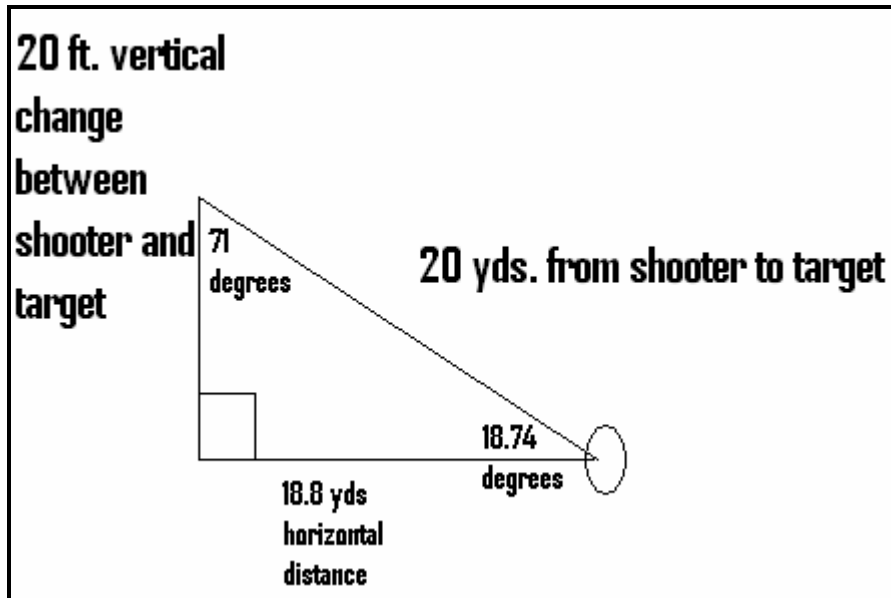


Five Rivers MetroParks Controlled Bowhunting Program- 2007 Program Specific Questions and Answers

How are bowhunters selected?

Bowhunters are selected by lottery and required to pass an Ohio hunter education course (or equivalent), possess a current hunting license, and be able to place at least 4 out of 5 arrows in a 10" diameter target from 20 yds. Each hunter must also attend an orientation session to ensure understanding of the safety regulations. The minimum age for participation is 18 years old.



When is the shooting qualification and orientation?

Hunters must first pass the shooting qualification, purchase the correct deer tags, and then attend an orientation. The schedule for shooting qualification and orientation is found below:

Area	Date	Qualification Time	Orientation Time
Shiloh Woods	Saturday, August 04, 2007	8:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m	11:00 a.m
Huffman	Saturday, August 04, 2007	11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Upper Twin Preserve	Saturday, August 04, 2007	2:00 to 5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Germantown- Area C	Sunday, August 05, 2007	8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m	11:00 a.m
Germantown- Area B	Sunday, August 05, 2007	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Germantown- Area A	Sunday, August 05, 2007	2:00 to 5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.

Both the shooting qualification and orientation will be held at Gander Mtn. on Old Troy Pike in Huber Heights. For directions, call Gander Mtn. at (937) 236-9786.

For hunters who cannot attend the above sessions, an alternative qualification and orientation session will be held on Sept. 8. Please contact the wildlife biologist at 277-4109 if attending this date.

What if a hunter has not passed a hunter education course or cannot produce proof?

If a hunter has taken the hunter education course in Ohio, contact the Ohio Division of Wildlife and request a copy of the hunter certification. A bowhunter can also satisfy this requirement by passing a test administered by Five Rivers MetroParks based on the written portion of the Ohio hunter education course as well as some questions related to MetroParks program. This test is given at the shooting qualification.. A score of 80% is required to pass. A copy of the test can be downloaded from the MetroParks website.

Where are the areas for bowhunting located?

Hunters who pass the shooting qualification will receive maps of their hunting area at orientation. Scouting is allowed only in the area that the hunter is selected for and only between August 4 and August 31, 2007. Access codes will be distributed at the orientation.

These areas are not presently open to the public and are not listed on MetroParks brochures for that reason.

How many deer are to be removed from each area?

The quota for each area is as follows

Huffman-West	-	20 deer (17 antlerless and 3 antlered)
Shiloh Woods Conservation area-		20 deer (15 antlerless and 5 antlered)
Upper Twin Preserve-		20 deer (16 antlerless and 4 antlered)
Germantown A,B, and C combined-		25 deer (20 antlerless and 5 antlered)

What happens if the quotas are reached before the season ends?

The bow hunting program will end when the quotas are reached or when the bow hunting season ends, which ever comes first. If the quotas are reached before the season ends, hunters who were selected but did not get a chance to hunt will be automatically entered to qualify in next years program.

How many hunters are allowed in each area?

The quota for most areas is 8-10 hunters per month. Germantown C has 10-12 per month. This will maintain sufficient hunting pressure to achieve the quotas without excessive crowding.

How long is each hunter allowed to hunt?

Each hunter is given access to one area for a month (Oct., Nov., Dec., or Jan.). They will receive an access code that will allow them into the area only for that calendar month- a new access code will be placed on the gate on the last day of the month after 7:30 p.m.. All stands must be removed by that time. Oct. hunters start on Sept. 29, 2007 and Jan. hunters end on Feb. 3, 2008.

Where can a hunter hunt within each area?

The hunting area in each location is marked off and stands can be placed anywhere within this area. Do not set a stand outside the hunting area or leave the hunting area with a weapon. It is the hunter's responsibility to make sure that they are within the hunting area.

What happens when a hunter harvests a deer?

Once a deer is harvested, the deer must be checked at an official check station in the proper county. The deer is the property of the hunter. Hunters must keep a daily log of number/sex of deer observed while hunting and any shots taken.

Can I take my truck/ATV/snowmobile to remove a harvested deer or set a stand?

No, no motorized vehicles are allowed in these areas. However, a human-powered cart or aid from another individual is allowed. If another individual helps to remove a deer, they must stay with the permitted hunter and the deer at all times. If you are hunting alone and require assistance, contact a MetroParks ranger.

What if a deer is wounded?

If a hunter determines a deer was hit (blood or missing arrow) and does not locate the deer within ½ hour of searching, contact a MetroParks ranger for assistance. This is especially important if the blood trail leaves the marked hunting area.

Can I film the hunt?

No, video taping the hunt is not allowed. Still pictures after the hunt are allowed.

Can my son/daughter accompany me?

Yes, however, they may not carry a weapon or participate in the hunt. They must remain with the permitted hunter at all times.

What kind of equipment is allowed?

All equipment must conform to the State of Ohio requirements. Compound, long, recurve, and crossbows are allowed. **Longbow:** minimum draw weight 40 lb. **Crossbow:** draw weight not less than 75 lb., nor more than 200 lb.

Are tree stands allowed?

Yes, a tree stand and safety harness are required. Hunting on the ground is specifically prohibited. The harness must be worn while hunting. Failure to do so will result in loss of hunting privileges. Climbing, ladder, and tripod stands are all allowed. Hunters are encouraged to lock stands or remove them at the end of each day.

Only limited clearing of shooting lanes is allowed. Cutting of sticks, branches, or bushes larger than ½" is prohibited. It is unlawful to construct, place or use a permanent-type tree stand, or to place spikes, nails, wires or other metal objects into a tree to act as steps or to hold a tree stand on MetroParks property.

Hunters are encouraged to lock stands or remove them daily after hunting.

What hours are hunters allowed to hunt?

Archery season hours are one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. The official times for sunrise and sun set are found in the hunting digest. Be sure to use the times for Western Ohio.

Are bowhunters allowed to take bucks?

There is a limited antlered harvest in each area. Hunters must harvest an antlerless deer first and then hunter with receive a permit from MetroParks to harvest an antlered deer. When an antlerless deer is harvested and the hunter wishes to pursue an antlered deer, contact the wildlife biologist at 937-277-4109 with the location with the deer was checked. Once harvest has been confirmed, a separate MetroParks permit will be issued stating that the hunter may harvest an antlered deer. This tag may be requested through the mail or picked up at 8300 Brown School Rd., Vandalia, OH. In addition, a regular deer tag (\$24) from the Ohio Division of Wildlife is required. Only one antlered deer may be harvested in Ohio per license year regardless of hunting area.

How many deer are participants allowed to take?

Huffman- Greene County

Deer limit- 3 per hunter (3 antlerless or 2 antlerless and 1 antlered)

Type of permit required- Antlerless deer permit (\$15- formerly Urban tag) may be used to harvest one antlerless deer until Nov. 25. After Nov. 25, only regular Deer permits (\$24- purchased from DOW) may be used to harvest deer. The limit using regular Deer tags is two deer in this area. A regular Deer permit (\$24) is required for antlered deer in addition to special permission from MetroParks.

Shiloh Woods- Montgomery County

Deer limit- 3 per hunter (3 antlerless or 2 antlerless and 1 antlered)

Type of permit required- Urban Deer permit (\$14 purchased from DOW) for antlerless deer. A regular Deer permit (\$24) is required for antlered deer in addition to special permission from MetroParks.

Special instructions: Antlerless deer taken with an Urban Deer Permit must be checked in the urban unit where killed. The closest check station in Mont. Co. is Angler's Bait shop in Englewood on Main St or Gander Mountain in Huber Heights.

Upper Twin Preserve- Montgomery County

Deer limit- 2 per hunter (2 antlerless or 1 antlerless and 1 antlered)

Type of permit required- Before Nov. 25, one antlerless deer may be harvested with the antlerless tag (\$15- formerly the urban tag). After Nov. 25, a Hunting Season Control permit will issued by FRMP for antlerless deer. A regular Deer permit (\$24) is required for antlered deer in addition to special permission from MetroParks.

Germantown A, B, and C areas- Montgomery County

Deer limit- 2 per hunter (2 antlerless or 1 antlerless and 1 antlered)

Type of permit required- Before Nov. 25, one antlerless deer may be harvested with the antlerless tag (\$15- formerly the urban tag). After Nov. 25, a Hunting Season Control permit will issued by FRMP for antlerless deer. A regular Deer permit (\$24) is required for antlered deer in addition to special permission from MetroParks.

NOTE ON Hunting Season Control (CP) TAGs- This permit will be issued specifically to each individual hunter. All tagging/checking requirements apply to these permits. IF UNSED, THIS PERMIT MUST BE RETURN TO METROPARKS AT THE END OF THE HUTING MONTH. Failure to return permit will result in loss of future hunting privileges in MetroParks programs and action by MetroParks law enforcement section.

Are there plans to allow hunting for other species?

No. The controlled bowhunting program is an ecological management tool for white-tailed deer only. All other animals are protected.

Is bait allowed?

Yes. Bait is allowed and encouraged. Both scattered bait and automatic feeders are allowed. In small hunting areas, it can significantly improve the success rate. Stands must be at least 60 yds. from other hunter's bait sites.

Will bowhunting be held every year?

The safety, success, and cost effectiveness of the bowhunting program in Five Rivers MetroParks will be evaluated on a yearly basis. The future of the bowhunting program at Huffman MetroPark will be evaluated when the mountain bike trail is completed.

Will bowhunting be allowed once these areas are open to the public?

Before these areas are open to the public, the safety, continued need and compatibility of the bowhunting program will be re-evaluated.

How will hunters be monitored for compliance with MetroParks Policy and State laws?

All harvested deer must be checked at a State of Ohio deer check station for permanent tagging. Bowhunters may be checked periodically by Ohio Division of Wildlife officers or MetroParks rangers to ensure compliance.

Selected hunters must a copy of the MetroParks issued permit on their person while hunting.

Who should a hunter contact if they observe a violation?

Contact MetroParks rangers at 937-225-4357 with the location, time, and type of violation observed. Be sure to get a description and license number.

What happens if a hunter does not harvest a deer?

Hunter should send completed log sheets, harvest sheets, and unused CP permits at the end of their month to:

Five Rivers MetroParks
ATTN. Michael Enright
1375 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Dayton, OH 45414

Hunters who submit the above materials will be entered in next year's lottery and receive preference points. If you do not submit the required materials, you will be ineligible for future hunts.