

**Department of Natural Resources****Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2016 Youth and Mentored-Adult Special Deer Hunts****6232.2460 MENTORED-ADULT SPECIAL DEER HUNTS.**

Hunters must complete a Department of Natural Resources program for mentored-adult hunters to be eligible for a permit under this part. The mentored-adult special deer hunt areas described in items A to C are open by permit during the 2016 season.

A. Portions of St. Croix State Park in Pine County are open October 29 and 30 for mentored-adult hunters taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 16 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed.

B. Portions of Itasca State Park in Clearwater County are open October 15 and 16 for mentored-adult hunters taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than five permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, and Becoming an Outdoors Woman are the sponsors. The bag limit is two. Bonus permits are allowed.

C. La Salle Lake State Recreation Area in Hubbard County is open October 15 and 16 for mentored-adult women taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than five permits shall be issued. Becoming an Outdoors Woman is the sponsor. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed.

**6232.2550 YOUTH SPECIAL DEER HUNTS.**

[For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

Subp. 3. **Open areas.** The youth special deer hunt areas described in items A to S are open by permit during the 2016 season.

A. Camp Ripley Military Refuge in Morrison County is open October 8 and 9 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by archery. No more than 175 permits shall be issued. The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association and the Minnesota State Archery Association are the sponsors. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 950.

B. Lake Alexander Preserve in Morrison County is open October 8 and 9 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by archery. No more than 20 permits shall be issued. The Nature Conservancy, the Minnesota State Archery Association, and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association are the sponsors. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 955.

C. Portions of Afton State Park in Washington County are open November 5 and 6 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks. No more than 25 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. Areas specified on maps provided by the park manager are open only to participating youth deer hunters and their mentors. The bag limit is two. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 951.

D. Portions of Banning State Park in Pine County are open October 29 and 30 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than six permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 965.

E. Portions of Blue Mounds State Park in Rock County are open November 19 and 20 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than ten permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 966.

F. Portions of Buffalo River State Park in Clay County are open November 5 and 6 for youth taking antlerless deer by firearms. No more than 14 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 959.

G. Portions of Camden State Park in Lyon County are open October 29 and 30 for youth taking antlerless deer by firearms. No more than 15 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 967.

H. Itasca State Park in Clearwater, Hubbard, and Becker Counties is open October 15 and 16 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 75 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association are the sponsors. The bag limit is two. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 961.

I. Kilen Woods State Park in Jackson County is open October 22 and 23 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than six permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 963.

J. Portions of Lake Bemidji State Park in Beltrami County are open October 21 to 23 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 20 permits shall be issued. The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Bemidji chapter, is the sponsor. The bag limit is two. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 954.

K. Portions of Lake Shetek State Park in Murray County are open November 19 and 20 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms in an earn-a-buck hunt. No more than 12 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag limit is two. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 968.

L. Rydell National Wildlife Refuge in Polk County is open October 22 and 23 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 15 permits shall be issued. The Friends of the Rydell National Wildlife Refuge and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association are the sponsors. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 957.

M. Portions of St. Croix State Park in Pine County are open October 29 and 30 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 90 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag limit is two. This is special hunt 956.

N. Portions of Savanna Portage State Park in Aitkin County are open October 29 and 30 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 25 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. Areas specified on maps provided by the park manager are open only to youth deer hunters and their mentors. The bag limit is two. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 958.

O. Sibley State Park in Kandiyohi County is open October 29 and 30 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than ten permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 952.

P. Portions of Tettegouche State Park in Lake County are open October 29 and 30 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than ten permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. Areas specified on maps provided by the park manager are open only to youth deer hunters and their mentors. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 960.

Q. Portions of Zippel Bay State Park in Lake of the Woods County are open October 22 and 23 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 20 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. Areas specified on maps provided by the park manager are open only to youth deer hunters and their mentors. The bag limit is two. Bonus permits are allowed. This is special hunt 953.

R. The Gamehaven Scout Reservation in Olmsted County is open October 8 and 9 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 15 permits shall be issued. The Boy Scouts of America, Gamehaven Council, is the sponsor. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed.

S. The Big Woods Heritage Forest, Sauber Woods Unit, in Rice County is open October 15 to 18 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than four permits shall be issued. The Tri-Lakes Sportsman's Club is the sponsor. The bag limit is one. Bonus permits are allowed.

## **6232.2560 YOUTH SPECIAL DEER SEASONS.**

Subpart 1. Requirements. Youths participating in youth special deer seasons must obtain a license for taking deer by firearms, valid for any season option, by the beginning date of the special season. A youth special season participant may take one deer, ~~which must be antlerless of either sex. One bonus permit may be used~~ Only one legal buck may be taken during a youth special deer season and in the state per year. An adult mentor age 18 or older authorized by the youth's parent or guardian must accompany the youth hunter at all times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. Party hunting is not allowed. The blaze orange requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.071, paragraph (a), apply to all hunters and trappers, and all adult mentors of youth hunters, in the areas open to firearms deer hunting during the youth special seasons established in this part.

Subp. 2. **Open areas.** Open areas and dates for youth special deer seasons are established annually by the commissioner. For 2016, deer permit areas 101, 105, 111, 114, 201, 203, 208, 209, 256, 257, 260, 263, 264, 267, 268, 338, 339, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, and 601 are open October 20 to 23 for taking either-sex deer by firearms for youth who are at least ten years of age and under 16 years of age at the time of the hunt. Whitewater Game Refuge is open October 20 to 23 to taking either-sex deer by eligible youth. One bonus permit may be used, but a hunter may not take more than one deer.

Subp. 3. **Special archery season.** Sand Prairie Wildlife Management Area in Stearns County is open during the regular archery season for youth ages ten to 17. The bag limit is one deer.

**EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.2550 and 6232.2560, expire December 31, 2016. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to those amendments again take effect, except as they be amended by permanent rule. Minnesota Rules, part 6232.2460, expires December 31, 2016.