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Legal Firearms

12, 16, or 20 gauge shots soft alloy projectile ammunition. Rifled or smoothbore barrels allowed. Centerfire rifle 6mm (.243 caliber) or larger, revolver .357 caliber or larger, or muzzle-loader (.45 caliber minimum). To use a revolver, you must also have Revolver Deer Endorsement for the current season.



Legal Bows

See page 13 for a description of legal bows and arrows for deer hunting. Mechanical string release devices are permitted.

Special Conditions

Free Landowner Permits are available only to persons owning 10 or more contiguous acres of land. Additional permits are available for their spouses, lineal descendants, parents, grandparents and siblings.

- Tagging and Reporting: See pages 27-30 and 34 for information on tagging and reporting.
- Fluorescent Orange: Landowners hunting deer on their own land are not required to wear 400 sq. in. of fluorescent orange, but their spouse, lineal descendants, parents, grandparents and siblings are required to do so.
- Sunday Archery Deer Hunting: Archery deerhunters can hunt on Sundays on private land only in ALL Deer Management Zones. All archery deer hunting on Sundays must take place at least 40 yards away from blazed hiking trails.

Wildlife Highlights Newsletter

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STATE LAND NO-LOTTERY

Season Dates

• Nov. 17 - Dec. 7

Bag Limits 1 Either Sex

Hunting Hours ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

License and Permits Firearms hunting license and a State Land No-Lottery Permit. You may buy only one type of State Land Shotgun Deer Permit. So, you should not purchase a State Land No-Lottery Permit if you plan on applying for a State Land Lottery or Controlled Hunt Lottery Permit.

Legal Firearms 12, 16, or 20 gauge breech loading shotgun loaded with single soft alloy projectile ammunition. Rifled or smoothbore barrels allowed. Shotgun must not be capable of holding more than 3 shells. Muzzleloading rifle or shotgun, .45 caliber minimum. Single projectile loaded from muzzle end. Telescopic sights and shotgun converters are permitted.

Special Conditions

- Tagging and Reporting: See pages 27-30 and 34 for information on tagging and reporting.
- Open Areas: See pages 40–43 for areas open for the No-Lottery season.
- Junior Deer Hunter Training Days: Saturday, November 6 through Saturday, November 13, 2021 (excluding Sunday). See page 6 for details.



