

Controlled Bowhunt Guidelines

Only antlerless deer may be harvested unless you have been granted a buck tag from a participating agency.

Report your harvest of an antlerless deer within 12 hours to the agency contact person for the area in which you are hunting.

Check-in your deer with the verifying official for the agency for the area in which you are hunting. Hunters shall remove 1-1/2" to 2" off the tip of either ear of all antlerless deer in the presence of the verifying official.

Call the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to report all harvested deer (phone number on transportation tag).

There will be no driving or stalking of deer.

All bows must be cased while traveling to and from the site of the hunting stand.

All shots must be taken from elevated stands. All stands must be portable with no permanent stands erected or screw-in steps used (no nails/lag screws driven into trees). Strap-on steps, a ladder, or a climbing stand are allowed. Stands shall also visibly display a tag issued by the agency where required.

All stands must be located at the proper distance from any structure or trail according to the individual agency's ordinance.

Hunters must know their effective shooting range and not shoot beyond that range. Shots shall not exceed 25 yards.

Be sure to identify your target as an antlerless deer (unless hunter has a Buck Incentive Tag for that area), focusing on adult does.

Be aware of what is downrange of your hunting stand and attempt to retrieve all arrows.

Contact the local agency contact person and/or a local Conservation Officer from the Iowa DNR within 12 hours if you are unable to locate a wounded deer.

Use proper field dressing techniques. Don't leave entrails in a noticeable location. Carcass disposal is the responsibility of the hunter.

Report violators of any rules or regulations to the agency contact person or Iowa DNR Conservation Officer.



Remove yourself immediately from any harassment situation with another hunter or citizen, and report the incident to the agency or Iowa DNR Conservation Officer.

Only Deer Management Zone (DMZ) specific licenses are valid within the urban deer zone.

Have in your possession at all times while bowhunting a valid Iowa Hunting license, wildlife habitat stamp (if required), Bow Hunter Safety Course Certification, Proficiency Test Certification and special use permit from the agency for the area in which you are hunting.

Be aware that seasons as well as rules and regulations for the controlled bowhunt may vary from one area to another. It is the bowhunter's responsibility to know the rules, regulations and boundaries for the area in which they are hunting.

Respect private property.

NOTE: Hunters found in violation of any of these guidelines or rules and regulations may immediately have their special use permit revoked by the issuing agency.

How to Participate

1. **Pass a one-time approved International Bowhunter Education Foundation (I.B.E.F.) bowhunter safety education course.** Offered at area archery ranges.
2. **Pass an annual archery proficiency test using your hunting weapon.** Hunters are required to shoot 20 arrows: 10 from 15 yards and 10 from 20 yards. Passing score of at least 80%.
3. **Apply for a special use permit from the agency that manages the public or private property in which you desire to hunt.** Contact the individual agency to obtain a map of the special deer management zones within that area and for information on procedures for participating. Failure to obtain permission or to follow all rules specific to each agency may result in loss of hunting privileges. Urban Deer Management Zone Maps are available at www.iowadnr.gov
4. **Only Deer Management Zone (DMZ) Licenses are valid in urban DMZ designated areas.**

Safety Education / Proficiency Test

Administrator / DMZ License Vendors

Archery Field & Sports 265-6500

3725 NE 56th Street

Altoona

Happy Apple Orchard & Sporting 981-1095

Goods

3408 Clark Street

Norwalk

DMZ License Vendors

Scheels All Sports 727-4065

Johnston Bait and Tackle 254-1976

Bass Pro Shops 957-5500

Sportsman's Warehouse 963-3500

Information

Agency Contacts

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City of Pleasant Hill

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City of Urbandale

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West Des Moines Parks & Recreation

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Mike Gaul 208-0310

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Polk County Conservation

Brian Herrstrom - Coordinator 249-1753

Thomas Mitchell Park / Mally's Park /

Four Mile Creek Greenbelt

Dean Bruscher - Browns Woods / 249-1543

Easter Lake

Mark Hurm - Jester Park / Sycamore 249-3229

Trail

Charlie Finch - Yellow Banks Park 250-1031

Walnut Woods State Park

Tim Gedler 285-4502

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 276-4656

Saylorville Lake

Tyler Hill ext 6512

Iowa Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officers

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