

**SCOTT COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
2026 CONTROLLED HUNT INFORMATION**



The Scott County Conservation Board is using biologically accepted deer herd management techniques to manage the number of deer at Scott County Park. The objective of the plan is to maintain a deer population that is in balance with plant life and other animal communities for the areas concerned.

The controlled hunt for 2026 will allow for 15 hunters to hunt and remove deer from Scott County Park during the following season: **October 1, 2026, through January 10, 2027.**

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has **designated Scott County Park as a Special Deer Management Zone** and has approved the issuance of **50** special deer licenses for Scott County Park. The special deer licenses will be for **antlerless deer only**. Licenses will only be issued to residents of the State of Iowa and are in addition to any deer license the individual has obtained for regular deer seasons.

The special deer licenses will **only** be issued to successful applicants who have passed the shooter's proficiency test and attended the hunter safety session conducted by the Scott County Conservation Board. **No refunds** for cancellation or failure to meet or follow any deer management program requirements.

I. Application Process

Applications will be available from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. daily beginning Tuesday, July 1, 2026, at:

- 1) Scott County Park
South Entrance Station; and
- 2) West Lake Park
Campground Office, Gate #5
- 3) Online
www.scottcountyiowa.gov/conservation

Adult/youth hunters, or hunters needing assistance, should apply together by stapling and submitting the applications together. **Send no money now. Fees are paid directly to the license vendor after all requirements have been met.**

Completed applications must be mailed, delivered or emailed to:

Scott County Conservation Board
West Lake Park, Gate #3
14910 – 110th Avenue
Davenport, IA 52804
conservation@scottcountyiowa.gov

by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2026.

II. Selection Process

During the first week of August, a selection will be conducted to select the 15 individuals needed for the Scott County Park hunt. Written notification will be made to all applicants, whether they are selected or not. Preferential consideration will be given to past successful participants and youth or disabled hunters during the selection process.

Youth hunters are defined as residents 12 – 15 years of age hunting under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, or other competent adult with the consent of the parent or guardian. A hunter education course must have been passed, and state license requirements must have been met. Please mark your application requesting special assistance, and we will contact you if selected.

III. Proficiency Process

The Hunter Safety Session and shooting proficiency tests will be required for ALL SELECTED participants. These sessions will be conducted on **Saturday, September 12, 2026, at 8:00 AM** at the Scott County Park – Old Nature Center, 19251 290th St, Long Grove, Iowa 52756. Attendance is mandatory. Each hunter will be required to hit a 9" diameter circle four (4) times out of five (5) attempts at 20 yards. You must provide your own archery equipment. Off-hand shooting required, **no second chance opportunities**. Handicap and youth hunters may shoot a modified course of fire.

IV. Payment of fees (For successful applicants drawn in the selection process only.)

Scott County Park special hunt tags must be purchased directly from K and K Hardware, 1818 Grant St, Bettendorf, IA, after receiving selection and approval documentation from the Conservation Board.

Fees: \$28.50 for the first antlerless tag. \$15.00 for second or subsequent antlerless tags.

For further information, please contact the Scott County Conservation Board **(563) 328-3280**.