

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

**Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:**

**6232**

**YOUTH AND ADULT SPECIAL DEER HUNTS AND SEASONS**

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

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

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

1.4 **6232.2550 YOUTH AND ADULT SPECIAL DEER HUNTS.**

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

1.6 **Subp. 2. Application requirements.**

1.7 A. Applications for youth special hunts must be made according to this part and  
1.8 according to application instructions provided by the commissioner. Applicants for youth  
1.9 firearms special hunts must be at least 12 years old and under age 16 by the beginning hunt  
1.10 date. Applicants for youth archery special hunts must be at least 12 years old and under age  
1.11 18 by the beginning hunt date. Each person must apply at an electronic license system agent  
1.12 or the Department of Natural Resources License Center. Group applications are not allowed.  
1.13 If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the quota established by the commissioner, the  
1.14 commissioner shall conduct a drawing to determine eligible participants. Preference for the  
1.15 youth special hunt drawing is given to applicants based on the number of years they have  
1.16 correctly applied for a youth special hunt permit but have been unsuccessful. Upon issuance  
1.17 of a youth special hunt permit, all accumulated preference is lost. The application deadline  
1.18 is the Friday nearest August 17.

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

1.21 **Subp. 3. Restrictions on taking.**

1.22 A. In addition to complying with this part, hunters who are hunting under a special  
1.23 deer hunt permit must meet all requirements of the municipality, park, or area in which the  
1.24 special hunt occurs and those of the sponsoring organization. Hunt participants must stay  
1.25 within any boundaries prescribed by the hunt sponsor, on maps provided during a prehunt  
1.26 orientation session, or by posting.

2.1 B. While participating in a special hunt in a state park, individuals may possess  
2.2 only nontoxic ammunition on their person while taking wild animals, as defined in Minnesota  
2.3 Statutes, section 97A.015, subdivision 47. For purposes of this item, "nontoxic ammunition"  
2.4 means:

2.5 (1) steel shot or projectile;

2.6 (2) copper-plated, nickel-plated, or zinc-plated steel shot or projectile; or

2.7 (3) shot or projectile made of other nontoxic material approved by the director  
2.8 of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service under Code of Federal Regulations, title 50,  
2.9 section 20.21, paragraph (j).

2.10 C. A person who carries a pistol and possesses a valid permit under Minnesota  
2.11 Statutes, section 624.714, may possess ammunition that does not meet the requirement of  
2.12 item B but must not use the ammunition to take wild animals.

2.13 D. Participants in special hunts that are located inside the shotgun use area  
2.14 described in Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.318, subdivision 1, may possess and use  
2.15 ammunition that does not meet the requirement of item B to take deer if they remove all  
2.16 portions, including entrails, of any deer harvested during the special hunt.

2.17 Subp. 4. **Open areas.** The following youth and adult special hunt areas are open by  
2.18 permit in 2023:

2.19 A. Camp Ripley Military Refuge in Morrison County is open October 7 and 8 for  
2.20 youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by archery. No more than 175 permits shall be  
2.21 issued. The Minnesota State Archery Association is the sponsor. The bag limit is two.

2.22 B. Portions of Afton State Park in Washington County are open November 4 and  
2.23 5 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 30 permits  
2.24 shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the  
2.25 sponsor. The bag limit is two.

3.1 C. Portions of Banning State Park in Pine County are open October 28 and 29 for  
3.2 youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than six permits shall be  
3.3 issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor.  
3.4 The bag limit is two.

3.5 D. Portions of Blue Mounds State Park in Rock County are open November 18  
3.6 and 19 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than ten permits  
3.7 shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the  
3.8 sponsor. The bag limit is two, and this is an earn-a-buck hunt.

3.9 E. Portions of Buffalo River State Park in Clay County are open October 28 and  
3.10 29 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 12 permits  
3.11 shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the  
3.12 sponsor. The bag limit is two, and this is an earn-a-buck hunt.

3.13 F. Portions of Camden State Park in Lyon County are open October 28 and 29  
3.14 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 12 permits shall  
3.15 be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor.  
3.16 The bag limit is two, and this is an earn-a-buck hunt.

3.17 G. Portions of the city of Baxter in Crow Wing County are open October 19  
3.18 through 22 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. The number of  
3.19 permits is unlimited. The city of Baxter is the sponsor. The bag limit is five deer.

3.20 H. Kilen Woods State Park in Jackson County is open October 28 and 29 for youth  
3.21 taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than six permits shall be issued.  
3.22 The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, and the Minnesota  
3.23 Deer Hunters Association are the sponsors. The bag limit is two, and this is an earn-a-buck  
3.24 hunt.

4.1 I. Portions of Lake Bemidji State Park in Beltrami County are open October 20  
4.2 through 22 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 20  
4.3 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails,  
4.4 is the sponsor. The bag limit is two.

4.5 J. Portions of Lake Bronson State Park in Kittson County are open October 14  
4.6 and 15 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than ten permits  
4.7 shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the  
4.8 sponsor. The bag limit is one.

4.9 K. Portions of Lake Shetek State Park in Murray County are open November 18  
4.10 and 19 for youth taking antlerless deer by firearms. No more than 15 permits shall be issued.  
4.11 The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag  
4.12 limit is two.

4.13 L. Portions of Minneopa State Park in Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties are open  
4.14 November 18 and 19 for youth taking either-sex deer by firearms. No more than 12 permits  
4.15 shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the  
4.16 sponsor. The bag limit is two.

4.17 M. Rydell National Wildlife Refuge in Polk County is open October 28 and 29  
4.18 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 15 permits shall  
4.19 be issued. The Friends of the Rydell and Glacial Ridge Refuges Association is the sponsor.  
4.20 The bag limit is three.

4.21 N. Portions of St. Croix State Park in Pine County are open October 28 and 29  
4.22 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 90 permits shall  
4.23 be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor.  
4.24 The bag limit is one.

5.1 O. Portions of Savanna Portage State Park in Aitkin County are open October 28  
5.2 and 29 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than 25 permits  
5.3 shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the  
5.4 sponsor. The bag limit is two.

5.5 P. Sibley State Park in Kandiyohi County is open October 28 and 29 for youth  
5.6 taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than ten permits shall be issued.  
5.7 The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag  
5.8 limit is one.

5.9 Q. Portions of Zippel Bay State Park in Lake of the Woods County are open  
5.10 October 20 through 22 for youth taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No  
5.11 more than 20 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of  
5.12 Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag limit is two.

5.13 R. Portions of St. Croix State Park in Pine County are open October 28 and 29  
5.14 for adult learn-to-deer-hunt participants taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms.  
5.15 No more than 14 permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division  
5.16 of Parks and Trails, is the sponsor. The bag limit is one.

5.17 S. Portions of Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Carver and Scott  
5.18 Counties are open October 14 and 15 for adult learn-to-deer-hunt participants taking antlerless  
5.19 deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more than ten permits shall be issued. The Department  
5.20 of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the Minnesota Valley National  
5.21 Wildlife Refuge are the sponsors. The bag limit is two.

5.22 T. Lake Bemidji State Park in Beltrami County is open October 20 through 22  
5.23 for adult learn-to-deer-hunt participants taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms.  
5.24 No more than ten permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division  
5.25 of Parks and Trails, and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association are the sponsors. The bag  
5.26 limit is two.

6.1 U. Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center in Fillmore County is open October  
6.2 20 through 22 for adult learn-to-deer-hunt participants taking antlerless deer and legal bucks  
6.3 by firearms. No more than five permits shall be issued. Becoming an Outdoors Woman  
6.4 Program and Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center are the sponsors. The bag limit  
6.5 is one.

6.6 V. Schoolcraft State Park in Itasca County is open October 14 and 15 for adult  
6.7 learn-to-deer-hunt participants taking antlerless deer and legal bucks by firearms. No more  
6.8 than five permits shall be issued. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks  
6.9 and Trails, and the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association are the sponsors. The bag limit is  
6.10 one.

6.11 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, part  
6.12 6232.2550, expire December 31, 2023. After the expedited emergency amendments expire,  
6.13 the permanent rules again take effect, subject to any permanent rule amendments that have  
6.14 been adopted in the interim.