

Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Archery Deer Hunting Program

Dear Interested Hunter,

Ottawa County Parks has two park sites which are opened to archery deer hunting each fall on a permit basis. They include a 306 acre site along the east side of Crockery Creek near the Grand River in Crockery Township (see map) and approximately 500 acres along the Macatawa River in Zeeland Township. Thirty hunters (30) will be selected to hunt each property this fall, during two different time periods. Fifteen hunters at each site will be allowed to hunt during the first season which runs from October 19 through November 25. Fifteen different hunters will also be selected to hunt during the second season at each site which will run from November 26 through December 31.

Please review the attached rules and regulations in detail. Special hunting regulations will be in effect for these hunts. The enclosed application form should be filled out and received by **2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2009**. Two hunters are able to apply on the same registration form ensuring both will receive a permit if that form is drawn. Otherwise, single registration is accepted also. Hunters may apply to hunt either or both sites but may be selected for one only.

After the application deadline, a lottery drawing will be held to select the hunters for the thirty spots that are available at each site. All applicants will be notified of the results by mail no later than September 18. Those hunters receiving a permit (both time periods) will be required to attend a pre-hunt meeting on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. and pay a \$20.00 permit fee. Hunters receiving permits will receive more details at the meeting.

Finally, please be aware that the property will remain open for hiking, fishing and other recreational uses during the hunting seasons. Signs will be in place at the parking area to make it clear that hunting is underway.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information please call the Ottawa County Parks Office at (616) 738-4810.

Best of luck,

John A. Scholtz, Director
Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission



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RULES AND REGULATIONS
2009 Ottawa County Archery Deer Hunting Program
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1. Only archery deer hunting is allowed. No other game may be hunted.
2. Only hunters with Ottawa County Park issued permits may hunt during the specific time period authorized on their permit.
3. Hunters must park only in the designated parking areas.
4. No trespassing on adjoining properties.
5. No baiting deer is allowed.
6. No use of nails, bolts, wire, tree steps or other materials that may harm the trees.
7. No cutting of trees or branches to create shooting lanes.
8. Tree stands and blinds may be left in place for the length of the season but may not be installed in advance and must be removed promptly by the last day the hunter is authorized to hunt. Only one tree stand is allowed per hunter and blinds must display the hunter's name and address in a manner clearly visible from the ground.
9. No gathering dead materials found on ground to construct blinds.
10. No use of off-road-vehicles.
11. No target practice.
12. No hunting under the influence or while in illegal possession of controlled substances or alcohol.
13. Must maintain a 30-yard distance from any property line.
14. Must maintain a 150-yard (450 feet) distance from any building.
15. Must display permit in windshield of car and have a copy visible while in the field.
16. All participants must comply with all Michigan DNR rules and regulations unless the Ottawa County Archery Deer Hunting Program rules and regulations are more restrictive.
17. During the portion of each hunting period which overlaps with the regular firearm deer season, hunters will be required to fully comply with DNR rules and regulations including license requirement and hunter orange clothing requirements (archery hunting only).
18. Crockery Creek Site Only: Hunters shall comply with DNR rules and regulations regarding the sex of deer taken except with regards to the harvest of bucks in which case each hunter is limited to one buck only which must have a *rack totaling 6 points or more*. Ottawa County is supporting the quality deer management program enacted by neighboring landowners.
19. Any person under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
20. Hunting spectators are not allowed in hunting areas.
21. Violations of any rule or any unethical conduct will result in the revocation of permit.
22. Each hunter, whether successful or not, will be required to fill out a questionnaire after the season. Failure to do so will disqualify the hunter from future permits.
23. Each hunter will be required to sign a waiver, indemnification, and hold harmless document (at pre-hunt meeting) prior to hunting.
24. Ottawa County reserves the right to amend, suspend, or revoke these rules and regulations at any time.

NOTE: The County does not represent, warrant, or guarantee that any game taken from the hunting property is fit for human consumption. Each hunter should carefully examine the game for evidence of illness or disease in the same manner as game from other areas would be examined if used for human consumption.

APPLICATION
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Registration Information:

Please indicate your first choice for the hunting season/location listed by writing a number 1 on the line in front of the site/date. Continue numbering with your next preference for the hunting sites/time period of interest to you.

Your name may only appear on one hunting application.

- _____ Crockery Creek Site: Oct. 19 - Nov. 25
- _____ Crockery Creek Site: Nov. 26 - Dec. 31
- _____ Upper Macatawa Conservation Area: Oct. 19 - Nov. 25
- _____ Upper Macatawa Conservation Area: Nov. 26 - Dec. 31

Individual hunters fill out "Hunter 1" section only. Two hunters who wish to hunt together should fill out both sections. Applications with two hunters will be counted as two hunters (toward the total of 15 hunters) if successful in the drawing.

Hunter 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ County of Residence: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____

Hunter 2

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

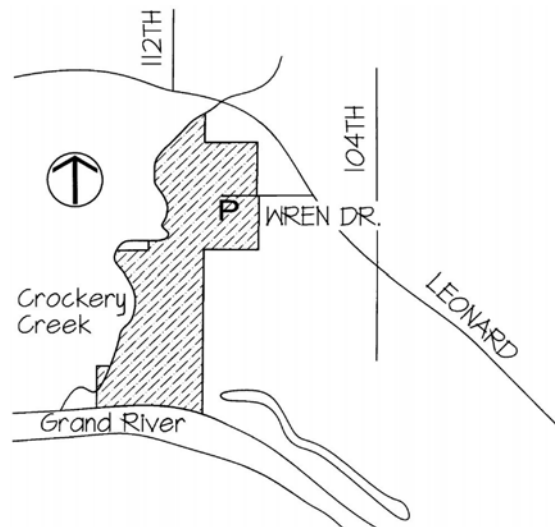
Phone: (____) _____ County of Residence: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____

**Application must be received at the following address no later than 2:00 p.m.,
Friday, September 11, 2009:**

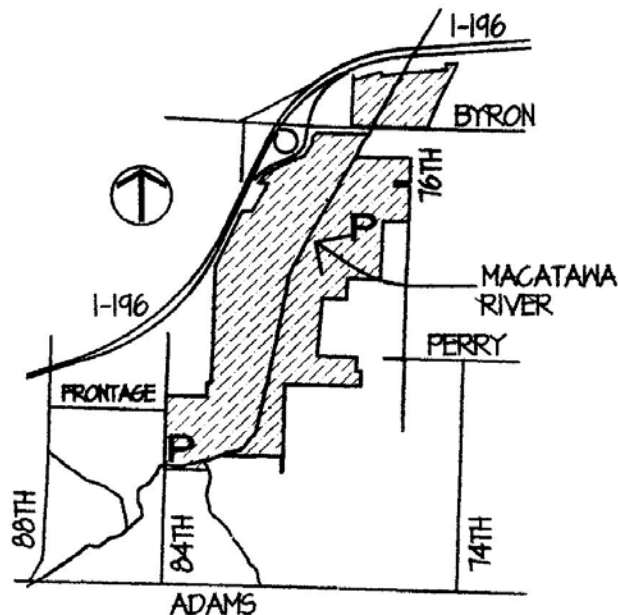
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ARCHERY HUNTING AREAS BY PERMIT ONLY



CROCKERY CREEK SITE

Located in Crockery Township, this site is 306 acres. It is bounded on the south by the Grand River, and the west by Crocker Creek. The property consists of diverse land cover, including wet and dry open fields, buttonbush swamps, and mixed mature hardwoods. There is a small gravel parking area at the west end of Wren Drive off Leonard Street.



UPPER MACATAWA CONSERVATION AREA

This site is over 510 acres located in Zeeland Township, and is south of I-196 between 84th and 76th Avenues. Farm fields in the floodplain have been restored to wetlands. There are about 65 acres of wooded ravines with upland farm field restored to native grasses west of that. Parking is off 76th and 84th Avenues.