

Revis Hill Prairie State Natural Area

Located in Mason County on the bluffs of the Sangamon River Valley, Revis Hill Prairie State Natural Area is just under 420 acres in size. Cover is native grass hill prairie on the upper reaches with upland forest in the lower reaches and in the numerous ravines dissecting the area. Topography ranges from 530 feet in the ravine bottoms to 670 feet on the ridge tops. Soils are predominately silt-loam. The site is bounded on three sides by private land and on the south by Mason County Road 660N.

Access to the area is from Il. Rt. 97 or Il. Rt. 29 by way of Mason County Road 710N, known locally as the Easton-Kilbourne Blacktop. Turn south at the intersection of Mason County Roads 710N and 2620E, and go ½ mile to Mason County Road 660N. Turn east on Mason County Road 660N and proceed ½ mile to a marked parking lot on the north side of the road. The parking lot is located on the natural area.

Whitetail deer are the only species open to hunting. Firearm deer hunting permits are procured through random drawing, applications available online or at DNR offices. Archery deer hunting is by statewide permit available online or at licensed vendors. All hunters are required to register on the internet at <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/programs/windshieldcard/>. Sand Ridge State Forest will be listed in the dropdown box for region 4. Hunters must register for a free site parking permit prior to hunting. Parking permits must be posted and visible from outside of vehicles. The completed permit must be returned within 30 days after close of season to record harvest. Permits are not valid until registration is completely filled out. **Deer stands or ground blinds must be removed at the end of each day's hunt. Hunting is allowed north of the blacktop on the south boundary of the property.**

For further information, contact Sand Ridge State Forest, P.O. Box 111, Forest City, IL., 61532, phone (309) 597-2212 or go online at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov>.

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