



Managed Deer Hunting Program Pre-Screening Information:

Thank you for your interest in the M-NCPPC; Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program. The following is a description of the program and instructions for how you can become involved. 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 season. Pre-Screening Applications received after the 3rd Friday in August will only be considered for the following season.**

The Department of Parks, each year, conducts deer management programming to appropriately maintain deer densities in an effort to relieve impacts resulting from deer in and around select parks. 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 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 permit treestand hunting only, 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 goals.
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 apply to 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 apply. 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. 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) 949-4135. 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, Montgomery Parks

Attn: Deer Management
2000 Shorefield Road
Wheaton, MD 20902

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



Pre-Screening - Statement of Hunter Ethics & Waiver of Liability:

If approved to participate, I hereby agree to adhere to the hunter ethics standards below at all times while hunting or scouting in the Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program:

- I will obey all Maryland (DNR) Hunting Regulations and follow all M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks Rules and Procedures.
- I will respect members of the public while participating in scouting and hunting activities.
- I will respect the rights of other participants at all times.
- I will use rifled slugs or sabot slugs only.
- I will make every effort to avoid unnecessary wounding of deer and will shoot at stationary targets less than 80 yards, only.
- I will take the utmost precaution to assure the safety of others and myself.
- I will honor the Department’s priority of program goals: (Safety → Management Objectives → Hunter Satisfaction), and place them ahead of my personal and recreational goals.

Assumption of Risk and Indemnification

I _____ (name of participant), the undersigned, assume all risks and shall be responsible for all personal or bodily injury to myself and others and damage to my property and the property of others, arising from my activities as a participant in the M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program.

Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and defend the M-NCPPC and hold it harmless from and against any and all claims, suits, damages, liabilities and expenses, including attorney’s fees and the county’s cost of defense, in connection with the loss of life, personal or bodily injury and/or damage to or loss of property that arises from my participation in the program. This indemnification is not to be deemed as a waiver of any immunity that may exist in any action against the M-NCPPC.

Signature of Participant

Date

The accuracy of all information in this document will be verified. Authorization to participate in the program will be terminated if you, the applicant, are found to have been dishonest in word or deed or if you engage in other behavior or activities inconsistent with the goals of the program.

The applicant agrees to abide by all State and Federal hunting rules and regulations in addition to all rules and regulations of the M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program.

By signing this form, the applicant hereby grants permission to the Montgomery County Department of Parks, to verify any and all information provided in this document.

Applicants who:

- Do not fully complete the Pre-Screening Questionnaire...
- Demonstrate, through answers, limited hunting experience and lack of hunting safety knowledge...
- Have a history of unsafe behavior during any managed hunting program held in the State...
- Have a history of Criminal, DNR or M-NCPPC violations pertinent to public safety and/or hunting...

May be disqualified from participating in the managed deer hunting program and/or deleted from the approved hunter roster.

Staff uses their own professional discretion, based on these criteria, to choose safe and effective hunters for the program.

Pre-Screening Questionnaire

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

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

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. How many days would you be able to hunt if space was available?.....
7. 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?..... /
8. 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:

9. 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:

10. 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?
11. What types of ammuniton are you allowed to use in this hunting program?.....
12. What are the 2 most important pieces of equipment when hunting from a treestand?

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 at 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.