



MONTGOMERY PARKS

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
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Lottery Managed Deer Hunting Program Pre-Screening Information

Thank you for your interest in the M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks Lottery Managed Deer Hunting Program. The following is a description of the program and instructions for how to seek approval to participate. Please read this information carefully and fill out the required forms completely. **PLEASE NOTE: Pre-Screening Application forms are accepted throughout the year with a deadline of the first Friday in June for the upcoming program year. Pre-Screening Applications received after the first Friday in June will not be considered but will be retained for consideration for the following program year. Participation of individuals under the age of 18 years is limited to lottery- based firearms hunting at Little Bennett Regional Park, only. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by their parent or designated guardian/mentor (NOTE: The parent/guardian and/or mentor must be an approved program participant).**

In an effort to relieve impacts resulting from deer in and around select parks, Montgomery Parks conducts deer population management programming. The first managed deer hunts for the Department of Parks occurred in December 1996. Foremost objectives are to maintain safety and to harvest an appropriate portion of the deer population annually, to achieve a stable or negative population growth rate. Though primary objectives are focused on management, we work hard to provide participants with a quality hunting experience and success. This program allows for firearms hunting at select park locations and archery hunting at other park locations; both methods occur during the fall and winter months. All parks, with the exception of one, require treestand hunting only (limited ground hunting is available at Little Bennett Regional Park only). For firearms hunting, shot range is restricted to 80 yards or less whereas archery hunting shot range is restricted to 30 yards or less. Individuals who intend to participate in either or both, the firearms element and/or the archery element are required to pass Shooting Qualification test(s) with the applicable hunting implements, annually.

In an effort to uphold the Department's priority of program goals (Safety, Management Objectives, Hunter Satisfaction) We seek participants who:

1. Understand and support the objectives of the Montgomery Parks Deer Management Program.
2. Will prioritize safety and regulations above personal interests.
3. Are experienced, safe hunters capable of and willing to harvest multiple antlerless deer.
4. Are consistent, reliable, and willing to dedicate time and effort under a variety of conditions.

In order to be approved to participate in the Department's Managed Deer Hunting Lottery, all applicants must first submit the attached waiver and questionnaire as well as demonstrate proof of completion of a State hunter education/safety course (photocopy of certificate and/or card required; numbers by themselves will not be accepted). Additionally, for those intending to apply for the archery element of the Lottery Program, applicants must also provide proof of State-sanctioned and/or NBEF Bowhunter Education Certification. No other exceptions. Staff will review the Pre-screening questionnaire for knowledge of safety practices, regulations, deer hunting experience, and ability to read/comprehend and follow instructions etc. In addition, a background check will be required at the applicant's initiation and expense (\$18.50) to investigate prior infractions that might compromise the integrity of the managed deer-hunting program. See instructions, below.

Following staff review, applicants will receive notification informing them of program participation approval or denial. Assuming that there is no reason for dismissal from the program, applicants

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need to be approved only once to gain acceptance as an approved participant. Once approved, participants will be placed on an active roster and assigned a participant ID number. During the last week of June or first week of July each year, participants will receive Lottery Application instructions and materials to apply for opportunities during the upcoming management season.

Correspondence occurs by **email, only**. Detailed information regarding participation requirements and procedures will be included in these application materials prior to the lottery and/or in the selection materials issued following the lottery. [**NOTE:** If you are denied the opportunity to apply, you may continue to submit the pre-screening packet to try to become approved (unless otherwise indicated). However, you may only submit one pre-screening application per season.]

Questions about the application process or the managed deer hunting program may be directed to Wildlife staff at (301) 962-1352. Please complete and attach the accompanying Pre-screening ethics statement/waiver and questionnaire.

Apply online for a background check before the first Friday in June:

1. Access the background check service via the following link:
<https://montgomeryparksdeermgtprescreen.quickapp.pro/>
2. Follow the prompts on the website and the results will be sent directly to Wildlife Ecology & Management Staff (Photo ID required for this process)

Return the following items to the address below before the first Friday in June:

1. Ethics Statement/Waiver of Liability
2. Pre-Screening Questionnaire
3. Photocopy of State-approved Hunter Safety/Education Certificate
4. Photocopy of State sanctioned and/or NBEF Bowhunter Education Certification (ONLY if applying for archery element of the Lottery Program) *PLEASE NOTE: NBEF Bowhunter Education Certification from any state in the U.S. will suffice. Please visit www.bowhunter-ed.com to browse a list of suitable options. Read carefully, as some requirements vary by state.*
5. Driver's License or Passport [If under 18 years of age, photo I.D. such as a passport, student I.D., or driver's permit/license if available].

Option A (Email): MCP-deermanagement@montgomeryparks.org

Option B (Standard US Mail): MNCPPC; Montgomery Parks
Attn: Deer Management
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Statement of Hunter Ethics & Waiver of Liability

As an approved participant of the M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program, I hereby agree to always adhere to the hunter ethics standards below while hunting or scouting:

- I will obey all the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (hereinafter referred to as “DNR”) Hunting Regulations and follow all Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (“hereinafter referred to as the M-NCPPC”), Montgomery Parks Rules and Procedures.
- I will respect members of the public while participating in scouting and hunting activities.
- I will respect the rights of other participants at all times.
- I will take the utmost precaution to assure the safety of others and myself.
- I will honor the Department’s priority of program goals (Safety, Management Objectives, Hunter Satisfaction) and place them ahead of my personal, recreational goals.

For Firearms Participants:

- I will use rifled slugs or sabot slugs of 20 gauge – 12 gauge or straight-walled cartridges of .350 - .500 calibers, only.
- I will make every effort to avoid unnecessary wounding of wildlife and will shoot at stationary targets **less than 80 yards, only.**

For Archery Participants:

- I will only use modern archery tackle (compounds and/or crossbows) as approved for deer hunting in the State of Maryland and the M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program
- I will make every effort to avoid unnecessary wounding loss of deer and will shoot at stationary targets **less than 30 yards, only.**

Assumption of Risk and Indemnification

I _____ (name of participant), the undersigned, assume all risks and shall be responsible for all personal or bodily injury to myself and others and damage to my property and the property of others, arising from my activities as a participant in the M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and defend the M-NCPPC and hold it harmless from and against any and all claims, suits, damages, liabilities and expenses, including attorney’s fees and the county’s cost of defense, in connection with the loss of life, personal or bodily injury and/or damage to or loss of property that arises from my participation in the program. This indemnification is not to be deemed as a waiver of any immunity that may exist in any action against the M-NCPPC.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian
(If participant is less than 18 years of age)

Date

By signing this form, the participant hereby grants permission to the Department of Parks, Montgomery County, to review background investigations regarding Criminal, Civil, and Natural Resources violation history. Authorization to participate in the program will be terminated if the participant is found to have been dishonest in word or deed or if he/she engages in other behavior or activities inconsistent with the goals of the program. Furthermore, the participant agrees to abide by all State and Federal hunting rules and regulations in addition to all rules and regulations of the M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program. *(Revised May 2021)*

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Pre-Screening Questionnaire [3 pages]

Full Name: _____ M.I. ____ Daytime Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ E m a i l Address: _____

_____ Date of Birth: _____

If you are a previous participant of this program who left in good standing and you wish to seek reinstatement to participate, please place a checkmark in the box shown. You may forego completion of the remainder of this questionnaire. Wildlife Ecology & Management Staff will review existing records and notify you of your approval or denial to participate based on findings. If records cannot be verified, you will need to complete the Pre-Screening Process in full. **PLEASE NOTE: If seeking reinstatement, you will still need to complete a background check at your initiation and expense (\$18.50).**
<https://montgomeryparksdeermtgtprescreen.quickapp.pro/>

For which of the following are you applying:

- Firearms Hunting Opportunities ONLY
- Archery Hunting Opportunities ONLY
- BOTH Firearms AND Archery Opportunities

After checking the appropriate box, please carefully read and complete the following sections based on your selections.

For ALL New Applicants:

1. Have you ever and/or do you currently participate in other Managed Deer Hunting Programs in the State of Maryland? (Y/N)____ Have you ever been expelled from another managed hunting program? (Y/N) _____ If so, Why? _

2. How many days would you be able to hunt if opportunities were available? _____

3. The Department allows participants to harvest an unlimited number of antlerless deer. How many antlerless deer are you willing to harvest per day? How many antlerless deer are you willing to harvest per season? _____ / _____

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4. Have you ever plead guilty to and/or been convicted of a DNR or other game law violation(s) (hunting, fishing, boating etc.)? (Y/N) _____ Note: paying a fine constitutes a guilty plea.
If yes, When? Where? What was the violation(s)? Please explain (use back of page if necessary):

5. Have you ever plead guilty to and/or been convicted of a crime(s) (other than general traffic violations)? (Y/N) If yes, When? Where? What was the crime? Please explain (use back of page if necessary):

6. When did the M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks first managed deer hunts occur? _____

7. This program requires participants to abide by State hunter safety orange requirements. How much hunter safety orange are you required to wear while hunting in Maryland? _____

8. List, in order, the priority of goals for the Managed Deer Hunting Program:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

9. How/Where did you hear about this Managed Deer Hunting program? _____

For Participants Applying for Firearms Opportunities (leave blank if not applicable to you):

1. How many years have you hunted deer with a firearm? _____

2. How many deer have you harvested with a firearm? _____

3. What types of ammunition are you allowed to use in this hunting program? _____

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4. What is the maximum distance allowed for shooting deer with a firearm in this managed hunting program? _____

5. Assuming that all equipment is in good, working condition, while hunting, what are the two most important things to be sure of prior to squeezing the trigger?

1. _____

2. _____

For Participants Applying for Archery Opportunities (leave blank if not applicable to you):

1. How many years have you hunted deer with archery equipment? _____

2. How many deer have you harvested with archery equipment? _____

3. What is the maximum distance allowed for shooting deer with archery equipment in this managed hunting program? _____

4. What type(s) of archery tackle are approved for this managed hunting program?

Thank you. You will be notified of your approval or denial to apply to the M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program.

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