

City of Owatonna – Deer Management Rules & Application October 22-December 17, 2023 – MNDNR Special Hunt #990

Purpose: To cull the herd of deer within the city limits of Owatonna.

Limit: Five-bag limit per hunter. Antlerless only. Earn-a-Buck after taking one antlerless.

Requirements:

- ❖ 18 years or older, hold a valid Minnesota hunting license, and pass eligibility review by DNR CO.
- ❖ \$20 non-refundable application fee.
- ❖ Pass the proficiency test
 - City Archery Range – 711 North Elm Avenue, Owatonna
 - In case of rain – 20 Rifle & Pistol Club – 1675 50th St NW, Medford
- ❖ All Minnesota DNR rules and regulations apply
- ❖ Weekly communication with park staff
- ❖ Report deer taken to Parks and Recreation within 24 hours, in addition to required DNR reporting
- ❖ Use proper hunting etiquette, exhibit the highest ethical behavior and use good judgment

Important Dates:

- ❖ Registration Deadline – September 1, 2023
- ❖ Proficiency Testing – September 9 or 23 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- ❖ Permits Assigned – week of September 19
- ❖ First Season – October 22 – November 19
- ❖ Second Season – November 20 – December 17

Key Points During the Season:

- ❖ Stands may go up only after meeting with park staff
- ❖ Stands must be at least 5-feet above ground
- ❖ Hunt only within zone boundaries and at designated locations
- ❖ No discharge of a bow within 150' for any inhabited structure or 100' of a main trail
- ❖ No use of crossbows, permanent tree stands or steps, or personal trail cameras
- ❖ No cutting or removal of vegetation
- ❖ Bow must be in a legal case if not in the stand
- ❖ All entrails removed intact or containers disposed of properly
- ❖ No motorized vehicles allowed on trails, remain on roadways or in parking lots
- ❖ Carry city-issued permit into parks
- ❖ Stands removed no later than December 30 or subject to seizure and disposal
- ❖ Register deer taken with Special Hunt 990

Location assignments are based on: proficiency points, past program points (hunting and success) and hunter preference.

Contact Information:

Reporting & Weekly Communication: Mary Jo Knudson – 507-774-7364/507-676-1511 or

maryjo.knudson@ci.owatonna.mn.us

Stand Placement & Movement: Danny Wagner – 507-741-4262

Proficiency Testing: Kyle Ackerman – 507-210-3950

Law Enforcement Center: 507-444-3800

A violation of any of the above regulations, any state statutes, or regulations, City ordinances, policies or directives of City officials shall be cause to immediately suspend or revoke the applicant's permission to hunt on City property and may result in criminal prosecution. However, the Applicant acknowledges that the City of Owatonna shall not be liable for any personal injury or property damage suffered by the applicant/hunter while on city property.

At any time the City of Owatonna or its officials may revoke or alter permissions of or end the hunt.

**CITY OF OWATONNA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

(This Document Affects Your Legal Rights. Read Carefully Before Signing)

I wish to participate in the Deer Management Hunt (the "Activity"). I state and affirm that:

1. My participation is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate.
2. I acknowledge the Activity is NOT an ESSENTIAL service provided by the City.
3. I understand and acknowledge the Activity I am about to voluntarily engage in as a participant has certain risks, including but not limited to, personal injury, death, and/or property damage. I understand these risks known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated may result in injury, death, illness, disease, or damage to myself or my property, or to other persons and their property.
4. In consideration of being allowed to participate in this Activity, I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with this Activity and I hereby agree to waive any right to make claims or bring lawsuits against the City or anyone working on behalf of the City for any injuries or damages I sustain related to this Activity.
5. I further agree to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the City from any claims for personal injuries or property damage sustained by any person arising out of my participation in this Activity but only to the extent caused by my negligent acts, errors or omissions.
6. This waiver does not apply to any injuries or damages that are the result of any willful, wanton, or intentional misconduct by the City or anyone acting on behalf of the City.
7. I understand that entering into and signing this agreement affects my legal rights and result in my giving up or waiving certain legal rights, and I accept this and sign this agreement of my own free will.
8. The terms of this agreement shall bind the members of my family, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns, and personal representatives if I am deceased.

Signature

Date

See next page

APPLICATION – ALL FIELDS REQUIRED

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Are you at least 18 years old? Yes No

MN DNR# (NOT your driver's license): _____

I am applying for: First Season Second Season Either Season but prefer (circle) First or Second

I prefer to share a location. Yes No with: _____

What is more important to you? Season Choice Location Choice Does not matter

I have read the rules and agree to abide by them. I have read and agree to the waiver. I understand I am not guaranteed to receive a permit and the application fee is non-refundable. I declare under penalty of perjury the above information is correct and true. I understand failure to comply with any rules or requirements will result in revocation of participation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please rank preferred locations (1 – most desirable, 17 – least desirable)

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| _____ Cashman Park Zone 1 | _____ Kaplan's Woods Parkway Zone 1 | |
| _____ Cashman Park Zone 2 | _____ Kaplan's Woods Parkway Zone 2 | |
| _____ Hamman Park | _____ Kriesel Park | _____ Nass Woods |
| _____ Kaplan's Woods Zone 1 | _____ Leo Rudolph Park | _____ North Straight River Zone 1 |
| _____ Kaplan's Woods Zone 2 | _____ Manthey Park | _____ North Straight River Zone 2 |
| _____ Kaplan's Woods Zone 3 | _____ Maple Creek | |
| _____ Kaplan's Woods Zone 4 | _____ Mineral Springs Park | |

****Failure to rank ALL locations will result in no location being assigned.****