

## 2021 SPECIAL YOUTH DEER HUNT INFORMATION & APPLICATION PROCESS

There are 19 special youth deer hunts with limited numbers of permits available for the fall of 2021. Applications will be taken via the electronic license system beginning July 26, 2021. Deadline for applications is Aug. 20, 2021. Apply at any electronic license agent (wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold) for only \$1 or apply online at <http://licenses.dnr.state.mn.us/> (start by clicking on "Purchase").

Prior to participating in the fall 2021 hunting season, hunters should refer to the DNR's COVID-19 response web page at [www.mndnr.gov/covid-19](http://www.mndnr.gov/covid-19) for the latest information.

<b>2021 Archery special youth deer hunt schedule</b>							
Area name	Hunt type	Area No.	Dates	No. of permits	Bag limit	CWD sampling	Orientation
Camp Ripley Military Reservation Youth Archery	Either-Sex	950	Oct. 9-10	175	2	Not applicable	Oct. 8
Lake Alexander Woods TNC Youth Archery Hunt	Either-Sex	955	Oct. 9-10	20	2	Not applicable	Oct. 8
<b>2021 Firearms special youth deer hunt schedule</b>							
Area name	Hunt type	Area No.	Dates	No. participants	Bag limit	CWD sampling	Orientation
Afton State Park	Either-Sex	951	Nov. 6-7	30	2	Mandatory	Oct. 23
Banning State Park	Either-Sex	965	Oct. 30-31	6	2	Voluntary	Oct. 30
Blue Mounds State Park	Earn-a-buck	966	Nov. 20-21	10	2	Not applicable	Nov. 19
Buffalo River State Park	Earn-a-buck	959	Oct. 30-31	12	2	Not applicable	No in person orientation
Camden State Park	Earn-a-buck	967	Oct. 30-31	12	2	Not applicable	Oct. 29
Itasca State Park	Either-Sex	961	Oct. 9-10	75	2	Not applicable	Oct. 8 or optional in person
Kilen Woods State Park	Either-Sex	963	Oct. 30-31	6	1	Not applicable	Oct. 29
Lake Bemidji State Park	Either-Sex	954	Oct. 15-17	20	2	Mandatory	Oct. 14
Lake Bronson State Park	Either-Sex	969	Oct. 23-24	10	1	Not applicable	Oct. 22
Lake Shetek State Park	Antlerless only	968	Nov. 20-21	12	2	Not applicable	Nov. 19
Minneopa State Park	Either-Sex	899	Nov. 20-21	12	2	Not applicable	Nov. 19
Rydell National Wildlife Refuge	Either-Sex	957	Oct. 23-24	15	3	Not applicable	Oct. 17
Savanna Portage State Park	Either-Sex	958	Oct. 23-24	25	2	Not applicable	Oct. 22
Sibley State Park	Either-Sex	952	Oct. 30-31	10	1	Not applicable	Oct. 29
St. Croix State Park	Either-Sex	956	Oct. 30-31	90	2	Mandatory	Oct. 23 or 29 (optional if attended past orientation)
Zippel Bay State Park	Either-Sex	953	Oct. 16-17	20	2	Not applicable	No in person orientation

Bag limits may be added to the limit in the surrounding deer permit area. Bonus tags can be purchased for harvest of antlerless deer; however, antlered bucks must be tagged and registered under your youth firearms license.

### 2021 Special youth deer hunt lottery process

The license agent will ask for the following information when applying:

- A state driver's license, state identification, firearms safety certificate number, or MDNR Number
- Your social security number if you are applying for the lottery or purchasing a license for the first time.
- Cost is \$1. Keep your receipt as proof of application and check to ensure information was entered correctly. Corrections can only be made at the time of application.

## 2021 SPECIAL YOUTH DEER HUNTS

### These regulations apply to all youth deer hunts:

- Applications will be accepted beginning July 26, 2021.
- Each person must apply at a license agent, online or the DNR License Center in St. Paul.
- Group applications and party hunting are not allowed; participants must shoot their own deer.
- A lottery will be held if applications exceed the number of permits.
- Applicant may only apply for one youth firearms hunt. Cost is \$1.
- Participating in a special youth hunt does not preclude one from hunting the regular season.
- Unsuccessful applicants receive preference for future youth hunt drawings of the same type.
- An adult parent/guardian mentor, who may not hunt, must accompany youth participants while hunting at all times and will abide by all hunting rules.
- All youth participants and an adult parent/guardian mentor must attend pre-hunt orientation session as indicated. Participants who can't attend a required orientation should not apply.
- Blaze orange or pink is required during youth firearms hunts.
- Tree stands and pop-up blinds are permitted in state parks hunts up to 7 days prior to the hunt, placed during normal park hours and must have owner/hunter clearly identified on them with their MN DNR license number. (This is to facilitate hunt preparation by youth who are normally in school Monday through Friday and to capitalize on some of the youth hunt clinics conducted one week prior to the hunt.)
- Only clamp-on or strap-on portable stands that do not damage trees or other vegetation may be used -- no nails, screw in steps or other devices that damage the bark of trees.
- Hunters may not place multiple stands.
- Other hunters or the general public may not occupy stands legally placed by a hunter.
- Stands must be removed no more than one day after the hunt.
- All other state park rules apply.
- Youth Archery Deer Hunts (License Type 630)
- Youth Firearms Deer Hunts (License Type 631)
- Application Deadline is Friday, August 20, 2021 and costs \$1.
- Youth special firearms hunt applicants must be at least age 12 and under 16 by the beginning hunt date.
- Youth special archery hunt applicants must be at least 12 and under 18 by the beginning hunt date.
- Participants must obtain a valid license for taking deer by firearms prior to the start of the hunt. The license may be for any zone or season option.
- The rifle-shotgun boundary is in effect. (Consult the 2021 Deer Seasons Map.)

### Special Youth Archery Opportunity

- Sand Prairie WMA (near St. Cloud) is open to youth 10-17 years old during the archery season. All deer rules apply.