing, Permits are valid for first or second season only, Bonus Antlerless only permits may also be purchased during the lottery drawing by checking the Bonus box and submitting the appropriate fee., hunters must check in by 5 a.m. daily to validate their permit, after that time permits are void for the day; a drawing will be held at 5 a.m. to fill any vacancies. Standby permits are available for a fee of \$5.00 for a one day site specific permit.. Either sex deer may be harvested according to your deer tags in your possession. You may not leave your tree stands up overnight. All hunters are required to check in and check out and report harvest to the check station attendant in person. In addition, you must check in your deer at the Grundy County Firearm check station at Gebhard Woods S.P.
Deer Muzzleloader	Statewide hours Closed during the firearm deer season	Permits for the muzzle loader season are allocated during the spring application period. Bonus Antlerless only permits may also be purchased during the lottery drawing by checking the Bonus box and submitting the appropriate fee. Muzzle loader only hunting will be for the second three day period of that season. Hunters must check-in by 5am daily to validate their permit, after that time permits are void for the day. Standby permits are available for a fee of \$5.00 for a one day site specific permit.. All hunters are required to check in and check out and report harvest to the check station attendant in person. Either sex deer may be harvested according to the permit in your possession. You may not leave your trees stands up over night. You must also report your harvest via the phone in system. Archery deer hunting is not allowed at this time.
CWD Season	Statewide Hours Statewide Dates	To participate, you must purchase a Goose Lake SNA/Heidecke SFWA CWD Season deer permit through the "Point of Sale" system located at numerous local vendors. You must also check in and check out and report your harvest at the hunter check station. You must also phone in your harvest through the statewide call in system as required. There is no check station for Grundy County. Other rules will be posted at the site. Antlerless only deer may be harvested during this season. Tree stands may not be left up overnight.

Deer hunting stands must be removed daily. Hunters may only park in designated parking areas. Non-hunters are not allowed into areas open to hunting during times when hunting programs are in progress. Blinds are required to have 400 sq. inches of vivid blaze orange on the uppermost portion of the blind which must be visible for 360 degrees.

Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and those funded by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and other agencies are available to all individuals regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion or other non-merit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the funding source's civil rights office and/or the Equal Opportunity Officer, IDNR, 524 S. 2nd, Springfield, IL 62701-1787; (217)785-0067; TTY (217)782-9175.