

Kendall County Forest Preserve District
Bowhunt Program for
Support of Management of Chronic
Wasting Disease in
White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)





Summary:

- ▶ Kendall County Forest Preserve District supports hunting practiced in a legal, responsible, safe and ethical manner. Regulated hunting is the utilization of a renewable resource and fits within the definition and framework of conservation.
- ▶ All archery regulations stated by the IDNR have to be followed within the KCFPD program .
- ▶ Special Use Permit grants program participants the ability to hunt, all other regulations stated in the General Use Ordinance must be followed



Dates:

- ▶ Special use permits will be extended to participants completing the application process, with bow hunting allowed October 1, 2024 through January 19, 2025 in accordance with the IDNR 2024 Archery Deer Hunting Rules and Regulations
- ▶ Preserves will be closed to bow hunting during Firearm Seasons November 22-24, 2024 and December 5-8, 2024.
- ▶ Participants are required to successfully hunt a doe before hunting and taking a buck from designated preserve areas between October 1, 2024 and November 1, 2024. For the purposes of this program, an antlerless “button buck” will be treated as a doe.
- ▶ Buck hunting is allowed beginning November 1, 2024, provided permit holders have logged a minimum of 20 hours during the doe-only season. Buck hunting is not permitted until the logged-hour minimum or doe harvest is achieved.
- ▶ Tree stands must be removed within two weeks after the last day of a participant’s hunting opportunity. If this is a hardship, the participant must contact the District at (630) 746-1005 or email at awhite@kendallcountyl.gov

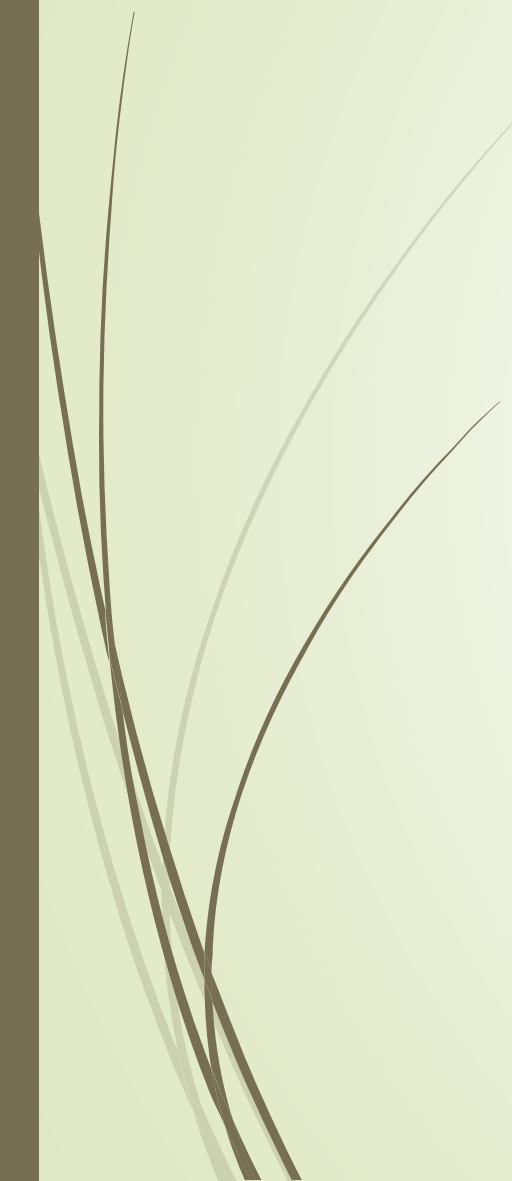


Permit Materials:

- ▶ Program materials for all permit holders will be available for pick-up in the main office at 110 W. Madison Street September 4th – 6th and 9th - 12th between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. If materials need to be picked up at a later date, arrangements must be made by emailing awhite@kendallcountyl.gov by the end of the day September 12th, if materials are not picked up by the end of the day September 12th with no email, the permit holder will be considered withdrawn from the program with no refund.
- ▶ Stand can be placed once permit holder picks up permit materials.
- ▶ All stands must have a current District tag displayed. Stands with no tags will be removed with fines.
- ▶ All vehicles must have the parking pass clearly visible. If your vehicle is in the preserve after sunset with no tag, it will be towed at the owners expense.

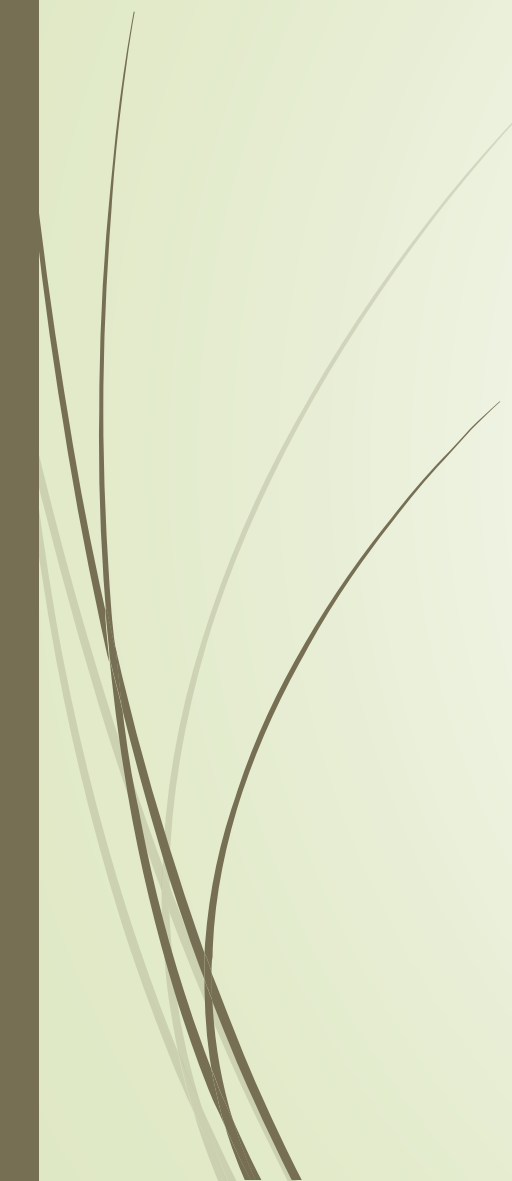


Hunting Etiquette:

- ▶ Sign in and out at log in stations
 - ▶ Do not walk through others zones, use walking trails on map link
 - ▶ Communicate with zone mates
 - ▶ Tracking is allowed, wait until neighboring zones are empty
 - ▶ Field dress far away from trails and public areas
 - ▶ If carrying a harvest out when the preserve is open to the public, have it covered
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Rules:

- ▶ No more than two active hunters in a zone
 - ▶ Open zones are first come, do not walk in on an active hunt
 - ▶ Do not cut branches larger than 1.5 in diameter (unless its honeysuckle, ID it correctly)
 - ▶ Wear blaze orange
 - ▶ No ground hunting
 - ▶ No, you cannot take any animal other than a deer
 - ▶ Do not go in an active hunting zone to retrieve a harvest. Do not go on private property without land owner permission.
 - ▶ Hunt only within your assigned zone or an open zone. No sharing zones.
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Mandatory Testing:

- ▶ CWD is under management in Kendall County with multiple confirmed positive tests for CWD from ongoing annual deer harvests conducted in recent years. For deer culled from forest preserve areas during the 2024 bow hunt season tested positive for CWD. All permitted District deer hunters must have their harvested deer checked for CWD at the IDNR Silver Springs State Park check station.
- ▶ All participants must follow Illinois State check-in regulations after harvesting a deer. After checking in the harvest with IDNR, participants are also required to call the phone number on the District permit between 7 am and 10 pm that day or email awhite@kendallcountyl.gov. Also, they must record the harvest on the sign-in sheet at the site. Failure to report a harvest or CWD testing drop off and any positive results can result in the permit holder being removed from the program.



Program Propose:

- ▶ The creation of the program is to manage local deer populations and monitor for CWD. This is done by program permit holders actively participating in the program and hunting. Each permit holder is required to hunt a minimum of 15 hours per season. Those permit holder that do not log a minimum of 15 hours in the stand, will not be permitted to sign up for the following season. If permit holders are found to falsify log sheets, the permit holder will be permanently ban from the program. All permit holders are required to hold a valid Illinois hunting license by October 1 of the season, and have a minimum of 1 (one) archery deer tag. Permit holders that do not have a valid Illinois hunting license and/or a minimum of 1 (one) archery deer tag by October 1, will be withdrawn from season with no refund.



Additional Rules

- ▶ This is not a complete list of program rules and policies. Review the program packet, it does get updates yearly so you do need to review it each year.



Certification of Completion

By signing this I, _____,
confirm that I have read through the orientation overview
slides and through the season packet. I understand all of
the rules and regulations and acknowledge that I will
follow them. I understand that if I do not follow these rules
and regulations either knowingly or due to lack of
understanding that I can be removed and up to
permanently banned from the program.

Name: _____

Date: _____