



*Mill Creek Park  
20482 N. Park Entrance Rd.  
Marshall, IL 62441*

Welcome to the 2023/24 season of bow hunting offered through the Clark County Park District. This hunt has been modified and upgraded to assist in reaching two goals – the first is a safe, successful, and enjoyable recreational hunting experience for well-qualified and ethical participants; the second is to provide basic management of both the deer herd and the environment of Mill Creek. Park staff, and natural resource professionals have developed a program that rewards the hunter who assists in herd management while providing (1. Recreational Hunting; (2. Doe Hunting for meat & management; (3. Trophy Buck Hunting. **Clark County Park DOES NOT allow Firearm Hunting!** Hunting opportunities will be offered in three ways this season at the park:

1. This hunt is open to **Clark County Park District Residents, Out of District Residents** (Must register in advance see #2, #3and #4). This hunt is for individuals only. Commercial hunting, outfitters, and guides are NOT allowed.
2. Clark County Park District residents are allowed to hunt at no cost, all other hunters will pay a hunting Fee see below for rates.
3. Clark County Park District has a limited number of Harvest Cards. Hunters that did not turn in their Harvest Card from the prior year will not have hunting privileges for the current year. If a harvest card is inactive (no deer harvested) for two consecutive years, it may be revoked for one year. The application can be made with the district to have their eligibility reinstated for the following year.
4. All Hunters must register in advance at the **OFFICE** and receive a harvest card and wallet card prior to hunting. All Out of District or Out of State Hunters may call or visit the office at 217-889-3901 for registration. A photo ID is required for all registrations. **NO PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED AT THE GATEHOUSE AND DEER TAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE.**
5. **EARN-A-BUCK-PROGRAM- All hunters must first harvest a doe** (Antlerless button bucks do not qualify as a verified harvest for the Buck allowance) and **MUST** have it verified by the district staff. Park District staff must confirm and note the harvest on the Harvest Card to allow for any Buck to be harvested.
6. Hunting must take place from a stationary location; **NO** stalking is allowed and or herding.
7. Hunting from portable blinds and removable stands are allowed (Climbers and ladder). Stands are allowed to be placed **for the season** or hunting period with the following rules and regulations.
  - A. Non-refundable fee of \$50.00 per season per stand/blind.
  - B. May place stand/blind no earlier than the first day of the season.
  - C. Stand/Blind must be removed on the last day of the season.
  - D. Stand/Blind must have a visible permit with current-year information that can be seen from the ground.
  - E. No visible permit will result in stand/blind being removed and forfeited.
  - F. Location of stand/blind shall be GPS coordinated and the location reported to the CCPD.
  - G. No permanent structures allowed all stand/blinds shall be portable and removed on the last day of the season. **NO SPIKES ARE ALLOWED.**
  - H. No two stands/blinds shall be within 250' of one another. If you are not present, this rule does not apply.
  - I. Stand/blind may be moved with immediate notification to CCPD.
  - J. Clark County Park District reserves the right to remove or confiscate any stand/blind for any reason.
  - K. Any violation of any rule or regulation shall be grounds for revocation of rights to hunt on Clark County Park District property.
  - L. **If you do not purchase a stand permit, your stand must be carried out every day.**



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**8. No trees may be removed or pruned to allow for shooting lanes. Any destruction of plant material is a violation of the Clark County Park District Ordinances and will be subject to fines and loss of hunting privileges for a term of one year.**

9. Hunters must have in their possession their wallet card while in the field and present this to District Staff upon request. Hunters must display their harvest cards in their vehicles anytime they are in the field. Failure to carry and display this information may result in expulsion for the hunting season.

10. Hunters under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

11. Hunters will be allowed to harvest Turkeys during the Archery season consistent with IDNR rules, season regulations, and permits held by the hunter.

12. Hunters will be allowed to Harvest Squirrels on the ground only. Anyone caught shooting into trees will be removed from the park and will be permanently barred from hunting on the district's property. Squirrel season dates, rules, and regulations will be determined by IDNR, and hunting will only be allowed during the Park Open Archery dates listed.

**13. Hunters must mail or deliver their completed deer harvest card to the Clark County Park District by February 14 to be eligible to sign up for the Hunt for the following season.**

**14. All Illinois Department of Natural Resources rules and regulations apply to this hunt, please see the Illinois Digest of Hunting Regulations for further information.**

15. Open dates: There are three locations that will be open for hunting. Please refer to our website for the opening dates for each location. [www.clarkcountyparkdistrict.com/index.php/activities/archery-hunting](http://www.clarkcountyparkdistrict.com/index.php/activities/archery-hunting)

16. NO Archery Hunting is allowed on any other areas of the Clark County Park District property other than those identified on the website and posted at the district office.

17. Hunters must inform the Park District before removing their deer from the Park District property and leave a message if needed. During normal business hours, please check your deer at the park Office. If spoilage is an issue after hours, please see the after-hours instructions. Thank you for your cooperation in managing the deer program.

18. After-Hours Instructions: If you are checking in a deer on weekend days, please contact security at the number listed below. If you are checking in a deer after 3 pm, Monday through Friday, you may check your deer by email. Please email Kayla Higgins at [khiggins@ccparkdistrict.com](mailto:khiggins@ccparkdistrict.com). In this email, you must include the following: A picture of your deer with your IL tag affixed to your kill and clearly visible. Your name, your CCPD permit #, along with the date, time, and location of the kill.

Park Office..... (217) 889-3901 (Mon. thru Fri. 7 am – 3 pm), Administrative Assistant, Kayla Higgins, Security for daytime weekend harvests...(217)712-9049.

Keep these phone numbers with you when you hunt.

19. If a hunter injures a deer or loses an arrow, he/she must contact one of the numbers listed above.

**FOR THE DATES LISTED; ALL AREAS ARE CLOSED DURING THE SHOTGUN SEASON DATES AS LISTED IN THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HUNTING REGULATIONS.**