

Deer Hunting in Michigan

Program Guidelines and Permit Process

To obtain a Permit to hunt on Nature Conservancy lands you must agree to the following rules and statements:

- Deer hunting is not permitted on all preserves.
- All hunters must carry a Conservancy-issued Permit while hunting on a preserve.
- Only white-tailed deer may be hunted; no other species may be hunted or trapped; no collection of plants and animals other than deer. The hunter must report how many deer were taken (and gender of deer) upon expiration of the Permit.
- Permits are personal to the hunter and may not be used by or assigned to any other individual.
- Hunters may request a Permit to allow one minor child to accompany the hunter on the Property. The child must be at least 10 years of age and less than 17 years of age, have all license or permits required to hunt under Michigan law, and must have completed a course in hunting safety approved by the MDNR.
- All hunting must be done within designated areas.
- No shooting is allowed across open fields, marshes, or roads. Unnecessary shooting or shooting at targets is prohibited.
- No hunting is allowed within a 200-yard radius of any inhabited dwelling.
- No trapping or snaring is allowed.
- Alcohol is not allowed on Nature Conservancy preserves or in preserve parking lots.
- No fires, smoking, camping, littering (including the use of plastic flagging), or dumping of ashes, trash, garbage, chemical waste or other unsightly or offensive material on Nature Conservancy property.
- No cutting, breaking or clearing of vegetation. Planting of food plots or other vegetation is not allowed.
- Only two (2) temporary, non-damaging deer stands are permitted. No tree spikes, steps, or any implement that will damage trees are allowed. All stands must be removed prior to expiration of this permit. The hunter shall place his/her name and contact information on the stand. Any stands not removed by this date shall become the property of The Nature Conservancy.
- Access to the property must be along the existing road. Parking of vehicles is only allowed in designated parking areas. No off-road vehicle use.
- In addition to the above rules, hunters must comply with all local, state, and federal laws and ordinances governing hunting activities, including obtaining all required government licenses or permits.

The Nature Conservancy reserves the right to full use of the Property and surrounding Preserve. Activities of The Nature Conservancy and its guests take precedence over the hunter's rights under this Permit.

Please refer to nature.org/mihunting for a breakdown of which sites have permits available. **The deadline for obtaining a 2018 Hunting Permit has passed.** If you are interested in hunting white-tailed deer on Conservancy preserves in 2019, please call 517-316-0300 ext. 7 or email michiganhunting@tnc.org.