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## **Summer Hunting Opportunities at Carlyle Lake**

**Carlyle Lake** – Carlyle Lake offers the outdoor sportsman a variety of late summer hunting opportunities. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources work together to manage lands and water at Carlyle Lake for the benefit of fish and wildlife. More than 10,000 acres of public lands are open to hunting to which all-current Illinois game laws are in effect. Access areas are conveniently located around the lake to provide parking and access to public lands.

Squirrel season opened August 1, 2011. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. The daily bag limit is 5 and the possession limit is 10, you may possess no more than twice the daily bag limit. All lands at the lake are open to public hunting with the exception of developed recreation areas, the 100 yard buffer zone around the recreation areas, and other posted areas marked “NO HUNTING”. The timbered areas north of the railroad tracks should provide the best hunting for squirrels at Carlyle Lake. Both shotguns and 22 rim fire rifles are permitted on public lands to hunt squirrels.

Dove season opens September 1, 2011. Shooting hours are from 12:00 p.m. to sunset. The daily limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30. Several wildlife food plots have been planted around the lake. These food plots have been planted in various crops, including sunflowers, corn, soybeans, milo, and Japanese millet. Areas that will be available to hunt on September 1 include Bobwhite Access, James Hawn Access, Mourning Dove Access, Massasauga Access, Prairie View Access, and Elmwood Access. Stein’s Access will open September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lotus Access will open September 6. Shooting hours for these areas will be from noon to sunset. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has fields available to hunt at Eldon Hazlet State Park. Steel shot is required for hunting doves at Hazlet State Park.

Remember to always practice hunting safety and follow Illinois hunting regulations. For more details pick up a Carlyle Lake Hunting and Fishing Guide or Illinois Hunting Digest at the Carlyle Lake Project Office or Visitor Center.

For more information, or to place a request, contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at (618) 594-2484 or e-mail us at [carlylelake@usace.army.mil](mailto:carlylelake@usace.army.mil)

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