

## 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 Maryland National Capital Park Police Division for [Montgomery Parks at 301-949-8010](tel:301-949-8010) to explain the situation and provide a location/description of where the deer entered parkland.
- Park Police may 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 carry their hunting implement weapon (e.g. bow, crossbow, firearm) onto parkland take their weapon onto parkland**. If the deer is found alive, a second call to Park Police will be required and an officer may be dispatched to the scene. Under no circumstance should a hunter manage this situation on parkland 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 (e.g. where archery hunters are hunting in residential communities), it is advisable to contact Park Police in advance of hunting to make them aware and inform of the potential need for permission and assistance as described above. The telephone number for [MNC Parks Police at 301-949-8010](tel:301-949-8010).

### Hunters, Please Note

- The recovery of a deer, even if you are not carrying your weapon, is 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 and season of hunting.
- Field dressing should not be done on any property without expressed written permission of the landowner.