RULES AND REGULATIONS
2020 Ottawa County Special Permit
Archery Deer Hunting Program

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 unless otherwise permitted in writing by park staff.
4. No trespassing on adjoining properties is allowed.
5. No baiting deer is allowed.
6. No use of nails, bolts, wire, tree steps or other materials that may harm the trees is allowed.
7. No cutting of trees or branches to create shooting lanes is allowed. This will be strictly enforced.
8. Tree stands may be installed and used per state regulations. Only one tree stand is allowed per hunter and must display the hunter’s name and address in a manner clearly visible from the ground. Improperly installed tree stands will be removed.
9. Ground blinds may be used per state regulation—type 1 only. No gathering dead materials found on ground to construct or camouflage blinds.
10. No use of off-road-vehicles is allowed.
11. No target practice is allowed.
12. No hunting under the influence or while in illegal possession of controlled substances or alcohol.
13. Hunters must maintain a 30-yard distance from any property line.
14. Hunters must maintain a 150-yard (450 feet) distance from any building.
15. Hunters must display permit in windshield or dash of vehicle and have a copy available upon request, either in printed or electronic format.
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.
18. Any hunter under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
19. Hunting spectators are allowed but must remain with the hunter at all times and must be unarmed.
20. Violations of any rule or any unethical conduct will result in the revocation of permit, disqualification for future hunts, issuance of a civil infraction and/or other actions.
21. 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.
22. Each hunter will be required to sign a waiver, indemnification, and hold harmless document prior to hunting.
23. 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.
ARCHERY HUNTING AREAS
BY PERMIT ONLY

CROCKERY CREEK NATURAL AREA
11071 Wren Dr, Nunica, 49448

Located in Crockery Township, this site is 306 acres. It is bounded on the south by the Grand River, and the west by Crockery 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 NATURAL AREA
2171 76th Ave, Zeeland, 49464
1300 84th Ave, Zeeland, 49464

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.
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STEARNS CREEK PARK
13594 136th Ave, Grand Haven, 49417

Located in Robinson Township near the corner or 136th Ave. and Johnson St. this 118-acre park was a new addition to the park system in 2019. With over a mile of creek frontage, diverse wetlands, picturesque ravines, and tracts of older growth forests. Recent logging and thinning of non-native tree species for ecological restoration purposes has left many open areas throughout the park.