



Managed Deer Hunting Program Pre-Screening Information:

Thank you for your interest in the M-NCPPC, Department of Parks, Montgomery County Managed Deer Hunting Program. The following is a description of the program and instructions for how to seek approval as a participant. Please read this information carefully and fill out the required forms completely. **PLEASE NOTE: Pre-Screening Application forms are accepted throughout the year with a deadline of the 3rd Friday in August for the upcoming program year. Pre-Screening Applications received after the 3rd Friday in August will only be considered for the following program year. Furthermore, participation of individuals under the age of 18 years is limited to Little Bennett Regional Park, only. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.**

In an effort to relieve impacts resulting from deer in and around select parks, the Department of Parks conducts deer population management programming. Our foremost goals are to maintain safety and to harvest an appropriate portion of the deer population annually, in order to achieve a stable or negative recruitment rate. However, we work hard to provide participants with a quality hunting experience and success. Currently, all managed hunts allow for shotgun hunting only and occur in four park locations during the fall and winter. Three parks only permit treestand hunting, while one permits hunting from the ground or from a treestand. Participants are required to pass a State Shooting Qualification test annually.

We seek participants who:

1. Understand and support the goals and objectives of the Deer Management Program.
2. Will prioritize safety and regulations above personal interests.
3. Are experienced, safe hunters capable and willing to harvest multiple antlerless deer.
4. Are consistent, reliable and willing to dedicate time and effort under a variety of conditions.

In order to be approved to participate in the Department's Managed Deer Hunting Lottery, applicants must first submit the attached waiver and questionnaire and demonstrate, by photocopy, having completed a State hunter education/safety course (photocopy of certificate and/or card required. Numbers by themselves will not be accepted). Staff will review the Pre-screening questionnaire for knowledge of safety practices, regulations and deer hunting experience. In addition, staff will conduct a background check to investigate prior infractions that might compromise the integrity of the managed deer-hunting program.

Following staff review, you will receive notification informing you of approval or denial to participate. Assuming that there is no reason for dismissal from the program, you only need to be approved once to apply to the hunt lottery annually. If approved, around Labor Day each year you will receive lottery application materials to participate. Detailed information regarding participation requirements and procedures will be included in these application materials prior to the lottery and/or in the selection materials issued following the lottery. If you are denied the opportunity to apply, you may continue to submit the pre-screening packet, to try to become approved (unless otherwise indicated). However, you may only submit one pre-screening application per season.

Any questions about the application process or the managed hunting program may be directed to wildlife staff at (301) 962-1344. Please print and complete the attached Pre-screening ethics statement/waiver and questionnaire. **Return the materials, along with a copy of your State hunter education/safety certificate to:**

MNCPPC, Dept. of Parks, Montgomery County

Attn: Deer Management

12535 Milestone Manor Lane

Germantown, MD 20876

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program.



For Office Use

Pre-Screening Questionnaire

Full Name: _____ M.I. ____ Daytime Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Email Address: _____
 _____ Date of Birth: _____

If you are a previous participant of this program who left in good standing and you wish to seek reinstatement to participate, please place a checkmark in the box shown. You may stop here. Wildlife Ecology Staff will review existing records and notify you of your approval or denial to participate based on findings. If records cannot be verified, you will need to complete the Pre-Screening Process in full.

For New Applicants:

1. How many years have you hunted deer? _____
2. How many deer have you harvested/ Field dressed? ____/____
3. How many years have you hunted deer with a shotgun? _____
4. How many deer have you harvested with a shotgun?..... _____
5. Where and when did you receive your Hunter Safety Card?..... _____
6. Have you ever and do you currently participate in other Managed Deer Hunting Programs in the State of Maryland? ____/____ . Have you ever been expelled from another managed hunting program? ____ If so, Why? _____

7. How many days would you be able to hunt if opportunities were available?..... _____
8. The Department allows participants to harvest an unlimited number of female deer. How many female deer are you willing to harvest per day? How many female deer are you willing to harvest per season?..... ____/____
9. Have you ever plead guilty to and/or been convicted of a DNR or game law violation(s)? _____ If yes, When? Where? What was the violation(s)? Please explain (use back of page if necessary):

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10. Have you ever plead guilty to and/or been convicted of a crime(s) (other than general traffic violations)?.....
If yes, When? Where? What was the crime? Please explain (use back of page if necessary):

11. This program requires participants to abide by State hunter safety orange requirements. How much hunter safety orange are you required to wear while hunting in Maryland?..

12. What types of ammunition are you allowed to use in this hunting program?.....

13. What is the maximum distance allowed for shooting deer in this managed hunting program?

14. Assuming that all equipment is in exemplary working condition, while hunting, what are the two most important things to be sure of prior to squeezing the trigger?

1.

2.

15. List, in order, the priority of goals for the Managed Deer Hunting Program:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Thank you. You will be notified of your approval or denial to apply to the managed deer hunting lottery program.