

Whitley Creek Disabled Deer Hunting Rules and Regulations

Whitley Creek is a decommissioned recreation facility at Lake Shelbyville and located in Moultrie County, IL. Currently the 114 acre park is closed to all types of hunting except for annual US Army Corps of Engineers managed Youth and Disabled deer hunts. Because this area still contains roadways and is off limits to hunting by the general public, Lake Shelbyville has decided to utilize the park and its infrastructure to allow up to 3 disabled deer hunters to archery deer hunt and up to 2 disabled deer hunters to hunt during the 2nd shotgun and special muzzleloader seasons. Six handicap accessible blinds will be available for reservation for the 2011-12 deer season. For reservations please call (217)-774-3951 **AFTER** reading the rules and regulations stated below.

The following Rules and Regulations will be followed:

1. To be eligible to hunt the blinds in Whitley Creek, hunters must present or fax a copy of their state issued P2A card to the Lake Shelbyville Project Office and keep it on their person while hunting (fax number (217) 774-2014).
2. Reservations must be made at least 3 days in advance of the planned hunt date – no exceptions.
3. Hunting will be permitted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, Sunday. This will give the area a chance to rest between hunts and avoid impacting the travel patterns of the deer.
4. Each reservation will be good for 2 blinds during the 2 day periods and the hunter may only make one reservation at a time.
5. The hunter must use their reservation before making a new reservation to avoid any one hunter monopolizing the area.
6. If more than 1 hunter is hunting the area, each hunter must choose a block of blinds to hunt for the 2 days and must utilize those blinds. If the hunter is the only one hunting on those 2 days they may hunt from any of the 6 blinds.
7. Hunting will ONLY be allowed from the six designated blinds.
8. Hunters must take the shortest route to and from their blind – absolutely no wandering around the area will be permitted. The only time a hunter will be allowed to leave the roadway is to track a deer.
9. Hunters will be given the combination to the gates in Whitley Creek and must not share the combination with anyone. This will allow a helper to drive up to the blinds to drop off or pick up the hunter as well as aid in retrieving deer.
10. All gates MUST be closed and locked when entering and leaving and May NOT under any circumstance be left open while unattended.

11. Vehicles must remain on the pavement at all times.
12. Vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas (see map).
13. Archery equipment or crossbows are the only legal weapons during the archery portion of the season.
14. The blinds will **NOT** be available during the annual Youth shotgun deer hunt (October 8-9) or the annual People with Disabilities deer hunt held during the 1st shotgun season (November 18 - 20), respectively.
15. Gun hunting during the 2nd shotgun season and special muzzleloader season will be permitted.
16. The shotgun season will be broken into 2, 2 day hunts with 2 hunters permitted on each of the 2 day hunts. This will maximize hunter opportunity.
17. During the special muzzleloader only season on December 9 – 11, 2011, 2 permits will be available for all 3 days.
18. Hunters with a valid P2A card holding a valid 2nd season or full season Lake Shelbyville Project shotgun tag or a Lake Shelbyville Project Muzzleloader Only tag will be permitted to hunt during the 2nd shotgun season for 2 of the 8 gun days.
19. Gun hunters may pick 1 of 2 blocks of blinds to hunt for safety reasons.
20. Each hunter will be sent a Special Use Permit with rules, regulations, and liability waiver that must be signed and returned before being issued a valid Special Use Permit for hunting.
21. All state hunting regulations must be followed at all times to include wearing blaze orange during the gun deer seasons.
22. This permit does NOT grant the hunter the right to track deer on privately owned property. It is the responsibility of the hunter to contact the adjacent landowner to obtain permission to track a wounded deer onto or across their property.
23. A windshield pass will be issued along with the Special Use Permit and must be displayed in the windshield of the vehicle.
24. A map of all blind locations will be provided with each permit.
25. An observation/kill/comment card will be provided with each permit and the hunter must return the card after their hunt is complete. This will allow Corps personnel to better place blinds in the future depending upon what is seen/not seen from the blinds. We encourage comments/suggestions and take all under consideration.
26. Failure to follow the above provisions by the hunter or their helper can result in citation and/or suspension from participation in the program.