

# Hunting Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities - Pate Hollow & Buck Creek Areas



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## General Information

The Hoosier National Forest is committed to providing recreation opportunities for all people, and offers alternatives for forest visitors with disabilities that wish to hunt. To qualify, you must first obtain a handicapped hunting permit from:

Indiana Department of Natural Resources -  
Division of Fish and Wildlife  
402 West Washington Street, Room W273  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Phone 317-232-4080

For those unable to walk or with serious walking disabilities, your state hunting permit for persons with disabilities will allow you to hunt from a vehicle. To hunt from a vehicle on the Hoosier National Forest, the permit must be of the type that specifically states “...can hunt from a stationary vehicle.”

With this type of permit you may hunt on three closed Forest Service roads at Mogan Ridge, Pate Hollow, and Buck Creek. This guide has information on hunting the Pate Hollow and Buck Creek Areas.

All state laws apply. If you wish to hunt on the three closed roads, you will need to obtain a permission letter and gate key and follow the procedures described in this guide.

To obtain access to the Pate Hollow and Buck Creek roads, you must visit the Bedford office in person and bring your current state handicapped hunting permit with you. It must be of the type that allows you to hunt from a stationary vehicle. You will be issued a letter of permission and a key that will allow you access to these areas.

## Rules for Hunting on Closed Roads

- Only licensed street legal vehicles may be used. However, off highway vehicles such as all-terrain-vehicles are not allowed on the Hoosier National Forest.

- Vehicles may operate on the roadway only. No off road use is allowed although you may park immediately adjacent to the road if there is a suitable spot to do so.
- Travel dirt roads only when dry or frozen.
- Your state hunting permit for persons with disabilities and your permission letter from the Forest Service must be in your possession while using a vehicle on these roads.
- Because these hunting areas are in a primitive, undeveloped setting, there are no improvements to make the area accessible to persons with disabilities. The roads are gated according to current Forest Service standards. If your disability is such that you may require assistance in a primitive environment, you may transport one assistant in your vehicle (no other passengers are allowed). That person may also hunt but must abide by all State hunting regulations. For example, they may not hunt from a vehicle unless they also possess a state hunting permit for persons with disabilities and permission letter from the Forest Service.
- The gate must be closed and locked when entering and leaving the area.
- Other hunters and trail users may be in the area. Please be mindful of safety and good sportsmanship.

### For More Information, Contact:

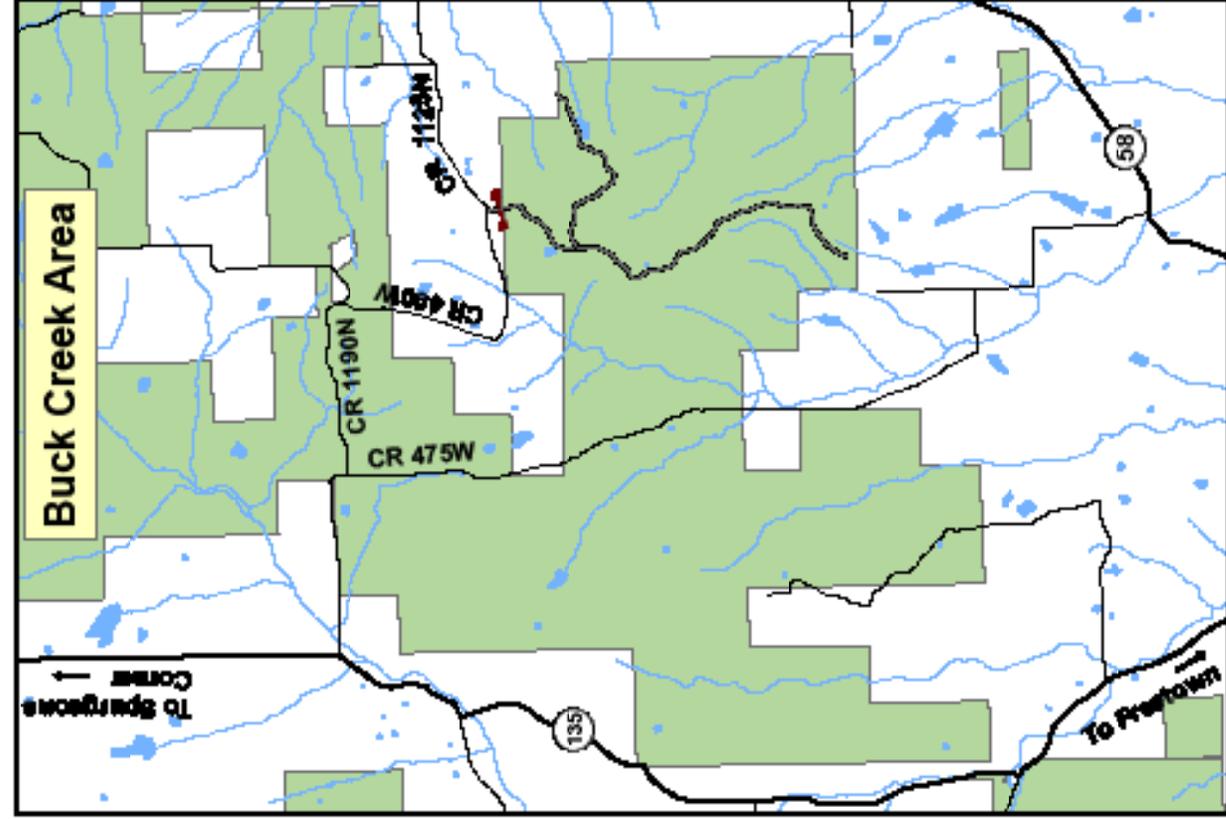
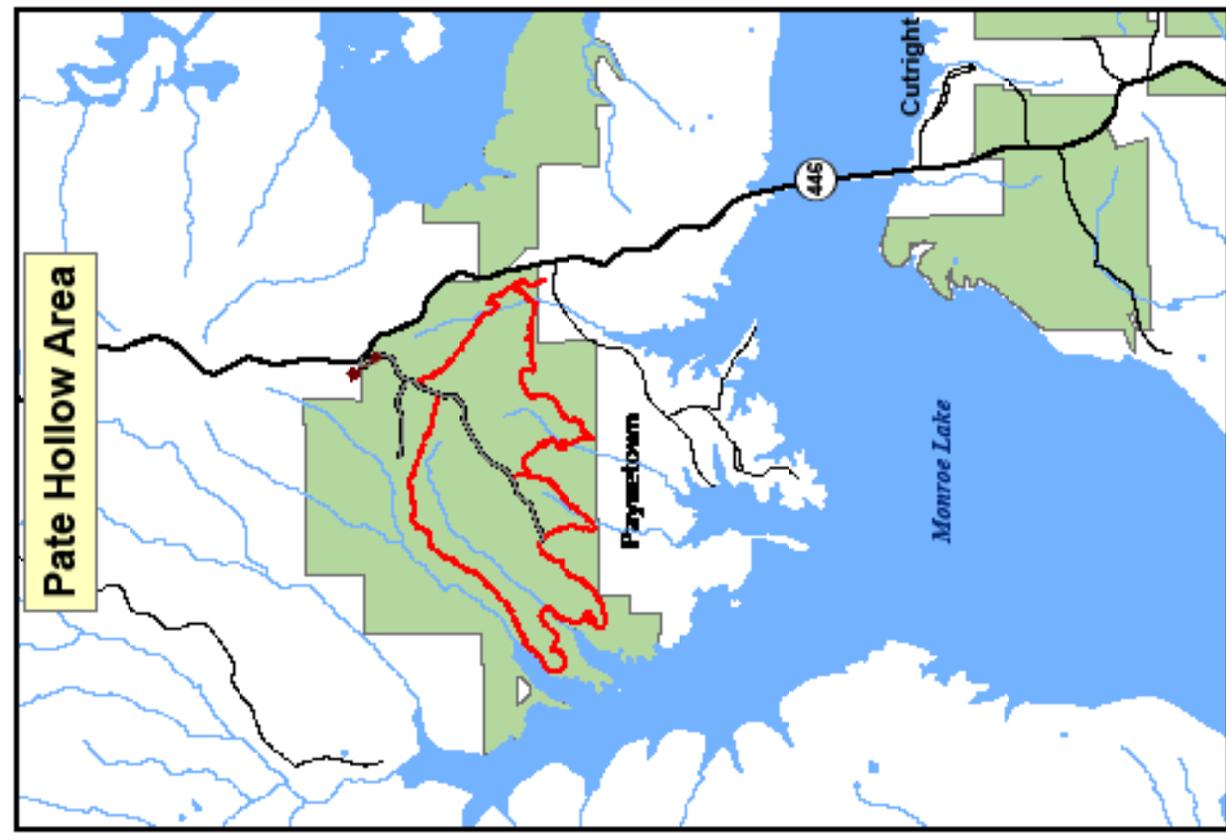
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