

**Department of Natural Resources****Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2021 Youth and Adult Special Deer Hunts and Seasons****6232.2550 YOUTH AND ADULT SPECIAL DEER HUNTS.**

*[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]*

**Subp. 2. Application requirements.**

A. Applications for youth special hunts must be made according to this part and according to application instructions provided by the commissioner. Applicants for youth firearms special hunts must be at least 12 years old and under age 16 by the beginning hunt date. Applicants for youth archery special hunts must be at least 12 years old and under age 18 by the beginning hunt date. Each person must apply at an electronic license system agent or the Department of Natural Resources License Center. Group applications are not allowed. If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the quota established by the commissioner, the commissioner shall conduct a drawing to determine eligible participants. Preference for the youth special hunt drawing is given to applicants based on the number of years they have correctly applied for a youth special hunt permit but have been unsuccessful. Upon issuance of a youth special hunt permit, all accumulated preference is lost. The application deadline is the Friday nearest August 17.

B. Adult learn-to-deer-hunt participants are selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

Subp. 3. Open areas. In addition to complying with the requirements of this part, hunters who are hunting under a special deer hunt permit must meet all requirements of the municipality, park, or area in which the special hunt occurs and those of the sponsoring organization. Hunt participants must stay within any boundaries prescribed by the hunt sponsor, on maps provided during a prehunt orientation session, or by posting. The following youth and adult special deer hunt areas are open by permit in 2021:

A. Camp Ripley Military Refuge in Morrison County is open for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by archery October 9 and 10. No more than 175 permits shall be issued. The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association and Minnesota State Archery Association are the sponsors. The bag limit is two.

B. Lake Alexander Preserve in Morrison County is open October 9 and 10 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by archery. No more than 20 permits shall be issued. The Nature Conservancy, Minnesota State Archery Association, and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association are the sponsors. The bag limit is two.

C. Portions of Afton State Park in Washington County are open November 6 and 7 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 30 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag limit is two.

D. Portions of Banning State Park in Pine County are open October 30 and 31 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 two.

E. Portions of Blue Mounds State Park in Rock County are open November 20 and 21 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 two, and this is an earn-a-buck hunt.

F. Portions of Buffalo River State Park in Clay County are open October 30 and 31 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. 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, and this is an earn-a-buck hunt.

G. Portions of Camden State Park in Lyon County are open October 30 and 31 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. 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, and this is an earn-a-buck hunt.

H. Itasca State Park in Clearwater, Hubbard, and Becker Counties is open October 9 and 10 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.

I. Kilen Woods State Park in Jackson County is open October 30 and 31 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, and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association are the sponsors. The bag limit is one.

J. Portions of Lake Bemidji State Park in Beltrami County are open October 15 to 17 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, and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Bemidji Chapter, are the sponsors. The bag limit is two. Deer taken during this special hunt must be presented or submitted for chronic wasting disease testing within 24 hours of harvest at a sampling station designated by the hunt sponsors.

K. Portions of Lake Bronson State Park in Kittson County are open October 23 and 24 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.

L. Portions of Lake Shetek State Park in Murray County are open November 20 and 21 for youth taking antlerless deer by firearms. 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.

M. Portions of Minneopa State Park in Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties are open November 20 and 21 for youth taking either-sex deer by firearms. 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.

N. Rydell National Wildlife Refuge in Polk County is open October 23 and 24 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 15 permits shall be issued. The Friends of the Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association are the sponsors. The bag limit is three.

O. Portions of St. Croix State Park in Pine County are open October 30 and 31 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. Deer taken during this special hunt must be presented or submitted for chronic wasting disease testing within 24 hours of harvest at a sampling station designated by the hunt sponsors.

P. Portions of Savanna Portage State Park in Aitkin County are open October 23 and 24 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. The bag limit is two.

Q. Sibley State Park in Kandiyohi County is open October 30 and 31 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.

R. Portions of Zippel Bay State Park in Lake of the Woods County are open October 16 and 17 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. The bag limit is two.

S. Portions of St. Croix State Park in Pine County are open October 30 and 31 for adult learn-to-deer-hunt participants taking antlerless deer and legal bucks 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 two. Deer taken during this special hunt must be presented or submitted for chronic wasting disease testing within 24 hours of harvest at a sampling station designated by the hunt sponsors.

T. Portions of Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Carver and Scott Counties are open October 23 and 24 for adult learn-to-deer-hunt participants taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than ten permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge are the sponsors. The bag limit is two.

U. Itasca State Park in Clearwater, Hubbard, and Becker Counties is open October 9 and 10 for adult learn-to-deer-hunt participants 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, and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association are the sponsors. The bag limit is two.

**EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, part 6232.2550, expire December 31, 2021. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules again take effect, subject to any permanent rule amendments that have been adopted in the interim.