



# LAKE METROPARKS RULES & REGULATIONS

## 2016/2017 Controlled Hunt Program

Procedural or date changes from the 2015/2016 season are indicated in **red**.

- The Controlled Hunting Program will run in accordance with dates set by the Ohio Division of Wildlife for the Ohio deer archery season, **9/24/16 until 2/5/17**.

### Eligibility

- Participants must be Lake County residents or business owners, 18 years of age or older. A resident is someone who resides in Lake County or pays property tax to Lake County.
- Interested eligible applicants are required to fill out an application.
- Lake Metroparks employees and immediate family members residing within the employee's household are not eligible.

### Selection

- Pre-qualified applicants will be selected in a lottery and issued a permit to hunt on park property if they meet all criteria for the program.
- Assignment to a particular hunting time and location is dependent upon the order in which an applicant's number is drawn in the lottery.
- Selected participants will be assigned a two or three week slot, as determined by Lake Metroparks. These assignments are based upon the time in which an applicant's number is drawn in the lottery.
- There will be mandatory orientation meetings scheduled throughout the program period. Participants are required to attend at least one of these meetings before they may participate.
- Sites at River Road Park have been selected by Lake Metroparks staff and will be assigned for each hunter. A hunter may choose to hunt from this location or provide his or her own stand/blind for hunting as long as it is placed anywhere within 100 yards of their assigned stand location.
- Participants selected to hunt at Indian Point Park and Lake Erie Bluffs may choose a hunting site within the area assigned to them provided that the site selected is not within a designated safety zone. Hunters must provide their own stand/blind while hunting at these locations.
- Participants selected to hunt at the Blair Road Property hunt within a general area designated by Lake Metroparks. Participants may select a specific hunting site within this area provided that the site is not located within a designated safety zone. Hunters must provide their own stand/blind while hunting at this location.

- Participant must demonstrate skill proficiency using his/her own equipment. Four out of five shots OR eight out of ten shots must land into 7.5" target at 12 yards. No practice shots permitted prior to test; maximum of ten shots permitted per test. One "fail to qualify" permitted per season (test may be retaken one time).

- The proficiency test may be taken at either Great Lakes Outdoor Supply (6595 N. Ridge Rd., Madison, 440-428-0313) or Gander Mountain (9620 Diamond Centre Dr., Mentor, 440-639-8545). Each participant is responsible for scheduling his/her own test; store staff will administer the test, determine whether a participant has successfully passed and provide results to both the participant and Lake Metroparks.

- Selected program participants may not trade or switch sites with another program participant without express authorization from the program coordinator.

### Participation

- Participants are required to be in compliance with all Ohio Division of Wildlife regulations and have the appropriate license(s).
- Program participants may be accompanied by one non-hunting companion, who:
  - Must remain in the vicinity of permit holder.
  - Must wear orange.
  - May not be a Lake Metroparks employee.
  - Driving of deer not permitted.
- In addition to the guest, each participant will have the opportunity to name one "partner" who may hunt in that participant's designated slot and stand when the participant chooses not to hunt.
- Each "partner" is required to fill out an application, pass the proficiency test and attend a mandatory meeting before he/she can hunt.
- Hunters are subject to visitation by appropriate law enforcement personnel while on park property.
- Participants are required to fill out the check-in sheet during each visit.
- Participants are required to carry the Lake Metroparks permit and all applicable ODOW licenses on their person at all times while on park property.
- Participants are required to display their parking permit on the dashboard of their vehicle while parked on Lake Metroparks property.

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- Motorized equipment is not permitted for transportation to or from the hunt or for removing deer and/or equipment. Hand powered carts are permitted.
- Participants are required to carry an illuminated device and must wear hunter orange when on park property and out of their stand.
- Participants are strongly encouraged to carry a cell phone, whistle or other communication device while participating.
- Use of trail cameras by participants is permitted. Lake Metroparks is not responsible for loss of or damage to any property.
- Supplemental baiting by participant, within Ohio Division of Wildlife rules and regulations, is permitted.
- Park maps will be issued. You must stay within the park boundaries at all times. Utilize GPS if available.
- All Ohio Division of Wildlife Laws and Regulations will be adhered to during concurrent hunting seasons:
  - Youth Deer Gun: **Nov. 19–20**, must wear orange
  - Deer Gun: **Nov. 28–Dec. 4 & Dec. 28–29**, must wear orange
  - Muzzle loader: **Jan. 14–17**, must wear orange
- Participants shall adhere to all Ohio Division of Wildlife proper tagging requirements. Be aware of new online and phone deer check procedures.
- Only deer may be taken. No other mammals/birds may be taken.
- No drugs or alcoholic beverages are permitted within the park.
- Hunters will be permitted to bring in their own stand or blind (including hangers and climbers) provided that these are professionally manufactured and not “homemade.”
- Hunters are required to remove any personal stands/blinds by end of hunting as specified on their permit. Any personal items left on park property will be collected and disposed of by Lake Metroparks.
- Participants are required to use an approved harness when in their stand.
- No natural features can be disturbed with the exception of limited clearing for shooting lanes; limit damage to vegetation. No collecting of natural features.
- Be considerate of other hunters. You are not permitted to trespass on private property adjacent to the park to retrieve a deer. You must have landowner permission and a Lake Metroparks Ranger must be present before proceeding onto private property. You may track wounded deer within the park. **Call 440-354-3434 to notify the Lake Metroparks Ranger Department if you have a wounded deer that leaves park property.**
- Participants are required to be back to their vehicles within one hour of the close of legal hunting hours. Any participant not able to return to their vehicle within that timeframe is required to contact the Lake Metroparks Ranger Department.
- **Hunting will close at 12:00 pm on following dates: 10/9/16, 10/23/16, 11/13/16, 12/4/16, 12/25/16, 1/15/17, 2/5/17. The remainder of those days is set aside as a site orientation program for participants.**

### Mandatory Meetings

- Participants are required to attend one mandatory meeting for their assigned group to be held at **Lake Metroparks' Environmental Learning Center**, 7250 Alexander Rd., Concord Twp., OH 44077. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LOCATION FOR 2016!
  - Those selected for groups one (1) through four (4) are asked to attend this meeting at 2 pm on Sunday, September 11, 2016.
  - Those selected for groups five (5) through seven (7) are asked to attend this meeting at 2 pm on Sunday, November 13, 2016.

### Reporting emergencies/problems/complaints or violations

- For all emergency situations, Rangers/Law Enforcement/EMS may be reached 24 hours a day by calling **911**. For non-emergency or reporting violations, call Lake County Central Dispatch at **440-354-3434**.
- Violations and/or failure to follow all rules may result in removal from the program.