

Eldon Hazlet Hunter Fact Sheet

2008 - 2009 Season

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The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is responsible for providing outdoor recreational opportunities of the residents of this stat. Eldon Hazlet State Park is located on Carlyle Lake and is open for fishing, hunting, picnicking, hiking, boating, camping, and observing wildlife.

LOCATION: The park is located 4 miles north of Carlyle, IL and 2 miles east of Illinois Route 127 in Clinton County.

SETTING: The park encompasses 3, 750 acres. The hunting area consists of multiple agricultural fields interspersed with woodland, brushy areas, restored native grassland fields and savanna habitats. An estimated 400 acres of interspersed woodland, fallow grass fields, agricultural fields and backwater wetland areas are open to the general hunting programs offered at this site with the exception of the controlled pheasant hunting area(s).

The area(s) open to the general hunting programs are referred to as the North Allen Branch and the West Peppenhorst Branch units or "N-Allen/W-Pep" due to the geographic proximity of these units to components of Carlyle Lake.

The "controlled pheasant hunting" area contains large cultivated field, native warm season grass fields and brushy areas with small-to medium-sized trees and shrubs that provide ample cover for the released birds. Bird dogs are recommended. The agricultural lease program facilitates annual wildlife food and cover components with sunflowers and standing row crops.

GENERAL SITE REGULATIONS:

1. All pheasant hunters must sign in and check out daily at the check station and report their harvest each day following hunting. All other hunters must sign in and check out daily at the respective reporting boxes located within the park. Waterfowl hunters at the North Allen Branch Waterfowl Management Areas must sign in and check out at the check station provided at that location.
2. All hunting is by shotgun or bow and arrow only.
3. Non-toxic shot is required for all pheasant, rabbit, quail, dove and waterfowl hunting at this site.
4. All hunters must wear a cap and upper outer garment of solid blaze orange of at least 400 square inches while hunting rabbit, pheasant, quail, woodcock, and/or snipe. Archery deer hunters are also required to follow this regulation during all firearm deer seasons.
5. No hunting will be permitted in posted areas, within 300 fee of developed recreation areas (picnic and camping areas), construction sites or residences. Waterfowl hunting is restricted within 500 feet of the aforementioned areas.
6. No cleaning of game is allowed at the sites, e.g. dove, pheasant, deer, etc.
7. It is unlawful to possess or consume alcoholic beverages while on the site property for purposes of hunting or trapping.

Deer (Archery)

1. Statewide regulations
2. Open statewide in the N-Allen/ W-Pep. units. Open in the Controlled Pheasant Hunting Area east of Fisher Road and north of Hazlet Park Road to the Allen Branch Boat Ramp until October 31. Subsequently open only on Mondays and Tuesdays during the Controlled Pheasant Hunting Season (November -January) and after the 5 day clean-up pheasant hunt. Closed in the North allen Branch Waterfowl Management ARea upon opening of the regular Southern Zone Waterfowl season.
3. It will be unlawful to construct or to use any tree stand using nails, screws, wire or any device which pierces or cuts the park of the tree on which it is installed. All tree stands must be portable and are required to be removed at the end of the day's hunt. NO PERMANENT TREE STANDS ALLOWED.
4. Handicap hunting is available in the designated area upon request.

Deer (Late Winter Firearm)

1. Statewide regulations.
2. Open in the N-Allen unit only.

Dove

1. Hunting is restricted to the managed field.
2. Hunting hours are 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. September 1 - 5, statewide hours until October 21 (season closes).
3. A drawing will be conducted September 1 - 5 if necessary
4. It is the hunter's responsibility to remove all refuse, including empty shotgun shells and boxes, from the hunting area once they have finished hunting.

Furbearer Hunting

1. Statewide regulations
2. Open in the N-Allen/W-Pep. units only
3. Shotgun or archery, except. 22 caliber is permitted sunset to sunrise.

Furbearer Trapping

1. A valid site permit is required for trapping. Permits are issued via a public drawing held at the site office on the last Tuesday of October at 11 a.m. Registration begins at 10 a.m. All persons entering the drawing must have a current trapping license in their possession and must be present at the time of the drawing.
2. Statewide regulations.
3. Trappers may have a partner, provided their name is on the registration card prior to the drawing.
4. Trappers must stay in their assigned trapping area.
5. Body gripping traps with 10-inch jaw spread or larger must be totally submerged in the water when set. Only "Egg Traps", "D-P (Dog Proof) Traps", box traps, cage traps and traps of similar design may be used for land sets.
6. All types of traps are permitted in the N-Allen/W-Pep. units. Land sets only are permitted in the Controlled Pheasant Hunting Areas.
7. Trappers must submit a harvest report to the site office within 10 days following the close of the site trapping program.

Failure to report harvest shall result in the trapper being ineligible to trap at this site the following season.

Pheasant (Controlled Hunting)

1. A fee permit is required.
2. A daily drawing is conducted for permit and standby hunting.
3. Hunting hours are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday (Closed Monday and Tuesday).
4. Habitat Stamps and HIP registration are not required.
5. A free 5-day pheasant only hunt follows the regular Controlled Pheasant Hunting season at this site.
6. Handicap hunting is available upon request.

Pheasant (Youth)

1. Applicants must receive a free permit from the department. There is no fee for the youth pheasant hunting program.
2. The hunting date may vary from year to year (a one day hunt typically occurring in November).
3. Hunting hours are from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
4. All hunters must be between the ages ten (10) and fifteen (15) and have a youth hunting permit. Habitat stamps and HIP registration is not required.
5. Each permit holder must be accompanied by a non-hunting supervisory adult. If the hunter does not have a valid FOID card, the supervisory adult is required to have a valid FOID card.
6. The daily limit is 2 pheasants of either sex. No other game may be harvested.

Squirrel

1. Statewide regulations.
2. Open in the N-Allen/W-Pep. units only

Waterfowl

1. Statewide regulations

2. Open in the North Allen Branch Waterfowl Management Area only.
3. Three staked sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
4. Allen and Peppenhorst Branches are covered by the Carlyle Lake Project Lands and Water regulations.

Woodcock, Snipe, Rail

1. Statewide Regulations
2. Open in the N-Allen/W-Pep. units only.

OTHER SITE FACILITIES: Camping, picnic areas, archery range, and boat ramps.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Gary Tatham, Site Superintendent, 20100 Hazlet Park Road, Carlyle, IL 62231 (618) 594-3015

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