



DIVISION OF WILDLIFE KILLDEER PLAINS CONTROLLED DEER HUNT

Congratulations for being drawn for a Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area controlled deer hunt. This letter will provide you with some background information on the Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area and the controlled hunts.

Purchase of land for the wildlife area began in 1952. For many years, Killdeer Plains was the largest wildlife area in Ohio. The wildlife area gets its name from the historic prairie that spanned 30,000 acres in the area before European settlement. The "Plains" were eventually drained for agriculture. "Killdeer" comes from the common shorebird that frequents the broad expanses of open land.

Controlled hunts of one type or another have occurred for over 30 years. Deer hunts began as the deer herd on Killdeer Plains and Wyandot County began to increase. Today a woman's, mobility impaired, youth shotgun and youth muzzleloader controlled hunts all take place in the controlled waterfowl hunting portion of the wildlife area. These controlled deer hunts are the only deer hunting allowed on this portion of the wildlife area. Over 3,000 acres are in the controlled waterfowl hunting area.

Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area is a Grassland Focus Area. This means the area will be primarily managed to benefit grassland wildlife. Wetlands also play an important role in maintaining a diversity of wildlife habitat. The controlled waterfowl hunting area is comprised of grasslands, wetlands and forests, and was originally established as a refuge for waterfowl. Forests are managed for recreational opportunity, and are being allowed to mature. A bald eagle nest is located within the controlled waterfowl hunting area.

Please have a safe and enjoyable hunt at the Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area. If you would like any additional information, please contact the Ohio Division of Wildlife, District Two Office at 419.424.5000. Thanks.

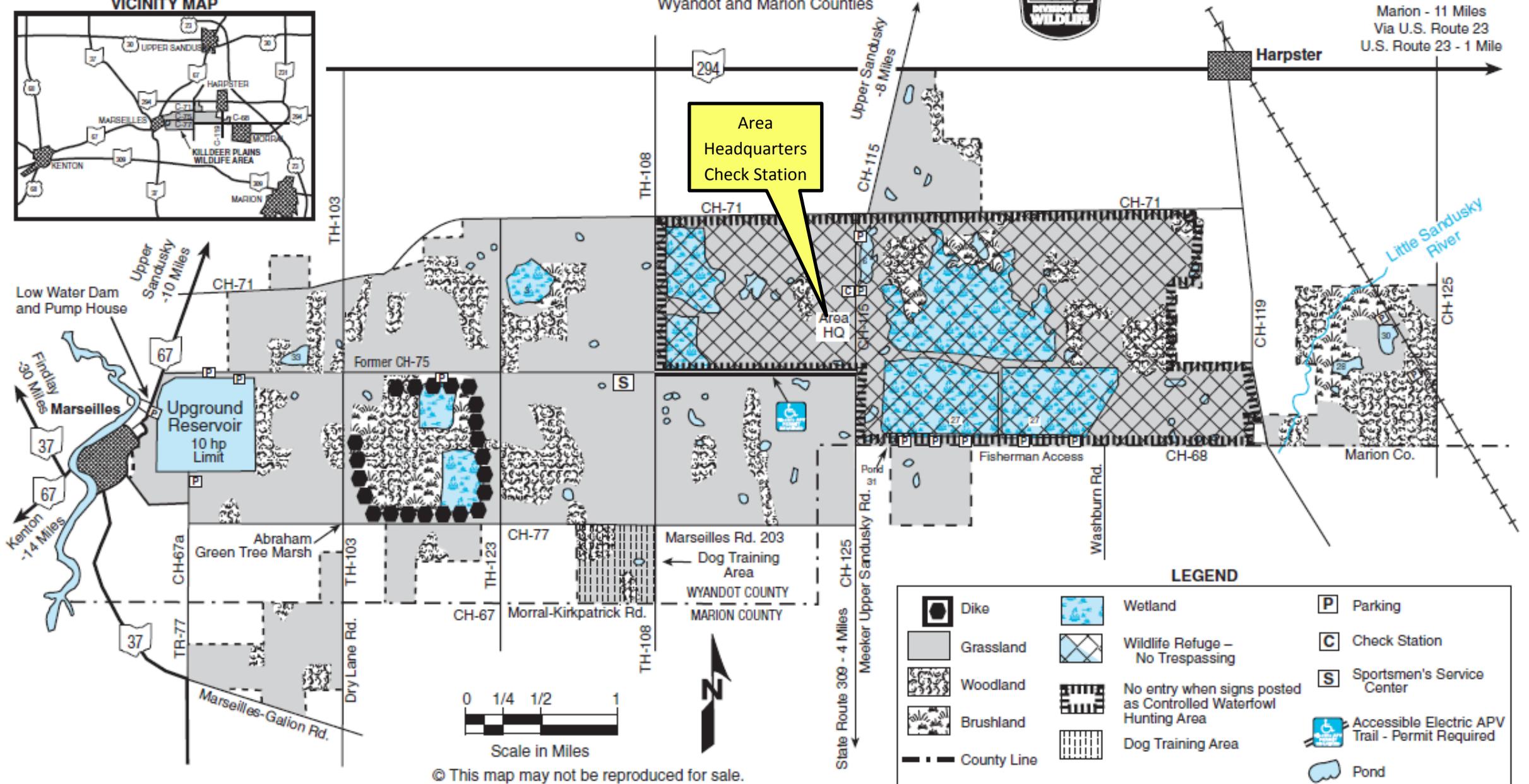
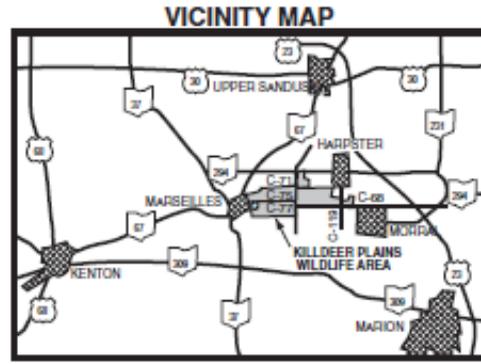


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CONTROLLED DEER HUNTING RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR KILLDEER PLAINS WILDLIFE AREA

1. Hunters can begin checking in at 6:00 a.m. at the area headquarters. Only deer are legal during this hunt.
2. Hunters must cease hunting at 4:00 p.m. and check out by 5:00 p.m. at the area headquarters. At that time, you must surrender the parking tag. All deer are required to be checked via the new automated game check and permanent tagging process.
3. Once you turn in your parking tag, your hunt is complete. Hunters may harvest only one deer per day on this hunt. Women's hunt participants can only harvest one antlered deer per group.
4. Hunters must hunt within their designated sector. No one is permitted to move outside of their assigned sector. If you wound a deer badly and feel sure it is in an adjacent sector, come back to the check station for assistance. An attempt will be made to contact the hunters in the sector where your deer went. At that time you may go in and look for your deer. On private land, permission from the landowner is required before you can retrieve your deer.
5. Hunters must park in their designated parking areas, and must also access their hunting units from the parking area.
6. Hunters can field dress their deer, but must do so at least 50-feet away from the nearest road. Hunters are responsible for transporting their deer from the field.
7. Hunters should be aware that controlled trapping is taking place in the area.
8. A sighted dead or crippled deer, other than your own, should be reported to the check station at the end of your hunt. This will allow the animal to be collected by wildlife area personnel. There are safety zones established around buildings and private property. Do not hunt in these zones.
9. All State of Ohio deer hunting laws apply unless otherwise stated.
10. Each hunter may only participate in one controlled deer hunt on the wildlife area annually.
11. Antlerless Deer Permits may be used at this hunt to harvest an antlerless deer. Deer permits will not be available to purchase at the check station. Please bring all necessary permits with you.
12. A hunter aware of any wildlife violation or hunt problem shall immediately contact the Killdeer Check Station at 740.496.2254. All medical emergencies should be referred to the Wyandot County Sheriff's Department (Call 911).
13. If you do not check in or contact the Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area manager prior to 7:30a.m. of the day of your hunt, you will not be permitted to hunt on that day and your permit will be revoked.
14. Only women can hunt during the Killdeer Women's Hunt. A properly licensed, non-hunting, male may accompany the female hunter(s).
15. Mobility impaired hunters must have a non-hunting attendant.
16. Permits are transferable. To transfer, please follow instructions on the permit. NOTE: It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, trade or barter any Division of Wildlife issued controlled hunting, fishing or trapping permit.
17. Failure to follow these controlled hunt rules and conditions could result from dismissal from the hunt, in addition to criminal charges pursuant OAC 1501:31-9-01(u).



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