



MONTGOMERY PARKS

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Guidelines for Hunters Retrieving Deer from M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks Parkland

If a hunter shoots a deer on private property, and the animal moves onto M-NCPPC parkland, the following course of action is required prior to retrieving the deer:

- The hunter must call M-NCPPC Montgomery County Park Police at **301-949-8010** to explain the situation and provide a location/description of where the deer entered parkland.
- In most cases, Park Police will dispatch an officer to the location to escort the hunter onto parkland to retrieve the deer.
- If the deer has not expired, the police officer and hunter will determine the best course of action to euthanize the deer.
- If an officer is not dispatched and permission is granted over the phone to enter parkland, **the hunter will not be permitted to take his/her weapon onto parkland**. If the deer is found to still be alive, a second call to Park Police will be required and an officer will be dispatched to the scene. Under no circumstances should a hunter handle this later situation without the direct involvement of Park Police.

Plan ahead if you hunt near parkland

When hunting in a location where a deer is likely to move onto park property, for example where archery hunters are hunting in residential communities, it is advisable to contact Park Police in advance to make them aware of this situation and the potential need for their services as described above. The telephone number for **Park Police is 301-949-8010**.

Hunters, Please Note

- The recovery of a deer, even if you are not carrying your weapon, is still considered “hunting” and therefore, permission to enter any property is required.
- Hunters are also required to wear safety orange clothing as required by state law, according to the type of hunting being done.
- Field dressing should not be done on any property without expressed written permission of the landowner.