
2023 Buss Conservation Area Deer Draw Information Buss Conservation Area (BCA)

This page includes information and instructions for those interested or selected to participate in a 2023 Indiana Buss Conservation Area Deer Hunt Draw (BCA). It is important to note that areas participating in reserved hunts are managed by various agencies and may have unique restrictions that each hunter must follow. Please read each area's information packet carefully before pursuing a hunt.

Applying:

An in-person draw for the 2023 BCA Deer Hunt will be held Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 11 a.m. ET in the parking area of the Buss Conservation Area. Please show up early for draw registration. Applicants must possess a license to hunt deer to apply. There are no age restrictions on applying. Youth hunters may apply if they are properly licensed to hunt white-tailed deer. Draw results will be announced on site. Applicants must be present on July 27, 2023, to enter into the draw. Only one entry is allowed per applicant. A hunting packet will be emailed to successful applicants in the weeks leading up to the hunt. The packet will include maps, delineated hunting zones, property regulations, deer stand requirements, parking, etc. The hunt will be limited to seven hunters selected each day at the in-person draw.

Allowed Equipment:

- Archery only.

Bag Limit:

- Follow county guidelines for regulations and bag limits, as outlined in the [Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide](#). This is not a bonus tag hunt; county bag limits apply.

Hunting Hours:

- The hunting hours are from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hunt Information:

- Available hunting dates are from Oct. 14, 2023, to Dec. 17, 2023, from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. The property hours, including access areas, are from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Successfully drawn applicants are allowed to bring one hunting partner; different hunting partners throughout the season are allowed. Both individuals will be required to hunt near each other. The hunting partner is not allowed to hunt without the drawn applicant present.
- Deer may be taken by the legal methods listed under the respective sections in the Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide. All regulations and bag limits will apply as outlined in the guide, including the wearing of hunter orange during proper seasons.
- Deer retrieval on Nature Preserve property by foot or hand cart only. No motorized equipment can be used to retrieve game.

- This is not a military or State Park reduction hunt. The deer harvested count toward the county bag limit.
- Deer reductions hunts on Nature Preserves are based on ecological objectives and are management tools; trophy hunting is not the mission of the manager. **Do not apply if you are planning on passing on smaller bucks or doe during the Oct. 14, 2023 – Dec. 17, 2023, hunts.**

Area Information: BCA is an agricultural use area of roughly 240 acres near Monticello, Indiana, and along the Tippecanoe River. The abundance of edge habitat created by the agricultural land interspersed with woodland and riparian areas creates ideal habitat for white-tailed deer.

The entire property is open for the 2023 hunting season. The primary use of the property is agricultural production. Harvest or other activities associated with the agricultural practices should be expected at any point in time during hunting hours. Agricultural disturbances during hunting actions are not the fault of the farmer nor the DNR. Some disruption should be expected and understood prior to entering site for the purpose of hunting.

The hunt will be limited to seven hunters selected each day at the in-person draw. Available hunting dates are Oct. 14, 2023, to Dec. 17, 2023, from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Scouting, stand setup, and camera placement will be permitted starting Oct. 3, 2023.

The coordinates for the property are 40.847211, -86.774435. Please refer to the attached map for allowed hunting areas and access points. The closest address is a private property located directly south of the parking area: 6439 N West Shafer Drive, Monticello, IN 47960. **Do not pull onto private property with this listed address;** the address is just listed to help applicants locate the parking area if they are unfamiliar with using coordinates.

Contact:

If you have further questions, please contact Danielle Williams, the Division of Nature Preserves Central Region Ecologist, at dpwilliams@dnr.IN.gov or 317-671-0041.

Buss Conservation Area, White County - 240 acres

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