

INFORMATION ON THE
JOHNSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD'S
F.W. KENT PARK DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN
2010 CONTROLLED HUNT

The Johnson County Conservation Board has adopted a Management Plan for F.W. Kent. The object of the plan is to maintain a deer population that is in balance with the plant and animal communities in the park. A controlled hunt is an effective method to reduce the population of deer.

The controlled gun hunt for year 2010 will allow issuance of 60 licenses to 40 hunters for December 4th and 5th. Hunters will be allowed to apply for two antlerless licenses. If more than 60 applications are received there will be a drawing. Applications for license will be issued in person only on a first-come, first-served basis at the Conservation Education Center located in F.W. Kent Park starting at 8:00 am on Saturday, September 25, 2009. Bring a picture ID. The park opens at sunrise.

We will also be conducting a bow hunt this year with 100 licenses issued to 30 bow hunters. Hunt dates are October 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011. The first three archers who successfully harvest four female deer will be eligible for an any-deer license in the 2010 archery season. A total of three any-deer tags will be available. In case two or more archers harvest their fourth female deer on the same day, a drawing will be held to determine who receives the any-deer license. The park will be closed on December 4th and 5th for the shotgun hunt. Applications for license will be issued in person only on a first-come, first-served basis at the Conservation Education Center located in F.W. Kent Park on the following two dates, Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. or on Saturday, September 25, 2010, 8:00 a.m. Bring a picture ID. A shooting proficiency test, which consists of three out of five shots in a nine inch target from 20 yards away will be required and conducted at Fin and Feather, Iowa City, Iowa before a license (s) can be issued.

To become a qualified hunter you must attend the safety/orientation session conducted by the Johnson County Conservation Board Staff immediately following the application process on dates outlined above.

The special deer licenses will be for antlerless deer only.

Licenses will only be issued to residents of the State of Iowa. Fin & Feather of Iowa City will be issuing the electronic license (s). You can purchase your license (s) in person or by mail.

The required gun for hunting is a shotgun, shooting a single projectile in 10, 12, 16, or 20 gauges. Muzzleloaders, .44 to .775 calibers are allowed.

The Kent Park special license may be in addition to any deer license (s) the person may obtain for regular deer season.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has designated F.W. Kent Park as a Special Deer Management Zone and has approved the issuance of the special deer licenses for F.W. Kent Park. Fees set this year are \$28.50 for the first antlerless license and \$13.00 for the second antlerless license. If you have already purchased an antlerless only license somewhere else in Iowa, the first Kent Park license will be \$13.00.

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