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Purple Heart Hunting

The Clinton County Conservation Board is offering permitted hunting in the Rock Creek Marina & Campground area for military veterans that have earned combat citations, been a Prisoner of War or are a Disabled American Veteran.

This is the Conservation Board's way of saying thanks to veterans who have made great personal sacrifices for our country. It will also allow handicapped accessible hunting to a group of people who need and deserve it. There is no charge for hunting privileges, however the hunter is responsible for purchase of all required licenses and tags.

The Rock Creek area was chosen for several reasons. It is in the Mississippi River floodplain making it relatively flat making access easy. It has abundant deer and turkeys which will be the prime target species of hunters. It is currently not public hunting making the area safe for the single permitted hunter and to raise the odds of hunting success. The CCCB has handicapped accessible facilities on site (cabin, campsites, restrooms, & camp store). There are motels in nearby Clinton, Iowa. The CCCB has staff on site that can render assistance and make quick repairs to the trail or hunting blind. The area would be closed to all persons except the permitted hunter during the hunt (see map).

Enclosed is information on the special hunt. It has been drafted by Clinton County Conservation staff with consultation with the Iowa DNR, Clinton County Veterans Affairs, Paralyzed American Veterans and members of the U.S. Military.

Applications for the November season is due by October 28th. The winter seasons application is due by November 15th, The Spring Turkey Season applications are due March 1st, 2011. For more information and permit application call 563-847-7202 during office hours or email at conservation@clintoncounty-ia.gov.

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Purpose: To provide a high quality hunting opportunity that is easily accessible to US Military Veterans that have earned the Purple Heart and other combat commendations as well as Disabled American Veterans and POWs.

Seasons: The CCCB would offer ten permits coinciding with Iowa hunting seasons. The seasons would change slightly every year.



2010-11 Possible Season Permits

1. Disabled Hunter Season Sept. 18-Oct. 3
2. October 4-31
Deer Archery, Resident Early Muzzleloader, Turkey Gun/Bow
3. November 1-30
Deer Archery, Turkey Gun/Bow
4. Shotgun Deer #1 Dec. 4-8
5. Shotgun Deer #2 Dec. 11-19
6. Late Deer Muzzleloader Dec. 20-Jan. 10
Deer and Turkey Archery
7. Antlerless Deer Jan. 11-31
8. Spring Turkey Gun/Bow #1 April 11-14
9. Spring Turkey Gun/Bow #2 April 15-19
10. Spring Turkey Gun/Bow #3 April 20-26

Purple Heart Hunting Key Points

- This, we believe, will be the first of its kind in Iowa. There is an area near Humboldt, Iowa, run by a private group called *Enabled Veterans Outdoors* (enabledveteransoutdoors.org).
- Recognizes heroes that have made great personal sacrifice.
- Veterans Affairs and members of the military have been consulted.
- Endorsements from the Disabled American Vets, military branches, etc. are being sought.
- The DNR, USF& WS and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been consulted.
- Adjacent landowner has been consulted and he is supportive.
- One portable ground blind would be established and be ATV and handicapped accessible.
- No special seasons or licensing. Standard DNR licenses and regulations apply.
- Program would kick-off sometime in the November 1st, 2010 hunting season.
- The CCCB would offer ten separate and distinct permits.
- After a one-year pilot, the program would be promoted to other CCBs and the DNR around the state to encourage more *Purple Heart Hunting* areas.

- While the hunter is permitted, any legal game species in which the hunter possess a valid license may be taken in any legal manner (ex. small game, furbearers).
- CCCB will provide permanent blind and access ramp at the blind.
- The CCCB will partner with wildlife organizations for donations, assistance in developing the area & helping hunters.



Application Process

- Applicants must provide photocopy of Combat Decoration Certificate, disability status, honorable discharge (unless on active duty).

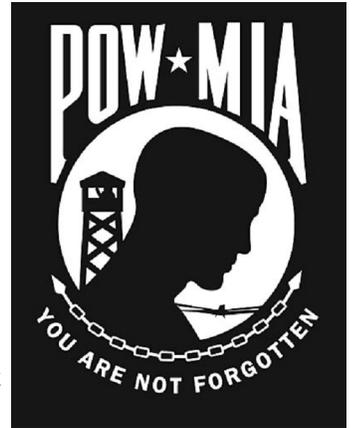
Combat Decorations

Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal, POW Medal, or Other Combat Decoration.

- Applicants will choose which season(s) they wish to hunt with a random draw from qualified applicants for seasons.
- May only be drawn for one season per year.
- Must acquire all needed DNR licenses & follow all DNR hunting regulations.

Permitted Hunt Procedure

- Hunter may use an ATV/UTV to retrieve game and to get to and from permanent stand.
- Hunter may use a passenger car/truck/suv to get to and from permanent stand.
- Hunter may have a non-hunting assistant along.
- The CCCB will work with the hunter to get volunteer assistance if needed.
- Hunter will provide pictures and a short written account of hunting experience to the CCCB for publicity purposes.
- Hunter will notify CCCB when his/her hunt is over (i.e. when tag is filled).
- Hunter will stay within established boundaries except to retrieve downed game.



This program is the Conservation Board's way of saying thanks to veterans who have made great personal sacrifices for our country. It will also allow handicapped accessible hunting to a group of people who need and deserve it. We are also willing to open up permits to severely handicapped non-vets or groups like the *Make a Wish Foundation* if we have seasons unused by veterans.

For more information on application for the Purple Heart Hunt contact Mark Roberts, Education Coordinator or Walt Wickham, Executive Director, at 563-847-7202 during regular office hours. Letters of support are also welcome.



Handicapped-accessible ground blind by *Steel Tuff* and *Illowa Marine*.

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Purple Heart Hunting Application, 2010-11

Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone(cell) _____ Email _____

Military Branch _____

Date of Honorable Discharge _____ On Active Duty _____



Combat Decoration(s) Check all that apply

- Medal of Honor
- Distinguished Service Cross
- Distinguished Service Medal
- Silver Star
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Bronze Star
- Purple Heart
- Air Medal
- POW Medal
- Other Combat Decoration please list below

Prisoner of War

____ I am an ex-POW I can provide a copy of at least one of the following:

- Form DD 214 Discharge Certificate with Ex-Prisoner of War Status;
- Separation Papers with Ex-Prisoner of War Status noted; or
- Written notification from the Military Personnel Records Center showing Ex-Prisoner of War Status

Disabled American Veteran

____ If selected I will present **recently dated evidence** of Veteran status with a minimum 10% disability.

2010-11 Seasons

Rank preferences, 1 being first choice, 2 being second choice, etc., on seasons you are willing to accept

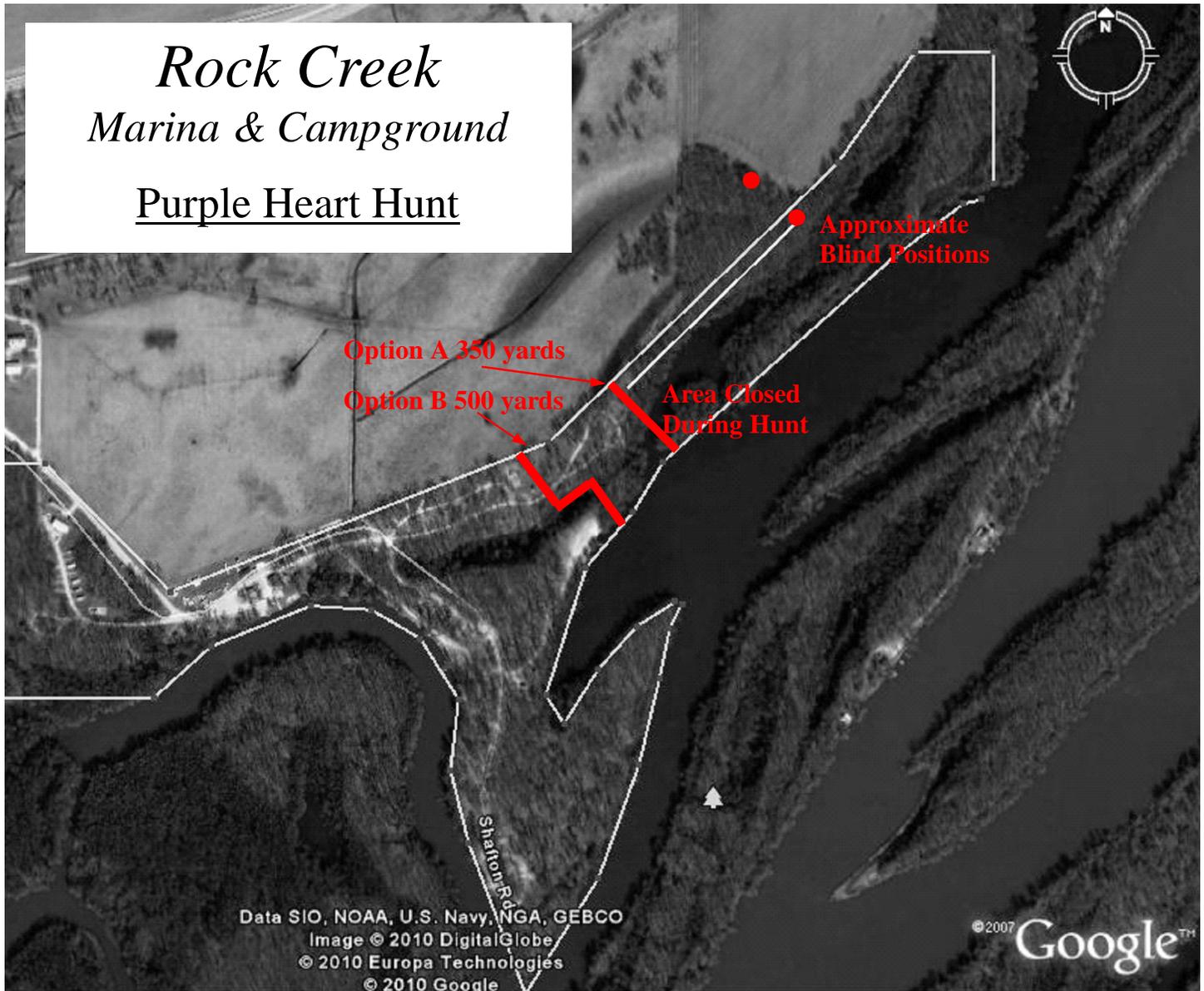
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Spring Turkey Seasons, Drawn March 15th.

- Spring Turkey Gun/Bow #1
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April 15-19
- Spring Turkey Gun/Bow #3
April 20-26

For office use only
Date received:

Rock Creek Marina & Campground Purple Heart Hunt



Mileage to Rock Creek Marina & Campground

- Camanche, 4 miles
- Clinton, 8 miles
- Davenport, 24 miles
- Dubuque, 69 miles
- Iowa City, 77 miles
- Cedar Rapids, 80 miles
- Waterloo, 135 miles
- Chicago, Il, 154 miles
- Madison, 160 miles
- Des Moines, 188 miles
- St. Louis, 276 miles
- Omaha, 324 miles
- Minneapolis, 356 miles