

## CAMP RIPLEY ARCHERY SEASON

### Cooperation with these rules and instructions will ensure an enjoyable and safe hunt for everyone involved.

1. You must have a valid hunt permit and archery license in your possession to enter and hunt. You must carry the hunt permit with you while hunting. Non-hunters are excluded, and pre-hunt scouting is **NOT** allowed. Permits are not transferable to anyone else. Archers may be checked for legal permit and license in the hunting area.
2. Bring only legal archery equipment. Crossbows are allowed with valid permit. Firearms on any person or in any vehicle will be seized. Bows must be unstrung, cased or contained in the trunk of a car when being transported.
3. Littering in the hunt area is strictly prohibited and subject to penalties. **IF YOU PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!**
4. Alcohol is permitted in the camping area only. Hunting while intoxicated is unlawful. Per Camp Ripley rules, **absolutely no alcohol is permitted in the hunt area** without prior authorization from the Department of Military Affairs. Alcohol found in the entry-line during morning check-in, or in the hunt area will be seized, and those found using alcohol in the hunt area may be escorted off base and have their hunt permit revoked at discretion of military security.
5. Vehicles must be in the camping/parking area or in the double entry-line overnight. **No saving places or butting** in the double entry-line. **Do not block roads or trails** anywhere on base.
6. No electricity or water is available in Camp Ripley. Towing services are available through local vendors at owner's expense. Lock-out service is available, with liability waiver.
7. **No open fires are permitted** anywhere except in an emergency. However, portable grills are allowed in the camping area.
8. The speed limit is 25 MPH. If you are caught speeding you may be escorted off base and have your hunt permit revoked at the discretion of military staff. During wet weather road conditions may be extremely poor (travel at your own risk). Stay on main roads if you are not driving a 4-wheel drive vehicle.
9. ATVs and permanent tree stands are **NOT** allowed at Camp Ripley. All personal property (including portable stands) **MUST** be removed from the hunt area each night. Stands left overnight may be used by anyone, and may be confiscated by DNR officers.
10. Per state law (M.S. 97B.085, Subd. 1) radio devices **MAY NOT** be used to assist in taking game. However, use of 2-way radios and cell phones for safety is allowed & encouraged.
11. Based on the conditions of your permit, **ONLY DEER MAY BE HUNTED**. You may take up to 2 deer, but no more than one may be a buck. You may use bonus permits to take antlerless deer. Since Camp Ripley is a Statutory Game Refuge **all other wildlife species (including coyote & porcupine) are protected and may not be taken**. Deer wearing radio collars may be shot. However, all radio collars must be surrendered to DNR officials.
12. All deer taken **MUST** be registered at the DNR Check Station. Your permit and license must be presented during registration. Please register deer as soon as possible. Teeth and other samples may be taken for research purposes. You **MUST** clear the hunt area by 7:30 p.m. each night. **Tracking & recovery assistance will NOT be provided** after dark or the day after the hunt.
13. Avoid hunting around closed areas. **DO NOT GO INTO ANY AREA SHOWN IN RED ON YOUR MAP, EVEN TO PURSUE A WOUNDED DEER! DNR AND MILITARY STAFF WILL NOT RECOVER DEER THAT ENTER CLOSED AREAS. IF A WOUNDED DEER ENTERS A CLOSED AREA, YOU LOSE THE DEER!** DO NOT PASS BEYOND ANY CLOSED BARRIER, GATE, OR WARNING SIGN FOR ANY REASON – **ENTERING CLOSED AREAS PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT RISK OF DEATH OR BODILY HARM**. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE AT ALL TIMES AND TO TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS. Violators of this rule will have their bows seized and court appearance arranged by DNR Officers.
14. Anyone attempting to disturb or remove any military equipment will be prosecuted. This includes all types of armaments and ammunition. **Report all DUDS found, DO NOT HANDLE**. Mark duds with string or flagging on nearby vegetation, and obtain coordinates if using a GPS unit.
15. The Commissioner of Natural Resources may close the season without prior notice if violations of the above regulations occur.

*Stay Alive - Do Not handle Duds or Shells*

**HUNTING IN CAMP RIPLEY IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT – PRESERVE THAT PRIVILEGE BY RESPECTING ALL PROPERTY, KEEPING THE CAMP CLEAN, AND FOLLOWING REGULATIONS.**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ARRIVAL AT CAMP RIPLEY

1. **TRAFFIC & PRE-ENTRY PARKING INSTRUCTIONS (CHECK-IN DAY PRIOR TO HUNT):** In order to facilitate efficient and safe movement of traffic for bow hunters and other motorists using the roadways in the area of Camp Ripley, please adhere to the following (traffic control officers will be patrolling the area):

At all times, enter and exit Camp Ripley only through the Railroad Gate by the Mississippi River Bridge on Highway 115. **Posted arrival time to enter Camp Ripley for your hunt is 5:00 a.m. the day preceding your hunt. Do not arrive or line up anywhere on public roads outside of Camp before this time, and do not attempt to enter the railroad gate the day before your hunt until directed by traffic control officers!** After 5:00 a.m. you may stage on CR76 north and south of MN Hwy 115. If vehicles do arrive and park on CR76 before the posted arrival time the day before the hunt **and** are deemed a safety hazard by traffic management officers, those vehicles will be forced to leave the area. **DO NOT** stage or park on MN Hwy 115, CR47 or MN Hwy 371 at any time! In no event can any vehicle block the movement of traffic at the interchange of MN Hwy 115 and MN Hwy 371. Traffic control officers at the intersection of CR76 and MN Hwy 115 will alternate the flow of traffic onto MN Hwy 115 after 5:00 a.m. As directed, hunters can then drive onto MN Hwy 115 and enter the railroad gate.

If you are arriving from the south, take MN Hwy 371 north of Little Falls to the CR46 exit. Go two blocks west on CR46 and then turn north onto CR76 and stage on the right shoulder of CR76 south of MN Hwy 115. If you are coming from the north on MN Hwy 371, exit at CR48, and go west and then immediately south on CR76 (parallels MN Hwy 371 and serves as a frontage road) and stage on the right shoulder north of MN Hwy 115. Hunters coming from the west on MN Hwy 115 or east on CR47 must plan accordingly and also stage or park on CR76.

Do not block driveways or turn lanes, and allow plenty of space around these areas. **CAUTION:** Parking on the road shoulder is inherently dangerous due to risk of collision with vehicles operating at highway speeds. Be careful, and use extreme vigilance when parking and moving around parked vehicles on the shoulder.

2. No person other than those in possession of a valid Camp Ripley archery permit and a Minnesota archery license will be authorized entry into Camp Ripley during the hunt. PETS, FIREARMS & ATVs are **NOT** allowed at Camp Ripley.
3. Have your valid Camp Ripley permit and Driver's License/I.D. ready for inspection upon entry at the railroad gate. You will receive a vehicle registration form in the mail with your permit for morning check-in each day of your hunt. If you lose your vehicle registration forms, duplicate forms may be obtained at the railroad gate. **If you lose your special hunt permit, your I.D. will be verified upon arrival at the gate, you will be allowed to proceed to the camping & line-up areas, and you MUST obtain a duplicate permit at the DNR Check Station the morning of the hunt.**
4. After initial check-in at the Railroad Security Gate, you will proceed to the double entry-line or camping area (see rules 5 & 7 below). After initial check-in you may exit and re-enter the installation at any time of the day through 8:00 p.m. on the last day of your hunt.
5. A double entry-line will be allowed to form on the east edge of the road (East Motor Pool Road) beginning at the DNR Check Station (see rule 7 below regarding campers & trailers in line). No saving places or butting in the entry-line. **If caught butting in line, you will be escorted to the end or detained until the line is completely checked through.** After the entry-line has been checked through in the morning, vehicles may **NOT** be parked on the road. The entry-line will be allowed to reform beginning at 5:30 p.m. on day 1 of your hunt. **DO NOT** block any roads or trails in Camp Ripley with your vehicle or trailer. Vehicles or trailers blocking roads or trails will be towed as needed to maintain access.
6. Archers will receive last-minute instructions at the DNR Check Station and be allowed to enter the hunt area beginning at 5:45 a.m. each morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> hunt, at approximately 6:00 a.m. each morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> hunt. **Vehicle registration forms MUST be filled out completely before reaching the DNR Check Station each morning** -- failure to do so will delay your entry to the hunt area. Be prepared so that you do not delay the line. You will not need to present your permit or I.D. at the DNR Check Station during morning check-in unless your permit is lost. You **MUST** exit the hunt area by 7:30 p.m. each night. Unless delayed while registering deer at the DNR check station, you must leave Camp Ripley by 8:00 p.m. on the last day of your hunt. Please plan accordingly to comply with these timeframes.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ARRIVAL -- CONTINUED

7. Camping is allowed off the west side of the road only – no water or electricity is available. Absolutely **NO** campers, tents, trailers, or extra vehicles are to be parked to the right (east) side of the double lineup unless instructed to do so by security. To minimize traffic congestion, camper-trailers (including portable fish house trailers) are **NOT** allowed in the entry-line, and are **NOT** allowed down-range in the hunt area – they must remain in the camping area. Only utility trailers meant for hauling gear and big game are allowed in the entry-line and hunt area. Please plan accordingly. Those found with camper-trailers in the lineup will be required to disconnect it in the camping area before they will be allowed to enter the hunt area.
8. If your camping circumstance will involve the use of a contained wood stove, or if you will be transporting wood that will be used outside of the installation after the hunt, only firewood purchased at a state park or from a DNR-approved vendor may be brought onto Camp Ripley. The receipt supplied by the approved vendor must be retained as proof of purchase. Visitors bringing unapproved firewood onto Camp Ripley need to surrender it and may be fined.
9. Portable toilets and garbage barrels or dumpsters will be provided near the camping area. Please use them. Do not litter or move the barrels. Please take your garbage with you if barrels are full.
10. Please use your map and read and follow the hunt regulations on back. If you become lost or separated from your party, contact another archer, DNR personnel, or military staff for assistance immediately. Keep a first aid kit in your vehicle or on your person. In the event of accidents or injuries, contact DNR or military staff for assistance. Do not move anyone who has possible spinal or internal injuries. **For emergencies you may contact Camp Ripley Security at (320) 632-7375, or Range Control at (320) 632-7298 during the hunt.**
11. Falling from trees is the leading source of bow hunting related accidents. Use extreme caution when erecting and hunting out of tree stands, especially early in the morning, and use a safety harness whenever possible.
12. Portable stands may not be left overnight in a game refuge. Any stand left overnight does not provide the owner a claim to public land and may not be used to pre-empt another hunter from hunting that area or vicinity. Stands left overnight may be legally used by any hunter finding it, and may be confiscated by DNR officers.
13. Report any duds found or illegal activity to the DNR Check Station or Military staff.
14. For general information on the Camp Ripley Regular Archery Hunt, call 320-616-2468. After the auto-attendant answers, dial 1 for the Wildlife Directory, and then dial 2 for the Camp Ripley Archery Hunt Information Box. Other questions concerning the Camp Ripley Archery hunt may be answered by calling 320-616-2468, Ext. 222 or Ext. 223.
15. Questions concerning lottery drawing results may be directed to the DNR Information & License Center at 1-888-646-6367 in early-September.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE PLATE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**VEHICLE AND OCCUPANT REGISTRATION  
RELEASE AND LIABILITY**

VEHICLE: CAR \_\_\_\_\_ TRUCK \_\_\_\_\_ RECREATIONAL VEHICLE \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, UTILIZING THE CAMP RIPLEY MILITARY RESERVATION AND ITS FACILITIES, UNDERSTAND THAT I DO SO AT MY OWN RISK, HOLDING CAMP RIPLEY, THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, THEIR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FREE AND HARMLESS OF ALL LIABILITY FOR SUCH USE.

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