



MERCER WILDLIFE AREA CONTROLLED ARCHERY DEER HUNTING INFORMATION

ODNR Division of Wildlife is allowing an archery hunt on Mercer Wildlife Area in an effort to expand hunting opportunities.

1. **All Hunters must check in prior to the hunt. Contact Sean at 419-236-8838.**
2. Hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. Only deer are legal during this hunt. A valid Ohio Deer Permit or Antlerless Deer Permit must be in your possession.
3. All deer harvested must be tagged using the normal game-check and permanent tagging process described on pages 16 -17 of the OHIO Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2013-2014. You must also contact area staff at 419-236-8838 and leave message with deer harvest information.
4. Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits may be used to harvest antlerless deer. However, they will not be available to purchase at the wildlife area headquarters.
5. All State of Ohio deer hunting regulations apply unless otherwise stated.
6. Deer hunters may harvest 2 deer during the archery hunts; only one of which may be a buck. Hunters in Ohio may only take one antlered deer per year. Antlerless deer harvested will not count against the County bag limit (3) however they will count against the Controlled Hunt bag limit (6 statewide).
7. All hunters, successful or not, must check out at the end of the hunt. **Once you turn in your permit and harvest survey, your hunt is complete.**
8. Permission from the landowner is required before you enter onto private land to retrieve a deer.
9. Hunters should be aware that controlled trapping may be taking place on the area.
10. Permits are transferable; follow instructions given. NOTE: It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, trade, or barter any Division of Wildlife issued controlled hunting, fishing or trapping permit.
11. No person may participate in the controlled archery hunt more than once during the current deer season.
12. Portable blinds or tree stands may be used. Screw in steps or any device that screws into trees are prohibited. Trees maybe trimmed, but not cut down, in order to provide adequate shooting lanes.
13. Each hunter is responsible for their own transportation. Hunter's may only drive on the area to load a harvested deer under direction from wildlife area staff. Hunters will be given two different parking locations to use and must walk in from those parking areas.
14. Archery hunters may use any legal archery hunting equipment.
15. A pair of hip boots or waders is highly recommended for retrieving or tracking deer.
16. Partners: The permit holder may assign a hunting partner.

CHECK STATION ADDRESS

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