

FRIENDS CREEK CONSERVATION AREA UPLAND GAME HUNTING AREA (MACON COUNTY)

2025 Hunter Fact Sheet

Macon County Conservation District

The Macon County Conservation District is pleased to provide this hunting opportunity for the residents of the state. The Friends Creek Conservation Area upland game hunting area was partially funded with revenue generated through the sale of the Illinois Pheasant Stamp and developed with the cooperation of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

LOCATION: This area is approximately one mile north and one mile east of Argenta in northeastern Macon County. One and one-quarter miles north of State Route 48 on Cemetery Road.

DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA

TOTAL ACRES: 104

HUNTABLE ACRES: 104

WATER ACRES: 0

TIMBERED ACRES: 54

OPEN ACRES: 50

The total area of the site is 104 acres. The entire area is open to hunting. Cover types include upland prairie, mesic prairie, wet prairie/sedge meadow, native cool season grasses, and prairie savanna. There is also a significant amount of trees and shrubs along creek banks.

		<u>SEASONS, HOURS LIMITS:</u>	
<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>SEASON</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>SPECIAL RULES/PERMITS</u>
Pheasants	Nov. 1, 2, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 26, 29	Statewide	Permit required
	Dec. 3, 11, 14, 18, 21, 24, 27	Statewide	Permit required
Rabbits	Nov. 1, 2, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 26, 29	Statewide	Permit required
	Dec. 3, 11, 14, 18, 21, 24, 27	Statewide	Permit required
Quail	Nov. 1, 2, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 26, 29	Statewide	Permit required
	Dec. 3, 11, 14, 18, 21, 24, 27	Statewide	Permit required

OTHER SPECIAL REGULATIONS:

1. Only one hunting party, consisting of the permit holder and no more than three companions, will be allowed daily.
2. All hunting must be with shotguns or bow and arrow.
3. Hunters must wear a cap and upper outer garment of solid blaze orange (at least 400 square inches).
4. Each permit holder must complete and return a hunter harvest survey report to the Macon County Conservation District, 3939 Nearing Lane, Decatur, IL. 62521, by **January 31, 2026**. Failure to submit the report will result in loss of hunting privileges on the area for the following year.

For further information, please contact the Natural Resources Manager, Mitch Lovgren at 217-519-9926 or at MLovgren@MaconCCD.org.