

Deer hunters need to know new baiting rules



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OUTDOOR INSIGHTS

There has been a tremendous amount of confusion surrounding the new deer baiting regulations handed down by the state Natural Resource Commission. With opening day of the archery season just around the corner, hunters should be aware that there are restrictions across the state.

In the tuberculosis management area — north of highway M-66 and east of I-75 — it is unlawful to use bait of any kind to take deer. Earlier this year the NRC voted to allow limited baiting in the TB management area. However, at its July meeting, after receiving a mandate from the U.S. Department of

Agriculture, the commission reversed its decision and voted in favor of a total ban on deer baiting in the TB management area.

In the reminder of the state:

- No deer bait can be put out before October 1 or after December 15.

- Quantity of bait is limited to five gallons on the ground and no more than five gallons per day at any one site.

- Any type of food material may be used except salt blocks.

- Bait must be scattered on the ground and not placed in a pile.

- Use of mechanical feeders is illegal.

- Food plots, naturally occurring foods, standing agricultural crops, or food that is in place as part of normal farming practices are not considered bait.

Fishing access improves

Three cheers for Oakland

County Parks!

Thanks to a recent grant, Oakland County Parks will enhance fishing access to inland lakes in three area parks. A handicapped-accessible floating dock will be built on Crooked Lake at Independence Oaks in Clarkston and new concrete boat ramps will be built on Lake Sixteen at Orion Oaks in Orion Township and on Bull Lake at Addison Oaks near Oxford.

Oakland County Parks received a \$20,000 matching grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Inland Fisheries Grant Program to be used to improve fishing access and opportunity.

The state awards grants annually, but this is the first time Oakland County Parks has been a recipient.

Antlerless tags available

More than 130,000 leftover antlerless deer permits will be

available for over-the-counter purchase over the next week at retail sales outlets across the state.

Some 80,408 general antlerless permits will go on sale beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. Another 52,253 leftover private land antlerless permits go on sale beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29. (See related chart.)

The DNR has installed additional computer software that gives it the ability to use 300 telephone lines in the Retail Sales System. That's an increase if 75 lines over last year's capacity and 180 more lines than were used in 1997.

General antlerless permits can be used either on public or private land — with the land owner's permission — within the respective DMU. Private land permits are valid only on private land within the respective DMU. To purchase private land permits a

hunter must provide a property tax number and the land owner's phone number for at least five acres in southern Michigan or the Upper Peninsula or 40 acres in the northern Lower on which he/she has permission to hunt.

Antlerless permits are again a stand-alone license and no other license is required to be legally affixed.

Hunter's help sought

The DNR is asking geese hunters to participate in a research project by donating the heads and tails — with the sex organs intact — from harvested Canada geese.

Using the bill size and the sex of each goose, biologists will be able to analyze the harvest of local geese versus migrant geese in order to measure the effectiveness of season dates at decreasing migrant harvest while increasing the harvest of resident geese.

"Data from Michigan hunters will ensure we are able to provide the greatest amount of goose hunting opportunity while helping to build the Mississippi Valley population," said Greg Souliere, the DNR's wetland and waterfowl specialist.

Parts from individual birds should be bagged together and frozen, with the date and county of kill and the hunter's name included in the package. For parts may be delivered to any DNR field or district office. Include the words "Attention Wildlife Division" on the package.

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314; send e-mail to bparker@oe.honcom.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SEASON/DATES

DEER

Deer season runs through Oct. 26 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

DEER

An early antlerless-only firearms season will be held Oct. 16-25 on private land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antlerless-only season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Archery season runs Oct. 1-Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 2 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

DUCK

Duck season runs Oct. 2-Nov. 30 in the North and Middle Zones. Oct. 9-Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

ELK

Elk season runs Sept. 18-26 and Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GOOSE

Regular goose season runs Sept.

19-Dec. 7 in the North and Middle Zones and Oct. 9-Dec. 7 in the South Zone with the exception of several Goose Management Units. Check the 1999-2000 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific dates in these southern Goose Management Units.

GROUSE

The regular grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT

Pheasant season runs Oct. 10-20 in the Upper Peninsula and Oct. 20-Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula. A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT

Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

TURKEY

The fall wild turkey season runs Oct. 4-Nov. 9 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season runs Sept. 25-Nov. 8 statewide.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7087.

FARM STORIES

A story hour for children begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Maybury.

BIRD HIKES

Observe and identify bird species seen throughout the park during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, at Maybury.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The ninth annual Harvest Festival will be held noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Maybury. Activities include weaving and spinning, rope making, blacksmithing, cider pressing, grain milling and corn shelling, pumpkin decorating, hayrides to the

pumpkin patch and more.

HORSEDRAWN HAYRIDES

Horsedrawn hayrides will be offered 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through the end of October at Maybury.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7766; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$15 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

PICK YOUR PUMPKIN

Take a hay ride to the pumpkin

patch during this program, which begins at noon Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25-26, at Kensington.

DEER THROUGH THE SEASONS

Explore the life history of the white-tailed deer then take a short walk to search for deer in the park during this program, which begins at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Kensington.

WILDLIFE BADGE

Junior girl scouts can complete all the requirements for their wildlife badge during this program, which will be held throughout the day on Sunday, Sept. 26, at Kensington.

A ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Wear boots, bring a binocular and explore some of the lesser-known parts of the park during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at Kensington.

USED EQUIPMENT SALE

The Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority's annual auction of surplus used vehicles, equipment and supplies begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Central Garage in Kensington.

FULL MOON WALK

Learn about the traditions asso-

ciated with the harvest moon during this evening hike, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Stony Creek.

LEAF COLLECTING

Learn leaf identification and the value of trees to humans and wildlife during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Stony Creek.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

HAY RIDE

Enjoy a hay ride and a camp fire under the light of the Harvest Moon during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Independence Oaks.

STROLLER STROLL

Load up the little ones in strollers or wagons and enjoy the sights and sounds of autumn during this naturalist-led walk on a new paved trail, which begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Independence Oaks.

Laurel Manor

39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia • Wednesday, September 29 • 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m

Admission FREE!

Thinking about changing jobs or beginning a career in a new field? Here is a great opportunity to leave your resumé with dozens of companies and agencies listed below who are looking for talent. Now is the time to update your resumé, make 50-80 copies and visit our Job Fair. It's absolutely free, and representatives from the firms listed here are ready to talk with you about your future employment plans. Mark your calendar and we'll see you on the 29th!

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