



LAKE METROPARKS RULES & REGULATIONS

2011/2012 Controlled Hunt Program

- The Controlled Hunting Program will run in accordance with dates set by the Ohio Division of Wildlife for the Ohio deer archery season, 9/24/11 until 2/5/12.
- Pre-qualified applicants will be selected in a lottery and issued a permit to hunt on selected park properties if they meet all criteria for the program.
- Participants must be Lake County residents, 18 years of age or older. A resident is someone who resides in Lake County or pays property tax to Lake County.
- Participants are required to be in compliance with all Ohio Division of Wildlife regulations and have the appropriate license(s).
- Lake Metroparks employees and immediate family members residing within the employee's household are not eligible.
- Program participants may be accompanied by one non-hunting companion.
- Interested eligible applicants are required to fill out an application.
- 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.
- 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).
- There will be three meetings scheduled throughout the program period. Participants are required to attend at least one of these meetings.
- Selected program participants will be assigned a minimum two-week slot, as determined by Lake Metroparks.
- Sites have been selected by Lake Metroparks staff and will be assigned for each hunter. Program participants will not be allowed to select their own sites.
- Hunters are subject to visitation by appropriate law enforcement personnel while on park property.
- Participants are required to notify Lake Metroparks Rangers at 440-358-7290 (during normal business hours: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday) of any deer taken on Lake Metroparks property within three days of taking the animal.
- 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.
- 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 approved 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.
- Ground blinds are permitted within 20 yards of each stand.
- Participants are required to use an approved harness when in their stand.
- 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 pm on the last Sunday of each two-week period during the program. The remainder of that day is set aside as a site orientation for program participants at River Road. These dates are: 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4 and 12/18 in 2011 and 1/1, 1/15 and 1/29 in 2012.
- Violations and/or failure to follow all rules may result in removal from the program.