



## 2024 RENVILLE COUNTY PARKS ARCHERY DEER HUNT PROGRAM RULES

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- (1) The Parks Archery Hunting Season will begin October 7, 2024 and end December 31, 2024.
- (2) There is a \$25 application fee.
- (3) All applicants **must** 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, County Board Room Suite 313, on **Thursday, September 19th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** A virtual attendance option will also be available and the link will be provided to those who choose the virtual option.
- (4) Hunters that are not drawn, will receive a preference point for the next year. If a hunter receives a preference point and does not apply the following year or fails to attend the mandatory meeting they will lose all preference points.
- (5) All hunters are required to complete and receive a certificate for an accredited bow-hunter education course. Visit the DNR website at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/bowhunter/index.html> to sign up for a class or to complete the class online.
- (6) 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.
- (7) All hunters must possess a 2024 Minnesota Archery Deer License and abide by all applicable Minnesota hunting regulations.
- (8) All hunters must have their permit in their possession at all times while hunting in the park.
- (9) Hunters **MUST** abide by the following rules in regards to use of tree stands:
  - a. Only portable tree stands will be allowed. Hunters may place up to two portable stands 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. Stands are **required** 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. Stands legally placed by a hunter may **NOT** be occupied by another hunter.
  - f. Tree stands may be placed 7 days prior to opening morning of the hunt and must be removed within 7 days of the close of the hunting season.
  - g. Tree stands may be left overnight; however, Renville County is not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen stands.
- (10) 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.
- (11) Vehicle ID Cards **must** be displayed on your vehicle's dashboard at all times while parked.
- (12) All motor 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. Use of ATV's and other off-road vehicles are allowed. This is intended to get from the entrance to your stand and back only. Please be courteous of others.
- (13) All hunters must contact the Renville County Parks Department via phone or email within 24 hours after harvesting a deer in the park to assist in compiling hunt results. Call 320-523-3747 or email to [ParksDept@renvillecountymn.gov](mailto:ParksDept@renvillecountymn.gov) with the following information:
  - a. Hunter's name
  - b. Park deer was harvested
  - c. Picture of deer encouraged
  - d. Date deer was harvested
  - e. Sex of the deer
- (14) All hunters must turn in their Parks Archery Hunting Permit and Vehicle ID Card and key within 48 hours of harvesting a deer or following the close of the hunting season, whichever comes first.
- (15) All hunters must follow all additional regulations directed by the Renville County Parks Department found to be necessary for a safe and effective hunt. Failure to follow any park, state, or federal regulation 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.
- (16) No live trees or vegetation shall be cut or otherwise damaged in the park.
- (17) Use of personal trail cameras is allowed. It is recommended your name or 9-digit MN-DNR number be put on the camera.
- (18) 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.

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