

## 2025 RENVILLE COUNTY PARKS ARCHERY DEER HUNT PROGRAM RULES October 6 – December 31, 2025

- 1. All applications must be fully completed and received by 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 12.
- 2. A \$25 non-refundable application fee must be paid time of application.
- 3. Hunters 10-14 years of age must co-apply with a parent/guardian. Youth hunters must be accompanied by the parent/guardian for the duration of the hunt. The parent/guardian of the youth hunter will be eligible to hunt and must comply with all application and regulations requirements to participate. Hunters 15-17 may co-apply with a parent/guardian, or individually.
- 4. All applicants are required to complete and receive a certificate for an accredited bow-hunter education course and provide proof. Visit the DNR website at <a href="http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/bowhunter/index.html">http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/bowhunter/index.html</a> to sign up for a class or to complete the class online.
- 5. All applicants must possess a 2025 Minnesota Archery Deer License at the time of application and abide by all applicable Minnesota hunting regulations.
- 6. All applicants <u>must</u> attend the rules meeting/drawing to receive a permit, instructions, and other pertinent information. The meeting will take place at the Renville County Government Services Center, 105 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Olivia, MN 56277, Room 116/117 on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. This is located in the lower level of the building. There is no longer a virtual meeting option.
- 7. Applicants that are not drawn, will receive a preference point for the following year. If an applicant receives a preference point and does not apply the following year or fails to attend the mandatory meeting, they will lose all preference points.
- 8. The Parks Archery Hunting Season will begin October 6, 2025 and end December 31, 2025.
- 9. All hunters must have their Renville County Parks Archery Permits in their possession at all times while hunting in the park.
- 10. Hunters are only allowed to hunt within boundaries of their selected zone that is indicated on the Official Parks Archery Hunt Map during designated dates and times.
- 11. No live trees or vegetation shall be cut or otherwise damaged in the park.
- 12. Shooting or hunting of any wildlife other than deer is prohibited. Wounded deer cannot be pursued into restricted or private lands unless the hunter has notified, or is accompanied by, a conservation officer and/or the landowner.
- 13. Hunters MUST abide by the following rules regarding the use of tree stands and ground blinds:
  - a. Only portable tree stands and ground blinds will be allowed. Hunters may have a total of two within their designated zone.
  - b. No spike or screw-in tree steps are allowed.
  - c. Use of flags, ribbon, or tape to mark trails is prohibited.
  - d. Tree stands and ground blinds are <u>required</u> to be labeled with the owner's name and or 9-digit MN-DNR number located on your hunting license. (This should be done at a level where it can be easily seen by staff.)
  - e. Tree stands and ground blinds legally placed by a hunter may NOT be occupied by another hunter.

- f. Tree stands and ground blinds may be placed seven (7) days prior to opening morning of the hunt and must be removed within seven (7) days of the close of the hunting season.
- g. Tree stands and ground blinds may be left overnight; however, Renville County is not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen equipment.
- 14. Personal trail cameras are allowed. It is recommended your name or 9-digit MN-DNR number be put on the camera.
- 15. Renville County Vehicle Permit Cards *must* be displayed on your vehicle's dashboard and easily seen at all times while parked.
- 16. All motorized vehicles must stay on park roads. Vehicles are allowed past park road gates but may not block any roads or trails. Vehicles may be parked along the shoulders of park roads provided they do not restrict the flow of traffic. The use of ATVs and other off-road vehicles is allowed. The intended us is for getting from the entrance to your hunting zone and back only. Please be courteous of others.
- 17. Hunters **must** contact the Renville County Parks Department via phone or email within 24 hours after harvesting a deer to report the harvest. Call 320-523-3747 or email <a href="mailto:ParksDept@renvillecountymn.gov">ParksDept@renvillecountymn.gov</a> with the following information:

a. Hunter's name

d. Date deer was harvested

b. Park deer was harvested

e. Sex of the deer

- c. Picture of deer encouraged
- 18. All hunters must turn in their Parks Archery Hunting Permit, Vehicle Permit and gate key within 48 hours of harvesting a deer or following the close of the hunting season, whichever comes first.
- 19. Hunters must follow all additional rules and regulations set forth by the Renville County Parks Department and found to be necessary for a safe and effective hunt. Failure to follow these rules will result in loss of hunting privileges. A first violation will result in the suspension of hunting privileges for one year. A second violation will lead to a permanent ban from all future hunts.
- 20. Renville County shall not be liable for any personal injury, property damage, or theft suffered by the applicant while on park property. The hunter will fully defend and indemnify Renville County from any claims, lawsuits, causes of action, or judgments arising from activities of the hunter.
- 21. Hunters must follow all State and Federal regulations. Violations will immediately end your hunt in the Renville County Parks System, and may result in further legal action including, but not limited to, fines, forfeiture of equipment, and loss of future hunting privileges.

**Good Luck and Have a Safe, Enjoyable Hunt**