Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission

RULES AND REGULATIONS
Wildlife Management Hunt (Firearm)

1. Only hunters with Ottawa County Park issued permits may hunt during the specific time period authorized on their permit.
2. Hunters must park only in the designated parking areas.
3. Hunters will be assigned to a specific zone and are required to hunt only within that zone.
4. Hunters are required to check in and check out with Ottawa County Parks staff each day of their assigned hunt.
5. No trespassing on adjoining properties 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 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 North Ottawa Dunes Deer Hunting Program rules and regulations are more restrictive.
17. A 'deer management program' is in effect at North Ottawa Dunes. Does and bucks may both be taken at this site - HOWEVER each hunter is required to first take a doe. If a hunter has a permit for an additional deer, it may be a doe or buck, but any buck taken must have a rack totaling 6 points or more. Also, all DNR rules and regulations are still in effect for this program.
18. All applicants must be age 18 or older.
19. 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.
20. Each selected hunter is required to attend a pre-hunt meeting. Failure to do so will disqualify the hunter from future permits.
21. Each hunter will be required to sign a waiver, indemnification, and hold harmless document (at pre-hunt meeting) prior to hunting.
22. 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.