

Department of Natural Resources

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2023 DEER SEASONS AND SPECIAL HUNTS

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to 2023 Deer Seasons and Special Hunts.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2023 Deer Seasons and Special**
1.3 **Hunts**

1.4 **6230.0290 BECKLIN HOMESTEAD PARK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

1.5 Subpart 1. **Open hunting.** The Becklin Homestead Park Wildlife Management Area
1.6 is open to hunting and trapping ~~during the established seasons~~ only to hunters and trappers
1.7 with disabilities and their able-bodied partners during:

1.8 A. ~~disabled hunters and trappers who meet the requirements of the established~~
1.9 seasons according to Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.055, subdivision 3, paragraphs (a)
1.10 and (b); and

1.11 B. the special hunt described under subpart 2.

1.12 Subp. 2. **Special hunt.**

1.13 A. The Becklin Homestead Park Wildlife Management Area is open September
1.14 16 to December 31 for taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by archery as described in this
1.15 subpart. No more than 20 permits shall be issued to hunters with disabilities. Capable Partners
1.16 is the sponsor and hunters with disabilities and able-bodied partners must meet any
1.17 requirements of the sponsoring organization. Hunters with disabilities and able-bodied
1.18 partners may use bonus tags.

1.19 B. Hunters with disabilities must be accompanied by an able-bodied partner each
1.20 time they hunt. Hunters with disabilities must purchase and possess an archery deer-hunting
1.21 license. The bag limit for hunters with disabilities is two deer, one of which may be a legal
1.22 buck.

1.23 C. Able-bodied partners must stay within 100 yards of the hunter with disabilities
1.24 and may take only legal antlerless deer. Able-bodied partners must purchase and possess
1.25 an archery license. The bag limit for able-bodied partners is one antlerless deer.

2.1 **6232.0200 DEFINITIONS.**2.2 *[For text of subparts 1 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]*2.3 Subp. 4a. **Deer permit area.** "Deer permit area" means an area of the state consisting
2.4 of one or more deer registration blocks according to part 6232.1750. Deer permit areas open
2.5 for taking legal bucks and antlerless deer during the deer season are defined as follows:2.6 A. ~~"intensive three-deer limit deer permit area," "two-deer limit deer permit area,"~~
2.7 ~~and "managed five-deer limit deer permit area" means a mean deer permit area~~ areas where
2.8 taking deer of either sex is authorized and ~~multiple~~ bonus permits are authorized within bag
2.9 limits for each area as prescribed by the commissioner;2.10 B. "antlerless lottery deer permit area" means a deer permit area where taking:2.11 *[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see Minnesota Rules]*2.12 (3) either-sex deer is authorized by an archery deer license; ~~and~~2.13 C. ~~"hunter choice either-sex deer permit area"~~ either-sex deer permit area means a deer permit area where
2.14 taking one deer of either sex is authorized; and2.15 D. "bucks-only deer permit area" means a deer permit area where only legal bucks
2.16 may be taken.2.17 *[For text of subparts 5 to 12, see Minnesota Rules]*2.18 Subp. 13. Fawn. "Fawn" means any deer less than one year of age.2.19 Subp. 14. Chronic wasting disease early detection management zone. "Chronic
2.20 wasting disease early detection management zone" means deer permit areas 604, 605, 661,
2.21 679, and 684.2.22 Subp. 15. Chronic wasting disease persistent infection zone. "Chronic wasting
2.23 disease persistent infection zone" means deer permit areas 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648,
2.24 649, and 655.

3.1 Subp. 16. **Chronic wasting disease surveillance zone.** "Chronic wasting disease
3.2 surveillance zone" means deer permit areas 101, 110, 197, 201, 233, 255, 256, 257, 259,
3.3 260, 262, 263, 265, 268, 287, 293, 341, and 342 and the portion of deer permit area 169
3.4 west of State Trunk Highway 6.

3.5 **6232.0300 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING DEER.**

3.6 Subpart 1. **Season options, regular firearms.** ~~A firearm deer hunter may purchase~~
3.7 ~~a firearm license valid for the regular firearms deer season or a youth firearms license. A~~
3.8 ~~muzzleloader deer hunter may purchase a muzzleloader license valid for the muzzleloader~~
3.9 ~~season or a youth muzzleloader license. For the regular firearm season, a hunter must select~~
3.10 ~~either the A or B season and this option will be printed on the license at the time of purchase.~~
3.11 A person may ~~only~~ hunt deer by firearms only within the selected season ~~option indicated~~
3.12 ~~on the person's firearm license, except:~~

3.13 A. as prescribed in part 6232.1970, subpart 2;

3.14 B. a firearm license for any season option is valid in ~~the Metropolitan Deer~~
3.15 ~~Management Zone~~ deer permit area 701 under part 6232.4700, subpart 158; the chronic
3.16 wasting disease early detection management zone; and the chronic wasting disease persistent
3.17 infection zone; and

3.18 C. youth firearm license holders with a license issued under Minnesota Statutes,
3.19 section 97A.475, subdivision 2 or 3, may hunt deer in both the statewide A and late southeast
3.20 B seasons.

3.21 *[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]*

3.22 Subp. 3. **Party hunting.**

3.23 A. A party is a group of two or more licensed deer hunters who are afield hunting
3.24 together and are all using firearms or all using archery equipment.

4.1 B. A member of a party may kill a legal buck or antlerless deer for another member
4.2 of the party who has an unused tag valid for that deer, ~~except:~~

4.3 ~~A. as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.301; and,~~

4.4 ~~B. in all 300 series deer permit areas as prescribed in part 6232.1300, subpart 3,~~
4.5 ~~where unused tags can be used on antlerless deer only.~~

4.6 C. A mixed-weapons group is considered two separate parties.

4.7 D. Persons issued permits under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.055, subdivision
4.8 3, who are hunting in a an antlerless lottery deer permit area and do not have an either-sex
4.9 permit may not tag antlerless deer for another member of the party.

4.10 *[For text of subparts 4 and 5, see Minnesota Rules]*

4.11 Subp. 6. ~~License purchase~~ Bonus permits and validation.

4.12 A. A bonus permit may be purchased ~~any time throughout the open deer seasons.~~
4.13 ~~Bonus permits are valid immediately upon purchase, as long as the purchaser has a valid~~
4.14 ~~regular license. When a regular license is purchased after the start of the season for that~~
4.15 ~~license, a bonus permit is not valid until the waiting period has expired for the regular~~
4.16 ~~license. before and during the open archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer seasons. A~~
4.17 bonus permit is not valid unless:

4.18 (1) it is issued before legal shooting hours on the day it is first used; and

4.19 (2) the hunter's regular license is valid under Minnesota Statutes, section
4.20 97A.411, subdivision 3.

4.21 B. Bonus permits are valid for taking deer by archery, firearms, or muzzleloader
4.22 license holders in areas where taking more than one deer is authorized, except where taking
4.23 or tagging more than one deer is authorized solely by landowner permits.

5.1 C. Unless otherwise specified, bonus permits are valid in archery, firearms, and
5.2 muzzleloader special hunts, including early- or late-season hunts.

5.3 ~~B. D.~~ Before a deer is moved from the site of kill, ~~the person tagging the deer~~
5.4 ~~must validate the tag~~ a site tag must be validated at the site of kill by the licensed deer hunter
5.5 whose tag is being used on the deer. Validation consists of using a knife or similar sharp
5.6 object to cut out or a pen to indelibly mark the appropriate notches on the tag indicating:

- 5.7 (1) the month the deer was taken;
- 5.8 (2) the date the deer was taken; and
- 5.9 (3) the time of day the deer was taken.

5.10 *[For text of subpart 7, see Minnesota Rules]*

5.11 Subp. 8. **Bag limit.**

5.12 A. Except in deer permit area 643, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, and 655, a person
5.13 may not tag more than one legal buck per calendar year using any combination of licenses.
5.14 In deer permit areas 643, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, and 655, a person may tag one legal buck
5.15 during the archery season, the firearms season, and the muzzleloader season, but not more
5.16 than three legal bucks per calendar year. A person may not tag more than one deer during
5.17 a license year by any method, except as authorized in ~~items A to G~~ this subpart.

5.18 ~~A. B.~~ In deer permit areas designated as ~~managed or intensive~~ two-deer limit,
5.19 three-deer limit, or five-deer limit, a person may tag deer with an archery, firearms, or
5.20 muzzleloader license.

5.21 ~~B. C.~~ A person may tag a deer by archery, firearm, or muzzleloader with a bonus
5.22 permit in specified areas as prescribed in this chapter.

82.1 the DWP railroad to CSAH 52, St. Louis County; thence along CSAH 52 to St. Louis
82.2 CR 547; thence along CR 547 to the point of beginning.

82.3 Subp. 162. **Registration Block 133.** Registration Block 133 consists of that portion
82.4 of the state lying within the following described boundary:

82.5 Beginning at the intersection of County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 4, St. Louis County,
82.6 and CSAH 44, St. Louis County; thence along CSAH 44 to St. Louis County Road
82.7 (CR) 266; thence along CR 266 to the C.J. Ramstad/North Shore State Trail (NSST);
82.8 thence along the NSST to CSAH 2, Lake County; thence along CSAH 2 to the East
82.9 Alger Grade; thence along the East Alger Grade to CSAH 3, Lake County; thence along
82.10 CSAH 3 to CSAH 4, Lake County; thence along CSAH 4/CSAH 15 to CSAH 31, Lake
82.11 County (Lax Lake Road); thence along Lax Lake Road to State Trunk Highway (STH)
82.12 1; thence along STH 1 to CSAH 7, St. Louis County; thence along CSAH 7 to the east
82.13 bank of the Manitou River; thence along the east bank of the Manitou River to the
82.14 shore of Lake Superior; thence to the east boundary of the state; thence along the east
82.15 boundary of the state to a point due south of the junction of the east bank of the Little
82.16 Sucker River and the shore of Lake Superior, St. Louis County; thence due north to
82.17 the east bank of the Little Sucker River; thence along the east bank of the Little Sucker
82.18 River to CSAH 61, St. Louis County; thence along CSAH 61 to CSAH 42, St. Louis
82.19 County; thence north along CSAH 42 to CSAH 43, St. Louis County; thence along
82.20 CSAH 43 to CSAH 37, St. Louis County; thence along CSAH 37 to CSAH 2, St. Louis
82.21 County; thence along CSAH 2 to CSAH 4, St. Louis County; thence along CSAH 4 to
82.22 the point of beginning.

82.23 Subp. 163. **Registration Block 604.** Registration Block 604 consists of that portion
82.24 of the state lying within the following described boundary:

82.25 Beginning at the intersection of County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 1 and CSAH 3,
82.26 Crow Wing County; thence along CSAH 1 to Evergreen Drive in Emily; thence along
82.27 Evergreen Drive to State Trunk Highway (STH) 6; thence along STH 6 to Mill Road;
82.28 thence east along Mill Road to the Ruth Lake Public Access; thence along the north
82.29 shore of Ruth Lake to the intersection of the northernmost point of Birchwood Drive;
82.30 thence along Birchwood Drive to CSAH 1, Crow Wing County; thence along CSAH
82.31 1 to County Road (CR) 106, Crow Wing County; thence along CR 106 to CSAH 36,
82.32 Crow Wing County; thence along CSAH 36 to CSAH 24, Aitkin County; thence along
82.33 CSAH 24 to CSAH 22, Aitkin County; thence along CSAH 22 to CSAH 1, Aitkin
82.34 County; thence along CSAH 1 to the north city limits of Aitkin; thence along the north,
82.35 east, and south city limits of Aitkin to US Highway (US) 169; thence along US 169 to
82.36 CSAH 11, Aitkin County; thence along CSAH 11 to CSAH 14, Crow Wing County;
82.37 thence along CSAH 14 to STH 6; thence along STH 6 to STH 18; thence along STH

83.1 18 to the east city limits of Brainerd; thence along the east and south city limits of
83.2 Brainerd to the west bank of the Mississippi River; thence along the west bank of the
83.3 Mississippi River to the confluence of the Crow Wing River; thence along the north
83.4 bank of the Crow Wing River to the confluence of the Gull River; thence along the
83.5 east bank of the Gull River to the intersection of CSAH 36, Cass County; thence along
83.6 CSAH 36 to STH 210; thence along STH 210 to CSAH 18, Cass County; thence along
83.7 CSAH 18 to CSAH 77, Cass County; thence along CSAH 77 to CSAH 15, Cass County;
83.8 thence along CSAH 15 to CR 107; thence along CR 107 to the city limits of Lake
83.9 Shore; thence along the west city limits of Lake Shore to CSAH 29, Cass County;
83.10 thence along CSAH 29 to CSAH 1, Cass County; thence along CSAH 1 to the south
83.11 city limits of Pine River; thence along the south, west, north, and east city limits of
83.12 Pine River to CSAH 1, Cass County; thence along CSAH 1 to CSAH 1, Crow Wing
83.13 County; thence along CSAH 1 to the point of beginning.

83.14 Subp. 164. **Registration Block 655.** Registration Block 655 consists of that portion
83.15 of the state lying within the following described boundary:

83.16 Beginning at the intersection of County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 13, Dodge County,
83.17 and State Trunk Highway (STH) 30; thence along STH 30 to U.S. Highway (US) 63;
83.18 thence along US 63 to the south boundary of the state; thence west along the south
83.19 boundary of the state to CSAH 18, Mower County; thence along CSAH 18 to CSAH
83.20 7, Mower County; thence along CSAH 7 to CSAH 13, Dodge County; thence along
83.21 CSAH 13 to the point of beginning.

83.22 Subp. 165. **Registration Block 104.** Registration Block 104 consists of that portion
83.23 of the state lying within the following described boundary:

83.24 Beginning on the north boundary of the state at the point due north of the confluence
83.25 of the Black River and Rainy River; thence along the north boundary of the state to a
83.26 point due north of the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 11 and County
83.27 State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 1, Koochiching County; thence due south to said
83.28 intersection; thence along CSAH 1 to CSAH 13, Koochiching County; thence along
83.29 CSAH 13 to U.S. Highway (US) 71; thence along US 71 to STH 6; thence along STH
83.30 6 to STH 1; thence along STH 1 to CSAH 6, Koochiching County; thence along CSAH
83.31 6 to CSAH 25, Koochiching County; thence along CSAH 25 to US 71; thence along
83.32 US 71 to CSAH 36, Koochiching County; thence along CSAH 36 to CSAH 36, Beltrami
83.33 County; thence along CSAH 36 to STH 72; thence along STH 72 to the Lake of the
83.34 Woods Drifters Snowmobile Club Waskish Trail; thence east along said trail to the
83.35 John Beckel Northern Connection Snowmobile Trail; thence east along the John Beckel
83.36 Northern Connection Snowmobile Trail to the Black River; thence east along the Black
83.37 River to the point of beginning.

84.1 Subp. 166. **Registration Block 107.** Registration Block 107 consists of that portion
84.2 of the state lying within the following described boundary:

84.3 Beginning on the north boundary of the state at a point due north of the junction of
84.4 State Trunk Highway (STH) 11 and County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 1, Koochiching
84.5 County; thence along the north boundary of the state to the west boundary of Voyageurs
84.6 National Park; thence along the west boundary of Voyageurs National Park to County
84.7 Road (CR) 523, St. Louis County; thence along CR 523 to CR 123, St. Louis County;
84.8 thence along CR 123 to CR 122, St. Louis County; thence along CR 122 to U.S.
84.9 Highway (US) 53; thence along US 53 to STH 217; thence along STH 217 to CSAH
84.10 29, Koochiching County; thence along CSAH 29 to Haney Road, Koochiching County;
84.11 thence along Haney Road to Gallerger Road, Koochiching County; thence along
84.12 Gallerger Road to Galvin Road, Koochiching County; thence along Galvin Road to
84.13 Douglas Road, Koochiching County; thence along Douglas Road to CR 80, Koochiching
84.14 County; thence along CR 80 to CSAH 8, Koochiching County; thence along CSAH 8
84.15 to STH 65; thence along STH 65 to CR 71, Koochiching County; thence along CR 71
84.16 to the Deer River Line, Koochiching County; thence along the Deer River Line to
84.17 CSAH 77, Koochiching County; thence west and north along CSAH 77 to US 71;
84.18 thence west along US 71 to CR 77, Koochiching County; thence along CR 77 to CR
84.19 13, Koochiching County; thence along CR 13 to CSAH 1, Koochiching County; thence
84.20 along CSAH 1 to the point of beginning.

84.21 Subp. 167. **Registration Block 109.** Registration Block 109 consists of that portion
84.22 of the state lying within the following described boundary:

84.23 Beginning at the junction of County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 13, Koochiching
84.24 County, and County Road (CR) 77, Koochiching County; thence along CR 77 to U.S.
84.25 Highway (US) 71; thence northeast along US 71 to CSAH 77, Koochiching County;
84.26 thence along CSAH 77 to Deer River Line, Koochiching County; thence along Deer
84.27 River Line to CR 71, Koochiching County; thence along CR 71 to State Trunk Highway
84.28 (STH) 65; thence along STH 65 to CSAH 8, Koochiching County; thence along CSAH
84.29 8 to CR 80, Koochiching County; thence along CR 80 to Douglas Road, Koochiching
84.30 County; thence along Douglas Road to Galvin Road, Koochiching County; thence
84.31 along Galvin Road to Gallerger Road, Koochiching County; thence along Gallerger
84.32 Road to Haney Road, Koochiching County; thence along Haney Road to CSAH 29,
84.33 Koochiching County; thence along CSAH 29 to STH 217; thence along STH 217 to
84.34 US 53; thence along US 53 to the Lost River; thence along the Lost River to the east
84.35 boundary of the Bois Forte (Nett Lake) Indian Reservation; thence south along the east
84.36 boundary of the Bois Forte (Nett Lake) Indian Reservation to CSAH 23, St. Louis
84.37 County; thence along CSAH 23 to Palmquist Road; thence along Palmquist Road to

85.1 STH 65; thence along STH 65 to STH 1; thence along STH 1 to STH 6; thence along
85.2 STH 6 to US 71; thence along US 71 to CSAH 13, Koochiching County; thence along
85.3 CSAH 13 to the point of beginning.

85.4 Subp. 168. **Registration Block 605.** Registration Block 605 consists of that portion
85.5 of the state lying within the following described boundary:

85.6 Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 77 and County State-Aid
85.7 Highway (CSAH) 32, Dakota County; thence along CSAH 32 to CSAH 71, Dakota
85.8 County; thence along CSAH 71 to 117th Street East, Dakota County; thence along
85.9 117th Street East to U.S. Highway (US) 52; thence along US 52 to STH 55; thence
85.10 along STH 55 to the western city limits of Hastings; thence along the western and
85.11 northern city limits of Hastings to Lock and Dam #2; thence from Lock and Dam #2
85.12 to the east bank of the Mississippi River; thence along the east bank of the Mississippi
85.13 River to the east boundary of the state; thence south along the east boundary of the
85.14 state to Lock and Dam #3; thence from Lock and Dam #3 to Lock and Dam Road,
85.15 Goodhue County; thence along Lock and Dam Road to Wakonade Drive, Goodhue
85.16 County; thence along Wakonade Drive to Sturgeon Lake Road, Goodhue County;
85.17 thence along Sturgeon Lake Road to CSAH 18, Goodhue County; thence along CSAH
85.18 18 to US 61; thence along US 61 to the Cannon River; thence along the north bank of
85.19 the Cannon River to the eastern city limits of Cannon Falls; thence along the eastern
85.20 city limits of Cannon Falls to US 52; thence along US 52 to CSAH 14, Goodhue County;
85.21 thence along CSAH 14 to CSAH 9, Goodhue County; thence along CSAH 9 to STH
85.22 56; thence along STH 56 to the northern city limits of Kenyon; thence along the northern,
85.23 eastern, southern, and western portions of the city limits of Kenyon to STH 60; thence
85.24 along STH 60 to the eastern city limits of Faribault; thence along the eastern and
85.25 southern city limits of Faribault to CSAH 45, Rice County; thence along CSAH 45 to
85.26 CSAH 39, Rice County; thence along CSAH 39 to Interstate Highway 35 (I-35); thence
85.27 along I-35 to CSAH 11, Rice County; thence along CSAH 11 to STH 21; thence along
85.28 STH 21 to STH 13; thence from said intersection north along the western city limits
85.29 of Montgomery to STH 13; thence along STH 13 to the city limits of New Prague;
85.30 thence along the southern, western, and northern city limits of New Prague to STH 21;
85.31 thence along STH 21 to the city limits of Jordan; thence along the southern and western
85.32 city limits of Jordan to Valley View Drive, Scott County; thence along Valley View
85.33 Drive to 195th Street, Scott County; thence along 195th Street to the eastern boundary
85.34 of the Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area; thence along the eastern boundary of
85.35 the Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area to CSAH 9, Scott County; thence along
85.36 CSAH 9 to the Minnesota River; thence along the south bank of the Minnesota River
85.37 to STH 77; thence along STH 77 to the point of beginning.

86.1 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.0350; 6232.0400, subpart 5; and 6232.4700,
86.2 subparts 16, 21, 32, 45, 61, 75a, 77a, 77b, 81, and 91, are repealed. The expedited emergency
86.3 amendments to Minnesota Rules, part 6232.0200, 6232.0400, and 6232.0700, published in
86.4 the State Register, volume 47, page 141, August 29, 2022, are repealed.

86.5 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts
86.6 6230.0290, 6232.0300, 6232.0700, 6232.0800, 6232.0900, 6232.1000, 6232.1300, 6232.1600,
86.7 6232.1750, 6232.1800, 6232.1970, 6232.1980, 6232.2100, 6232.2500, 6232.2560, and
86.8 6232.4700, and the repealer expire January 31, 2024. The expedited emergency amendments
86.9 to Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.0200 and 6232.0400, expire August 31, 2024. After the
86.10 emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules again take effect as they read before
86.11 the emergency amendments were adopted, subject to any permanent rule amendments that
86.12 were adopted while the emergency amendments were effective.