

XX. HUNTING

A. Hunting is prohibited on the properties of ACL and all common properties with the following exceptions:

1. Trapping may be permitted by authorization of the General Manager and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. No trapping will be allowed on private property without the owner's permission.
2. Deer archery hunting will be permitted during the State of Illinois hunting season. Hunters must qualify to participate in the ACL Deer Management Program by meeting standards approved by the Board of Directors and pay the fee. No hunting will be allowed on private property.

DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each participant **MUST** attend a mandatory orientation meeting. All application fees must accompany application.
2. Each participant must show proof that they successfully completed a state or federally approved hunter safety education course.
3. Each participant must provide ACLPOA with proof of a minimum \$500,000 liability insurance. The policyholder/named insured must be the property owner of record, and the proof of liability insurance must reflect the amount of insurance coverage, and policy term expiration date. No continuous until canceled policies will be accepted.
4. Each participant must qualify to participate in the ACL Deer Management Program by placing 4 out of 5 arrows in a 6-inch circle with the equipment carried in the field. All participants must bring a minimum of five arrows equipped with regular or practice broadheads for use in qualifying. The distance for this qualification will be twenty (20) yards for compound and crossbows, and fifteen (15) yards for recurve and longbows. Participants will receive two (2) opportunities to qualify. The qualification will be supervised by Commission members. Participants are encouraged to complete a certified Bowhunter Education Course. For more information about courses, contact the National Bowhunter Education Foundation at 309-647-7128.
5. Participants are encouraged to communicate with other participants in adjacent zones before selecting a stand site within their own zone.
6. Commission members will inspect tree stand locations with participant to ensure that they meet all ACL requirements before hunting.
7. Participants may hunt in a zone that is not assigned to them as long as they have been granted permission from the primary hunter assigned to the zone they wish to hunt. They must sign in at Security (SSD) accordingly. Zone guests are not allowed to bring their own stand or move any stands in that zone.
8. No nails, spikes, or piercing of bark is allowed in trees. Permanent stands are not allowed. Stands must be elevated a minimum of six (6) feet from the ground's surface. Stands must be TMA-certified (Tree stand Manufacturers Association).
9. Only branches with a stem diameter of less than 1.5 inches may be removed from the stand tree.
10. Stands must display an original ACL stand tag and be visible from the ground.

11. All stands must be at least seventy-five (75) feet away from the main ATV trail, roadway, parking area, and three hundred (300) feet from an inhabited dwelling. Stands may be closer than three hundred (300) feet from a dwelling only with the owner's written permission. Stands must be on green space.
12. Each participant is allowed two stands.
13. All participants must use a TMA-certified safety harness while in a tree.
14. Stands must be removed by March 1, weather permitting.
15. Participants must follow reporting instructions as provided at the orientation meeting. Participants are also required to send in a harvest report for each animal taken within a week. In addition, all participants must follow Illinois state check-in regulations.
16. Marking devices are permitted. Marking devices must be removed at the close of the season.
17. All entrails must be removed from ACL property or left in the woods at least one hundred (100) feet from any trail, roadway, residence, or parking area. Field dressing of deer must be conducted more than one hundred (100) feet from any trail, roadway, residence, or parking area.
18. A hunter can only harvest a total of three deer and only harvest one antlered deer per year. The antlered deer will not be counted in the harvest log, for zone selection, until an antlerless deer is harvested.
19. Participants may not drive deer.
20. No still-hunting or ground hunting is allowed.
21. Use of decoys is allowed. Hunters are required to wrap decoys in blaze orange when moving to and from stands.
22. Participants in the Deer Management Program must be property owners 18 years of age or older.
23. All state and federal laws are to be followed.
24. All vehicles must adhere to road and trail rules. Stay on the road or trail.
25. All deer must be covered while transported on ACL property.
26. No hunting will be allowed on the following dates: (First Season Firearms Deer Hunting)
(Second Season Firearms Deer Hunting)

DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PARAMETERS/GENERAL INFORMATION

ZONES: Will be determined by the Deer Management Commission. Special accommodations may be granted to persons with disabilities. Commission members will set zones so that they remain at least 300 feet from any occupied dwelling. ACL Deer Management Program Property Owner Permission to Waive 300-Foot Rule form must be completed and returned to the ACL Association Office prior to hunting within 300 feet of an occupied dwelling. Participants may set up anywhere within their assigned zone.

APPLICATIONS: Incomplete applications, late applications, and duplicate applications will not be accepted. Documents listed on application must be received by deadlines stated. Late submittal will disqualify participant.

QUALIFICATIONS: Each participant must qualify to participate in the Deer Management Program by hitting four out of five arrows in a 6-inch circle with the equipment carried in the field. All participants must bring a minimum of five arrows equipped with regular or practice broadheads for use in qualifying. The distance for this qualification will be twenty (20) yards for compound and crossbows, and fifteen (15) yards for recurve and longbows. Participants will receive two (2) opportunities to qualify. The qualification will be supervised by commission members.

HARVESTED ANIMALS: Participants must record harvested animals on site and must also submit a separate harvest report to the Commission.

DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANT FEE: Property Owner: \$125

SEASON DATES: Actual calendar dates change each year based on State of Illinois Hunting season.

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