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TEMPORARY RECREATION AREA CLOSINGS AT LAKE SHELBYVILLE TO CONDUCT DEER HUNT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Lake Shelbyville - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Illinois Department of Natural Resources will hold the 27th Annual Lake Shelbyville Deer Hunt for People with Disabilities during the first firearm deer season on November 18 – 20, 2016. The hunt will be conducted in portions of recreation areas at Lake Shelbyville that are closed for the season. As a safety precaution, Lone Point and Lithia Springs Campgrounds and all of Sullivan Beach, Wilborn Creek, Coon Creek, and Opossum Creek Recreation Areas will be closed to all automobile and pedestrian traffic from 2 p.m. Thursday, November 17, 2016 to 7 p.m. Sunday, November 20, 2016.

This temporary closing includes boat ramps located within Wilborn Creek, Coon Creek, and Opossum Creek Recreation Areas. Boat ramps remaining open to serve lake users during this time period are Dam West, Lone Point, Lithia Springs, Whitley Creek, Wolf Creek and Eagle Creek State Parks. All primitive ramps will remain open as well.

Trails at Camp Camfield and General Dacey Mountain Bike Extension will be closed during the following firearm deer season dates: November 18-20, December 1-4, and December 9-11. Only hunters who possess proper Lake Shelbyville project deer permits will be allowed in these ares.

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