Controlled Deer Opportunities

Apply online for $3 per hunt. The application period is June 1 through July 31

The Division of Wildlife (DOW) conducts annual hunts on a number of areas that are normally closed to hunting. All applicants (adults and youth) must possess a current hunting license to apply for controlled hunts. Participation is determined by computer-generated random drawings. Applications may not be faxed or emailed. Application fees are non-refundable. Hunters may apply for and participate in, either as hunter or partner, no more than a single hunt per area, per year. Hunters, who fail to adhere to this, risk disqualification and forfeiture of their application fee. Drawings will be held for each area and each hunt date. Drawings are held in early August for the early waterfowl hunts and in September for all others. Applicants can view the status of their application by visiting the Wild Ohio Customer Care Center at WildOhio.com (click on "Manage Your Customer Account" and follow the prompts). Hunters chosen to participate will be notified by mail. In addition to instructions for obtaining your permit, you will receive information/rules specific for the hunt. If you are not drawn, you will not receive a refund, nor will you be notified.

Unless otherwise noted, hunters are limited to a single deer of either-sex. In those cases where a hunter may take more than one deer, only one deer may be antlered. Hunters may use either the $15 antlerless or $24 either-sex permit. Although the $15 antlerless permits **will be valid statewide only through the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day**, they may be used during all DOW controlled hunts throughout the entire 2013-14 season. However, they will only be available to purchase through the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day. Bag limits and tagging requirements apply during all controlled hunts. New for the 2013-14 season, hunters are limited to a **SEASON** bag limit of **NINE** deer. However, deer taken during controlled hunts do **NOT** count against this nine-deer limit. Hunters may take an additional six deer during DOW controlled hunts. However, regardless of method of take, season, or hunt, all hunters are limited to a single buck per season. Unless otherwise noted, the adult hunts listed below are partner hunts. At least one of the hunters must be 18 years or older. In the case of the NASA hunts, if one of the hunters is under the age of 18, the other hunter must be 21 years or older.

The DOW offers a number of hunts for mobility-impaired hunters. These are NOT partner hunts, unless noted otherwise. Mobility-impaired hunters must be accompanied by a nonhunting attendant. The attendant must possess a current hunting license and deer permit.
The DOW is also pleased to offer a number of excellent youth hunting opportunities. To be eligible to participate in a youth hunt, you must be 17 years or younger at the time of

application. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a nonhunting adult 18 years or older, and unless otherwise noted, the adult must possess a current hunting license and deer permit.
To ensure the safety of all participants, adults may not supervise more than two hunters during all youth hunts. Any exceptions to this are noted under the hunt description.

Adult Deer Hunts

Transportation Research Center Muzzleloader Antlerless Deer Hunt (Logan County, District 1, 614-644-3925): Hunt Dates: October 12, 2013. Eight pairs of hunters will be drawn for this one-day hunt. This hunt is for antlerless deer only.

Transportation Research Center Gun Deer Hunt (Logan County, District 1, 614-644-3925): Hunt Dates: December 2 and 7, 2013. Eight pairs of hunters will be drawn to hunt each of the two days. All firearms that are legal during the statewide deer gun season are legal for this hunt.

Transportation Research Center Muzzleloader Deer Hunt (Logan County, District 1, 614-644-3925): Hunt Dates: January 4, 2014. Eight pairs of hunters will be drawn for this one-day hunt.

NASA Plumbrook Gun Deer Hunt* (Erie County, District 2, 419-424-5000): Hunt Dates: To be determined. Hunters under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a partner who is 21 years or older. Each hunter may harvest two deer. This is a shotgun or muzzleloading-rifle hunt only. No handguns permitted. All successful applicants and partners will need to pass a federal background check (including fingerprints). It will be up to each hunter to complete the background check at his / her own expense and by the required completion date. No accommodations will be made for late entries. The fee for the background check is typically $25-$35 + fingerprinting per hunter. Specific information will be provided to the successful applicant in addition to the information posted on the DOW website.

NASA Plumbrook Archery Deer Hunt* (Erie County, District 2, 419-424-5000): Hunt Dates: To be determined. Hunters under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a partner who is 21 years or older. Each hunter may harvest two deer. All successful applicants and partners will need to pass a federal background check (including fingerprints). It will be up to each hunter to complete the background check at his / her own expense and by the required completion date. No accommodations will be made for late entries. The fee for the background check is typically $25-$35 + fingerprinting per hunter. Specific information will be provided to the successful applicant in addition to the information posted on the DOW website.

Magee Marsh/Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Gun Deer Hunt (Lucas County, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 419-898-0014 or District 2, 419-424-5000): Hunt Dates: December 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2013. The applicant will receive a permit good for a deer of either sex; partners will be issued a permit good for an antlerless deer only. Three hunters per unit will be permitted for Ottawa. Only two hunters per unit will be allowed at Magee. At least one hunter per group must be 18 years or older. Each hunter may harvest one deer. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service charges a $10 user-fee for each participant, which will be collected the day of the hunt at check-in. Magee Marsh hunters will not be assessed the $10 fee. Six permits per day will be issued to hunt Ottawa, and one per day at Magee Marsh. All hunting equipment that is legal during the statewide deer gun season is legal for this hunt.

Magee Marsh/Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Archery Deer Hunt (Lucas & Ottawa Counties, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 419-898-0014 or District 2, 419-424-5000): Hunt Dates: September 30 to October 4 2013, October 7-11, 2013, December 9-13, December 16-20, 2013. Participants will have access to hunt for five consecutive days. Permits will be issued to 9 pairs of hunters (8 Ottawa and 1 Magee Marsh) for each segment. Only two hunters per unit will be permitted. Each hunter may harvest two deer. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service charges a $10 user-fee for each participant, which will be collected the day of the hunt at check-in. Magee Marsh hunters will not be assessed the $10 fee. Hunters must check in at refuge headquarters between 7 am and noon on Monday the week of their hunt.

Castalia State Fish Hatchery Gun Deer Hunt for Mobility Impaired and Blind Hunters* (Erie County, District 2, 419-684-7499):** Hunt Dates: December 14 and 28, 2013 and January 11 and 18, 2014. Hunters must hunt from the blind provided. Hunters may take a deer of either sex. Two permits will be issued per day. All hunting equipment that is legal during the statewide deer gun season is legal for this hunt.

Killdeer Plains Gun Deer Hunt for Mobility Impaired Hunters* (Wyandot County, District 2, 419-424-5000):** Hunt Dates: December 3 and 4, 2013. Ten pairs of hunters will be chosen to hunt each day. Each hunter may harvest one deer. All hunting equipment that is legal during the statewide deer gun season is legal for this hunt. There are no mobility impaired accommodations such as blinds or stands.

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Gun Deer Hunt for Mobility Impaired Hunters* (Lucas County, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 419-898-0014 or District 2, 419-424-5000):** Hunt Dates: December 2-5, 2013. The mobility impaired hunter may bring up to two hunting partners and a licensed non-hunting attendant. Hunting partners need not be mobility impaired. Each hunter may harvest one deer. The mobility impaired hunter may harvest a deer of either sex. Hunting partners are limited to antlerless deer only. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service charges a $10 user-fee for each participant, which will be collected the day of the hunt at check-in. Two permits will be issued each day. All hunting equipment that is legal during the statewide deer gun season is legal for this hunt.

Killdeer Plains Gun Deer Hunt for Women (Wyandot County, District 2, 419-424-5000): Hunt Dates: December 3 and 4, 2013. Permits will be issued for nine groups (groups can be up to three people, but no more than two may be hunters) of hunters each day. Hunters must be female, and at least 1 must be 18 or older. One hunter may harvest a deer of either sex; the other is limited to an antlerless deer only. Hunters must decide prior to the hunt, who will attempt to fill the either-sex tag. All hunting equipment that is legal during the statewide deer gun season is legal for this hunt.

Mosquito Creek Muzzleloader Deer Hunt (Trumbull County, District 3, 330-644-2293): Hunt Dates: January 3, 10, and 17, 2014. Fifty pairs of hunters will be drawn to hunt each day. One hunter may harvest a deer of either sex; the other is limited to an antlerless deer only. Hunters must decide prior to the hunt, who will attempt to fill the either-sex tag.

Ravenna Gun Deer Hunt (Portage County, District 3, 330-644-2293):** Hunt Dates: November 9, 2013. The Department of Defense charges a $5 administrative fee to each participant. Ninety pairs of hunters will be chosen to hunt each day. This is a shotgun-only hunt. No muzzleloaders or

handguns permitted.

Ravenna Gun Deer Hunt for Mobility Impaired Hunters* (Portage County, District 3, 330-644-2293):** Hunt Dates: October 26 and November 9, 2013. Two pairs of hunters will be chosen to hunt each day. The Department of Defense collects a $5 administrative fee from each participant. Application information available by writing Joe Sawmiller, Hunting With Heros, Inc., 10691 CR 33A, Wapakoneta, OH 45895, or by emailing huntingwithheros@hotmail.com. Deadline for application is July 31. This is a shotgun-only hunt. No muzzleloaders or handguns permitted.

Ravenna Shotgun Deer Hunt for Women ** (Portage County, District 3, 330-644-2293): Hunt Dates: October 26, 2013. This is a partner hunt. The partner may be male or female. At least one hunter must be 18 years or older. One female hunter may harvest a deer of either sex; the other is limited to an antlerless deer only. Hunters must decide prior to the hunt, who will attempt to fill the either-sex tag. The Department of Defense charges a $5 administrative fee to each participant. Ninety pairs of hunters will be chosen to hunt. This is a shotgun-only hunt. No muzzleloaders or handguns permitted.

Salt Fork Archery Deer Hunt (Guernsey County, District 4, 740-589-9930): Hunt Dates: Entire archery season. One-hundred twenty-five hunters will be drawn to hunt in portions of the state park traditionally closed to hunting. The permit will be valid for the entire archery season. Hunters may take a limit of four deer, only one of which may be antlered.

Mercer Archery Deer Hunt (Mercer County, District 5, 937-372-9261): Each hunter may harvest two deer. The hunts will take place throughout archery season. Each hunter drawn will have nine days to hunt (Saturday through the following Sunday). There will be a total of nine sessions.

Youth Deer Hunts

Deer Creek State Park Youth Archery Deer Hunt (Pickaway Co., District 1,614-644-3925 or Deer Creek State Park, 740-869-3124): Hunt Dates: October 19 and 20, 2013. This is a partner hunt. Successful applicants will receive a permit for themselves and one other youth hunter. The permit will be good for both days for the same youth hunters on both days (no substitutions after 1st day). One licensed non-hunting adult, 18 years or older must accompany the youth hunters. Eight youth hunters (plus their partner and adult attendant will be assigned to hunt both days.

Hebron Fish Hatchery Youth Muzzleloader Antlerless Deer Hunt (Licking County, District 1,614-644-3925 or Hebron Fish Hatchery, 740-928-7034): Hunt Dates: October 12 and 13, 2013. This is a partner hunt. Successful applicants will receive a permit for themselves and one other youth hunter. The permit will be good for both days for the same youth hunters on both days (no substitutions after 1st day). Two youth hunters (plus their partner and adult attendant will be assigned to hunt both days. This is an antlerless-deer only hunt. All hunting equipment that is legal during the statewide antlerless deer season is legal for this hunt.

Hebron Fish Hatchery Youth Gun Deer Hunt (Licking County, District 1,614-644-3925 or Hebron Fish Hatchery, 740-928-7034): Hunt Dates: November 23 and 24, 2013. Four hunters will be drawn to hunt each day. All firearms that are legal during the youth deer gun season are legal for this hunt.

Transportation Research Center Youth Gun Deer Hunt (Logan Co., District 1,614-644-3925): Hunt Dates: November 23 and 24, 2013. This is a partner hunt. Hunters will receive a permit good for themselves and one other youth hunter. One **licensed** non-hunting adult, 18 years or older must accompany the hunters. Eight pairs of hunters will be assigned to hunt each day. All firearms that are legal during the youth deer gun season are legal for this hunt.

Killdeer Plains Youth Gun Deer Hunt (Wyandot County, District 2, 419-424-5000): Hunt Dates: December 8, 2013. Seventeen hunters will be issued permits to hunt. All hunting equipment that is legal during the youth deer gun season is legal for this hunt.

Killdeer Plains Youth Muzzleloader Deer Hunt: Hunt Dates: January 11, 18, and 25, 2014. Seventeen hunters will be issued permits to hunt. This is a muzzleloader-only hunt.

Magee Marsh/ Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Youth Gun Deer Hunt (Lucas & Ottawa Counties, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 419-898-0014 or District 2, 419-424-5000): Hunt Dates: November 23 and 24, 2013. This is a partner hunt. Eight permits per day will be issued to hunt Ottawa, and two at Magee. Each hunter may choose one youth hunting partner. All hunting equipment that is legal during the youth deer gun season is legal for this hunt.

Pickerel Creek Youth Muzzleloader Deer Hunt (Sandusky County, District 2, 419-424-5000): Hunt Dates: January 4-7, 2014. Eight hunters per day will be issued permits. Hunting equipment that is legal to use during the statewide muzzleloader season is legal for this hunt.

Old Woman Creek Youth & Mentor Gun Deer Hunt (Erie County, District 2, 419-424-5000): Hunt Dates: December 14, 2013 and January 11, 2014. Twenty hunters will be issued permits. Each hunter must be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter 18 years or older who **MAY ALSO HUNT.** Adult hunters are required to harvest an antlerless deer before taking a buck. This hunt is a shotgun-only hunt.

Camp Belden Youth Gun Deer Hunt (Medina and Lorain Counties, District 3, 330-644-2293): Hunt Dates: November 23 and 24, 2013. Eight hunters per day will be selected to participate. All hunting equipment that is legal during the youth deer gun season is legal for this hunt.

Killbuck Marsh Refuge Youth Gun Deer Hunt (Holmes and Wayne Counties, District 3, 330-644-2293): Hunt dates: November 23 & December 7, 2013. Five hunters per day will be issued a permit to hunt in the refuge portion of Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area. Each hunter will be assigned a specific zone within the refuge. All hunting equipment that is legal during the youth deer gun season is legal for this hunt.

Killbuck Marsh Refuge Youth Muzzleloader Deer Hunt (Holmes and Wayne Counties, District 3, 330-644-2293): Hunt dates: October 12, 2013 & January 4, 2014. Five hunters per day will be issued a permit to hunt in the refuge portion of Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area. Each hunter will be assigned a specific zone within the refuge. This is a muzzleloader-only hunt.

Mosquito Creek Youth Gun Deer Hunt (Trumbull County, District 3, 330-644-2293): Hunt Dates: September 28, October 5, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, and December 28, 2013. Sixty hunters per day will be issued permits. This is a shotgun, muzzleloading rifle or muzzleloading shotgun hunt only. No archery tackle or handguns permitted.

Mosquito Creek Youth Archery Deer Hunt: Hunt Dates: November 3, 2013. Ten hunters will be issued a permit to hunt. Archery equipment that is legal to use during the archery season is legal for this hunt.

Salt Fork State Park Youth Gun Deer Hunt (Guernsey County) District 4, 740-589-9930): Hunt Dates: November 23 and 24, 2013. Seventy-five hunters per day will be issued permits to hunt portions of the state park traditionally closed to hunting. All hunting equipment that is legal during the statewide youth deer gun season is legal for this hunt. Hunters may take a limit of two deer, only one of which may be antlered.

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* The priority use of the NASA Plum Brook Station is to house various testing facilities for the various projects/programs that NASA is conducting. It also provides various Federal agencies office and storage sites. This facility is subject to changing homeland security threat levels. Public access is subject to change at any time without advanced notice. In the unlikely event that hunts must be cancelled, they will be rescheduled for the following year and those hunters affected will receive permits without making application.

** Military training is the priority mission of the Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center. Training schedules or overall military readiness could change at any time and cause unforeseen cancellations of deer hunts with little or no notice. Cancelled hunts will be rescheduled the following year and those hunters affected will receive permits without making application.

*** A mobility impaired person is a person who:

- Has a permanent or irreversible physical disability that prevents ability to ambulate without prolonged use of a wheelchair, walker, crutches, one leg brace or external prosthesis above the knee, 2 leg braces or external prostheses below the knees for mobility.
- Has lung disease to the extent that forced expiratory volume for one second when measured by spirometry is less than one liter or the arterial oxygen tension is less than 60 millimeters of mercury on room air at rest.
- Has cardiovascular disease to the extent that functional limitations are classified in severity as class 3 or 4, according to standards accepted by the American Heart Association on May 3, 1988 and where ordinary physical activity causes palpitation, dyspnea or anginal pain.
- Blind means either of the following: a) vision twenty/two hundred or less in the better eye with proper correction, or b) field defect in the better eye with proper correction which contracts the peripheral field so that the diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees.