
2023 Big Walnut Deer Draw Information Big Walnut Natural Area (BWNA)

This page includes information and instructions for those interested or selected to participate in a 2023 Indiana Big Walnut Deer Harvest Hunt Draw (BWNA). 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 BWNA Deer Hunt will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 10 a.m. ET in the north parking lot of North Putnam High School. Please show up early for draw registration. **Firearms are not allowed onto the school property.** 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 25, 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 10 hunters selected 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.
- Successful applicants will be provided with a hunting permit that must be placed on the dash of vehicle parked on BWNA.
- 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.**

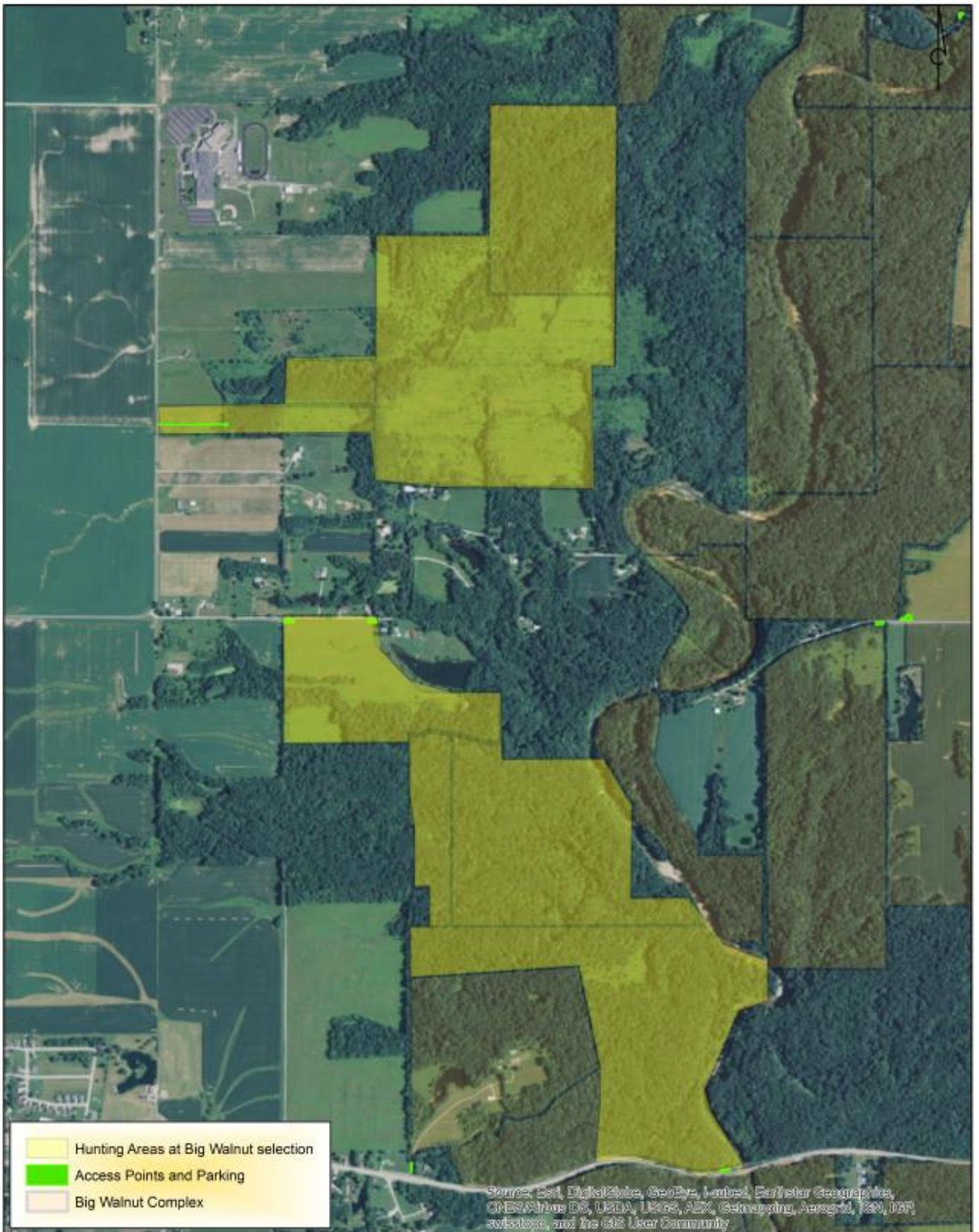
Area Information: BWNA is a conservation area of protected lands in northeast Putnam County created for and funded by nature preservation. It is owned by various parties and used by public and private lands, including The Nature Conservancy. **The BWNA deer management draw hunt is only conducted on DNR Division of Nature Preserves property.** Hunting and all access must be restricted to the designated hunting units. Agricultural land interspersed with woodland and riparian areas creates ideal habitat for white-tailed deer.

The hunt will be limited to 10 hunters selected 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 address for the property is 9498 N C.R. 425 E #910, Bainbridge, IN 46105. Please refer to the attached map for allowed hunting areas and access points. The address for the draw is at North Putnam High School, 8905 N C.R. 250 E, Roachdale, IN 46172.

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.



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