



MONTGOMERY PARKS

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2024 Managed Deer Hunting Program Information and Instructions for ARCHERY Lottery-Selected Participants (7 Pages)

**** The following information is intended for participants who were selected through the managed hunt ARCHERY lottery, only. Selected participants were notified of selection(s) by way of a Selection Notification Email. ****

Congratulations on your lottery selection to participate in the 2024-25 Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunts (**ARCHERY Lottery**). The Dates/Group that you have been selected to participate were sent to you via Selection Notification Email. Please read the following information closely.

PROCEDURE TO PARTICIPATE:

All selected participants are required to submit copies of a valid/current Maryland Hunting License, valid/current Maryland Archery Stamp, and proof of completion of program-sanctioned Shooting Qualification archery proficiency test. Additionally, participants are required to complete and PAY for a background check (new participants who already completed this step during the pre-screening process are exempt from this step for the current year).

The following must be completed and submitted by **Friday, August 9th:**

- **Background Check:** A background check is **REQUIRED** for each participant and applicant. The fee for the background check will be **\$18.50 (non-refundable)** and is handled through the background check website, only. Access the background check service via the following link: <https://montgomeryparksdeermgtprescreen.quickapp.pro/> Follow the prompts on the website and the results will be sent directly to Wildlife Ecology & Management Staff. A valid photo ID/ driver's license is required. Wildlife Ecology Staff will review each case and take action as appropriate. **NOTE:** *You do not need to submit for a background check if you are a new participant who submitted one as part of the pre-screening process during 2024 OR are a participant in another Montgomery Parks Managed Hunting Program and have already submitted one in 2024.*
- **Photocopy of:** (1). 2024-2025 Maryland Hunting License
(2). 2024-2025 Maryland ARCHERY STAMP

Please **SCAN and EMAIL (only)** the documents above OR send a photo of all items together to MCP-Deermanagement@montgomeryparks.org. If possible, please e-mail these items as one document. We will not accept any submissions sent via U.S. Mail.

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The following must be completed and submitted by **September 1:**

- **Proof of completion of Shooting Qualification/Archery Proficiency Test:** Completion of a shooting qualification/archery proficiency test is REQUIRED. Participants must qualify with the equipment they intend to hunt with (compound bow and/or crossbow) at an approved **program-sanctioned** location (see additional info within this document for more details). If you are not planning to attend the qualification session(s) hosted by the Montgomery Parks WEMU staff and you qualify at another program-sanctioned location, please **SCAN and EMAIL (only)** the shooter qualification card/record to MCP-Deermanagement@montgomeryparks.org We will not accept any submissions sent via U.S. Mail.

NOTE: If you fail to submit qualification materials by the required deadline, you will NOT be permitted to hunt.

MANAGER'S NOTE:

The following pages contain vital news and information for this year's Archery Lottery Program at **Blockhouse Point Conservation Park (BPCP), North Germantown Greenway/Great Seneca Stream Valley Park Unit #2 (NGG/GSSVP2), Great Seneca Stream Valley Park Units # 3-4/Goshen Branch Stream Valley Park (GSSVP 3-4/GBSVP), and Royce Hanson Conservation Park at Broad Run (RHCP-BR)**. It is also included in the Lottery Archery Program Handbook found on the Secure Managed Hunt webpage.

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

After you receive confirmation from Montgomery Parks Deer Management Staff that you have been selected for participation, a scouting period will open at all archery locations. For 2024, that period will begin on Thursday, August 1st and end on Thursday, February 28th.

- Scouting is to occur during daylight hours only and access is only permitted from designated parking areas (see maps on secure webpage). **NOTE: The Gorky Drive/"Parking D" access point at Blockhouse Point CP will be closed to parking for scouting activities**
- Pre-season scouting is not required but it is highly encouraged. It is your responsibility to be extremely familiar with park boundaries, trails, restricted areas, and all official parking access points and max vehicle capacities at these locations.
- Efforts should be made to remain discreet while scouting. Carpooling with other participants is recommended to reduce traffic and disturbance to the parks.
- In-season scouting, when necessary, is encouraged to be conducted during midday hours AND be kept at a minimum as to minimize disturbance to other hunters.

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- Trail cameras (w/participant labels) may be utilized beginning August 1 and must be removed by February 28th.

If you have any further questions regarding scouting information, please call Andy Simmons at (301) 962-1352. It is the responsibility of the participant to become familiar with all aspects of the hunting area. Participants should not hunt an area unless they have scouted it prior.

MANDATORY PRE-SEASON MEETING

All participants must attend a Mandatory Pre-Season Training Meeting. For 2024, there will be two meeting dates scheduled in an effort to allow for participants to accommodate their personal schedules. **Participants must attend one, but not both dates.** Program background, detailed regulations and procedures will be explained to participants at this meeting. Participants will also be issued permits and parking tags at this time.

Meeting Option #1:

August 29, 2024 @ 7:00PM

Meeting Option #2:

September 4, 2024 @ 7:00PM

AGRICULTURAL HISTORY FARMPARK
18400 MUNCASTER RD
DERWOOD, MD 20855

From I-270 – Take Exit 8 for Shady Grove Road. Follow for about 3.7 miles. Turn right onto Muncaster Mill Rd (115) for about .3 miles. Turn left onto Muncaster Road for about 1.3 miles. Park entrance will be on the left. Follow park road to visitor center parking.

From I-70 – Take Exit 68 (Ridge Road Rte. 27) Travel South approx. 5 miles. Turn left onto Woodfield Rd for about 1 mile. Turn left onto Main St (MD-108) for about 4.3 miles. Turn right onto Laytonsville Rd (MD-108) for about 5.5 miles. Turn right onto Muncaster Rd for about 2.2 miles. Park entrance will be on the right. Follow park road to visitor center parking.

DURING THE ARCHERY SEASON

Lottery archery hunting at each of the four (4) park locations is to begin ONLY at the direction of the Hunt Manager. Once hunting is underway, participants are responsible for discreet, well-reported hunting.

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IMPORTANT PARK CLOSURE DATES - Due to previously scheduled park events, there will be no hunting on the following dates at:

- Blockhouse Point CP: **October 12th, October 13th, and November 9th.**
- NGG/GSSVP2: **October 12th, October 13th**
- GSSVP 3-4/GBSVP: **October 12th, October 13th**
- Royce Hanson CP: **November 30 - Jan 10 (Closed to archery hunting during this period)**

The following are the most critical details, procedures, and expectations for every participant of this program.

1. Regulations

- a) Regulations document may be found on the secure webpage.
- b) Every participant must become extremely well-versed with all regulations established for participation in this program.
- c) Any deviation from these regulations will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.

2. Mandatory Hunting Participation Procedures

- a) Hunting may only occur Monday-Saturday, ONLY. **NOTE:** There may be possible closures during this period which staff will make participants aware of.
- b) Minimum level of participation is 3 calendar dates (AM or PM hunts). Those who do not meet this expectation may jeopardize their eligibility for the following season.
- c) Check in/out with park police is required for every hunt day via online form
- d) The Parks issued Program I.D. /Permit Badge must be worn and/or visible at all times while on the ground (lanyard or tag holder recommended).
- e) If a deer is wounded and travels across the property line, participants must contact Park Police to request direction and/or assistance. Participants must NOT enter another property without the assistance of Park Police (301-949-8010).
- f) Deer carcasses must be fully covered during removal, loading and transport process; no ATV use permitted. Carts or sleds are recommended. *NOTE: It is the participant's responsibility to be aware of and follow their home state's laws regarding chronic wasting disease (CWD) and importation of deer harvested in MD.*
- g) All emergency situations must be reported to Park Police Dispatch (301-949-8010) immediately. If necessary, 9-1-1 should be called prior to calling Park Police.
- h) Report illegal activity to Park Police and note on harvest/observation form, as well as Field Maps App.
 - Illegal hunting should be reported to Park Police when you witness it actively in progress
 - Evidence of illegal hunting (treestands, feeders etc.) should be reported directly to Andrew Simmons (andrew.simmons@montgomeryparks.org) with precise location information (lat/long. or pin marker is best). Participants are also encouraged to pinpoint location information via the Field Maps mobile app.

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- DO NOT remove or otherwise tamper with illegal hunting equipment

Encounters with citizens: Participants must be as discreet as possible across all elements of this program. If interaction/encounters with citizens occur:

- Participants must be polite, courteous and accommodating
 - Participants must yield right of way to any and all trail users
 - If park users are confrontational and/or ask questions to which you do not know the answers, please always remain calm and courteous and provide contact information for Parks Customer Service (business cards will be provided for distribution)
 - Citizen interactions must be recorded via the online “Montgomery Parks Archery Field Notes & Harvest Log”
- j) **Mandatory Reporting:** Participants must complete the online “Montgomery Parks Archery Field Notes & Harvest Log” no more than 24 hours after each hunt. This must be completed every hunt regardless of harvest success (does not include scouting). **NOTE:** Each participant will be provided a link, by email, to this online form. Please store this link in a safe place. The password to access this form is: **AP2024**. Use **public land code 655** when checking deer as required by Maryland DNR.

[**NOTE:** Please keep in mind that anything you record in this log is a matter of public record.]

Notice to Managed Hunt Participants

Background checks are required for each participant and applicant. Wildlife Ecology Staff will review each case and take action as appropriate. The following are the criteria used for grounds for the Disqualification of hunters based on judicial records:

- Any participant or applicant who is under Federal, State or Local restrictions for possessing firearms due to criminal history will be disqualified. If existing Hunt participants are found to have been restricted in this way yet continue to attempt to hunt deer in this program, he/she will be reported to the proper authorities immediately.
- Two or more Criminal or Civil Citation violations incurred in the State of Maryland, related to hunting, hunting safety, Federal, State and Local weapons regulations, violence, alcohol or substance abuse of which the accused pleads guilty and/or is found guilty within the past 10 years OR a total history of 3 or more aforementioned violations will result in Disqualification.

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Shooting Qualification Standards:

- Must qualify with all archery equipment you intend to hunt with, bow and/or crossbow
- Required use of broadheads intended for hunting (unique practice heads that come with expandable broadheads will be permitted, but general practice heads (field points) will not be permitted)
- **NEW!** Must bring a minimum of 3 arrows with broadheads/practice broadheads attached to each in order to qualify. Range officers will not allow you to take one shot and then go to the target to pull your arrow/bolt to take your subsequent 2nd and 3rd shots.
- **NEW!** Participants must reserve a time slot per each weapon they intend to qualify with (i.e., if you are qualifying with both a compound bow and a crossbow, you would need to reserve a time slot for each).
- **FOR NEW PARTICIPANTS ONLY**, shooting quals must occur from an elevated position (this will require you to select a shooting qual date/location where an elevated platform is utilized; more information provided below)
- **FOR EXISTING PARTICIPANTS**, shooting quals can occur at any range, and can be done from the ground or an elevated position depending on range accommodations.
- 3 of 4 shots within a 6" circle drawn on three, 3D deer targets placed at random distances not to exceed 30 yds (**NOTE: These standards exceed that of the MD-DNR/State requirements**)
- Only one qualification attempt per weapon type per day. Failure Implications are:
 - 1 failed attempt = one additional opportunity to attempt qualification on a subsequent date
 - 2 failed attempts = Disqualification for the season

At the Montgomery Parks shooting sessions, only shooting from the ground (non-elevated) will occur.

Shooting Qualification Locations/Directions:

PLEASE NOTE: *Qualifications for the purpose of participating in the Montgomery Parks Managed Lottery Archery Program may **ONLY** occur at the following locations:*

- **SOUTH GERMANTOWN RECREATIONAL PARK ARCHERY RANGE**
(Montgomery Parks hosted qualifications)
- **NOTE:** Shooting to occur from the GROUND ONLY (No elevated shooting platform available); only *returning participants admitted*
18041 Central Park Circle, Boyds, Maryland 20841
Contact: Andrew Simmons or David Petersen (MCP-deermanagement@montgomeryparks.org)

Date/Time: Saturday, August 10 @ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Date/Time: Tuesday, August 13 @ 5:00PM – 7:30PM

Date/Time: Saturday, August 17 @ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 28 @ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Directions: *From I-270, take exit 15 onto MD 118 S/Germantown Rd. Travel 2.1 miles and turn right*

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onto MD 117W/Clopper Rd. Travel 0.1 miles and turn left onto Schaefer Rd. Proceed on Schaefer Rd. until you come to the entrance of South Germantown Recreational Park. Turn onto Central Park Circle and follow until you see signs for the golf driving range and archery range. Follow paved road until it dead ends at the archery range. Coordinates: 39.14877637068413, -77.31594910693292

- **Izaak Walton League, Lois Green Chapter**

NOTE: Shooting to occur from Elevated Shooting Platform

8721 Snouffer School Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Contact: Phil Lowe palowe@aol.com 301 646-0640 (no fees at this range)

Date/Time: Sunday, August 25 @ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Date/Time: Saturday, August 31 @ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Directions: From I-270 – Take Exit 11 onto Rt124 (Montgomery Village Ave.) for approximately 2.3 miles to Centerway Road. Turn Right onto Centerway Road. Cross over Goshen Road and continue to Snouffer School Road. Turn Left onto Snouffer School Road and take the first Right onto Turkey Thicket Drive (you will see signs for Izaak Walton League and Multi-Agency Service Park). Follow the paved road past the main building and bear right to access the gravel road. Go left at the fork on the gravel access road and follow signs to the IWLA.

From I-70 – Take Exit 68 (Ridge Road Rte. 27) south to Damascus. Turn Left onto Main Street for a short distance to 124 (Woodfield Road). Turn Right onto 124 (Woodfield Road) and continue for approximately 10 miles to Snouffer School Road (Intersection for 115 Muncaster Mill Road). Turn Right onto Snouffer School Road, travel approximately 1.2 miles and turn Right onto Turkey Thicket Drive (you will see signs for Izaak Walton League and Multi-Agency Service Park). Follow the paved road past the main building and bear right to access the gravel road. Go left at the fork on the gravel access road and follow signs to the IWLA.

Note: There is a parking lot for Lois Green Conservation Park just south on Snouffer School Rd. This is NOT the entrance you need to use.

- **Glenbrook Rifle Assoc. Inc. (\$10.00 Fee)**

NOTE: Shooting to occur from Elevated Shooting Platform

8170 Waterford Rd.

Pasadena, MD 21122

Contact: Rich Rebstock huntertr@aol.com 410-991-9618

<https://www.glenbrookrifleassoc.org/home.html>

Date/Time: Sunday, August 4 @ 10:00AM – 3:00PM

Date/Time: Sunday, August 18 @ 10:00AM- 3:00PM

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- **Izaak Walton League, Damascus-Wildlife Achievement Chapter (\$10 donation)**
Note: Shooting to occur from the GROUND ONLY (No elevated shooting platform available- ONLY RETURNING PARTICIPANTS ADMITTED)
26430 Mullinix Mill Rd
Mt Airy, MD 21771
Contact: Jesse Lim, alphashooter@usa.com 240-832-0354
<http://www.damascusiwla.org/>

Date/Time: Sunday, September 1 @ 9:30AM (onsite registration), range time 10AM-12PM