

2024 AHATS SOLDIER ARCHERY DEER HUNT RULES

Please read the following carefully. Your cooperation with these rules will ensure an enjoyable and safe hunt for everyone involved, and help this hunt continue into the future.

Hunt Logistics & Administration

This hunt will occur during the statewide season (area 701) using legal archery equipment to harvest white-tailed deer.

Access, Camping

Hunters may access AHATS from HWY 96, head north on Hamline Avenue and proceed west on Ben Franklin to check in station. (Address for GPS is 1536 Ben Franklin). This is the location where you will enter and exit. **YOU MUST CHECK IN AND OUT USING THE ISPORTSMAN APPLICATION.** Check in times will start at 0530. **There is limited overnight parking in designated lot with **advance registration**, no utility hookups, no facilities, and no tents.

Orientation

These hunts occur within the Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS). First time (at AHATS) hunters must attend an orientation either **5 October 1600-1800 or 2 November 1500-1700** at the Ben Franklin Gate, just west of the Arden Hills Readiness Center, 4761 Hamline Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN. Brief daily hunt orientations will take place at check station (Ben Franklin Gate) upon sign in.

Licenses-Equipment

All hunters must be permitted through Sportsman AND be legally licensed by the MNDNR to hunt deer by archery. All hunters must only use legal archery equipment as defined in the Minnesota Hunting Regulations Handbook. Please abide by all hunting regulations as defined by the MNDNR Hunting Regulations Handbook.

Security, Communications, and Safety

Security will be provided by hunt organizations and AHATS staff. Refer to Sportsman for restricted areas. MNDNR Conservations Officers may be present during this hunt for added safety and to enforce state fish and game regulations.

Hunt Rules

1. **Hunters must register for an account and be permitted through the Sportsman application.**
2. Your permit is not a license; **you must purchase a Minnesota deer license valid for taking deer by archery.** See the MNDNR hunting handbook for more details on license types, purchase, and validity.
3. **All other wildlife species are protected and may not be taken.** Hunt dates are not transferable to anyone else. If you are unable to attend dates selected please cancel with Mary Lee at (651) 282-4420.
4. **Bring only legal archery equipment.** Firearms on any person or in any vehicle will be seized. Bows & crossbows must be cased (or contained in a trunk or topper inaccessible from the passenger compartment of a vehicle) and not loaded when being transported.
5. You may take or attempt to take deer only during legal shooting hours; ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
6. You may not take small game or other protected or unprotected species.
7. Littering in the hunt area is strictly prohibited. **IF YOU PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!**
8. **Absolutely no alcohol in the hunt area.**
9. **If you take a deer, you must validate the site tag immediately at the kill site.** Deer must be registered with BOTH THE ISPORTSMAN APPLICATION AND MNDNR via phone, internet, or at an official ELS big game registration station (MNDNR only) prior to leaving the installation.

10. Deer of either sex may be taken. You are authorized to use bonus permits to take antlerless deer in addition to your regular license. The metro deer management zone has no limit on the number of antlerless deer that can be harvested, (only one may be a buck, which must be tagged with your regular license).
11. Permanent tree stands are not allowed. Portable stands and ground blinds (with appropriate blaze orange markings) are allowed to remain overnight and **must be removed on the final day of the hunt.**
12. Road hunting and moving into other areas is not allowed in AHATS. You may not shoot from a vehicle or over roads. You must only shoot in your designated area.
13. No fires.
14. The speed limit is 25 MPH. No ATV's.
15. Use of 2-way radios and cell phones for safety is allowed & encouraged. Communication devices may not be used to assist in taking game.
16. You may party hunt; see the MNDNR hunting handbook for definitions and restrictions.
17. Wounded deer entering closed areas may not be pursued, please contact the check station for assistance on this matter.
18. Anyone attempting to disturb or remove any military equipment will be prosecuted. This includes all types of armaments and ammunition. **Report all DUDS and UXO found, DO NOT HANDLE.** Mark duds with string or flagging on nearby vegetation, and obtain coordinates if using a GPS unit.
19. Archers transporting PETS or FIREARMS will **not** be allowed to enter.

**HUNTING AT AHATS IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT - PRESERVE THAT
PRIVILEGE BY RESPECTING ALL PROPERTY, KEEP IT CLEAN, AND
FOLLOW THE RULES.**