

2026 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, and help this hunt continue into the future.

Hunt Logistics & Administration

These hunts occur within the Arden Hills Army Training Site (AHATS). First time (at AHATS) hunters must attend an orientation either **14 October 1600-1800 or 5 November 1500-1700** at the **Ben Franklin Gate**, west end of Ben Franklin Rd west of the Arden Hills Readiness Center, 4761 Hamline Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN. Check in times will start at 0530. Daily brief will take place at check station (Ben Franklin Gate) upon sign in.

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). **There is limited overnight parking in designated lot with **advance registration**, no utility hookups, no facilities, and no tents.

Security, Communications, and Safety

Signs and barriers will be placed to designate restricted areas. Staff will provide maps of the hunting area; DNR Conservations Officers may be present during this hunt for added safety and to enforce state game regulations.

1. **Your congratulations email authorizes you to hunt deer during dates printed. All other wildlife species are protected, and may not be taken (Caveat: Turkey in October with license).** 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.
2. These letters are not a license; **you must purchase a Minnesota deer license valid for taking deer by archery.** See the 2025 hunting handbook for more details on license types, purchase, and validity.
3. 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. Crossbow use is in probationary status, identify upon checkin.
4. Absolutely no alcohol in the hunt area. Littering in the hunt area is strictly prohibited. IF YOU PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT! No fires.
5. The speed limit is 25 MPH. No ATV's. Moving to another hunt location must be done during lunch hour and documented at check station **prior to relocating**. No vehicle scouting.
6. Permanent tree stands are not allowed. Portable stands and ground blinds are allowed to remain overnight and **must be removed on the final day of the hunt.**
7. Use of 2-way radios and cell phones for safety is allowed & encouraged. Communication devices may not be used to assist in taking game.
8. You may party hunt; see the hunting handbook for definitions and restrictions. You may take or attempt to take deer only during legal shooting hours; ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
9. Deer of either sex may be taken. You are authorized to use bonus permits to take antlerless deer in addition to your regular license. Metro deer permit area 701 has five-deer limit.
10. **If you take a deer, you must validate the site tag immediately at the kill site.** The deer may be transported by dragging, carrying, or carting to a motor vehicle without being tagged, provided the validated tag is in the personal possession of the person transporting the animal. **However, the site-tag must be attached to any deer taken at all other times, including when being transported by any motorized vehicle. See the 2025 hunting regulations handbook.**
11. **All deer taken must be registered via on-line, phone. Deer may be checked for Tick Survey at the hunter check point. Check station personnel will verify online registration.**
12. Wounded deer entering closed areas may not be pursued, please contact the check station for assistance on this matter.

13. Anyone attempting to disturb or remove any military equipment will be prosecuted. This includes all types of armaments and ammunition. **Report all DUDS** found, DO NOT HANDLE. Mark duds with string or flagging on nearby vegetation, and obtain coordinates if using a GPS.
14. Archers transporting PETS or FIREARMS will **not** be allowed to enter. **** Military training is primary function of AHATS and may occur simultaneously - maps will annotate 'off limit areas'.**

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