State Park Deer Seasons

(1) A state park may allow archery and crossbow hunting from the first Saturday in September through the third Monday in January for antlered or antlerless deer.

(2) A state park may allow up to sixteen (16) days of modern gun hunting and up to eleven (11) days of muzzleloader hunting from the first Saturday in September through the third Monday in January for antlered or antlerless deer.

(3) A state park shall be open to deer hunting as established in this subsection and Section 8 of this administrative regulation.

(a) Greenbo Lake State Resort Park.
Archery and crossbow deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the:
1. First Friday of November for three (3) consecutive days;
2. Second Friday of November for three (3) consecutive days; and
3. Deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the first Tuesday of January for two (2) consecutive days.

(b) Green River Lake State Park.
1. Archery and crossbow deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the second Thursday of December for four (4) consecutive days.
2. Archery and crossbow deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the third Thursday of December for four (4) consecutive days.

(c) Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park.
1. Archery and crossbow deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the first Monday of November for five (5) consecutive days.
2. Youth deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the second Saturday of December for two (2) consecutive days.
3. Deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the first Saturday of January for two (2) consecutive days.

(d) Kinlake State Resort Park.
1. Archery and crossbow deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the second Thursday of November for four (4) consecutive days.
2. Archery and crossbow deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the first Saturday in January for two (2) consecutive days.

(e) Kincaid Lake State Park.
1. Deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the first Thursday of December for four (4) consecutive days.
2. Deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the second Thursday of December for four (4) consecutive days.

(f) Yatesville Lake State Park. Muzzleloader, archery, and crossbow deer hunting shall be allowed pursuant to statewide requirements on the Monday following the second Saturday of December for three (3) consecutive days.

(g) Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

1. Deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the first Saturday of January for two (2) consecutive days.

2. The bag limit shall be two (2) deer, only one (1) of which may be antlered.

3. The hunt shall be open to the first fifteen (15) mobility-impaired persons who check in at the park on the day before the hunt.

4. A person who participates in the hunt shall comply with the requirements established in 301 KAR 3:026.

State Park Deer Hunt Requirements.

(1) A person shall not hunt on a state park unless:

(a) Selected by a random drawing as established in Section 3 of this administrative regulation;

(b) The person is a member of a successful applicant’s quota hunt party;

(c) The person is participating in a deer hunt established in Section 7 of this administrative regulation; or

(d) The person successfully registers on a first-come, first-served basis as part of a process administered by the Department of Parks, at an area established in subparagraphs 1. through 6. of this paragraph:

1. Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park;

2. Carter Caves State Resort Park;

3. John James Audubon State Park;

4. Lake Barkley State Resort Park;

5. My Old Kentucky Home State Park; and

6. Taylorsville Lake State Park.

(2) A person participating in a state park quota hunt, except for the quota hunts at Green River Lake State Park and the Yatesville Lake State Park open deer hunt, shall:

(a) Check in and check out as required in Section 5 of this administrative regulation;

(b) Furnish at check-in a driver’s license or other form of government-issued identification;

(c) Check in:

1. Between noon and 8 p.m. Eastern time the day before the hunt at the state park campground if hunting in the Yatesville Lake State Park open deer hunt; or
2. At the park the day before the hunt if hunting in the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park deer hunt; and
(d) Not be eligible to apply for a quota hunt the following year if the person does not check out as required in Section 5 of this administrative regulation.

(3) A person participating in a state park deer hunt shall:
(a) Comply with the requirements established in 301 KAR 2:172; and
(b) Check a harvested deer by completing the telecheck or online check-in process as established in 301 KAR 2:172.

(4) A person participating in a state park deer hunt shall not:
(a) Take more than one (1) antlered deer;
(b) Hunt over bait;
(c) Use:
1. A tree stand except a portable stand;
2. Climbing devices that nail or screw to the tree; or
3. Climbing spikes;
(d) Leave a deer stand unattended for more than twenty-four (24) hours;
(e) Discharge a gun within 100 yards of a maintained road or building; or
(f) Hunt:
1. In an area posted as closed by signs;
2. Outside park boundaries; or
3. From a ground blind, if gun deer hunting is allowed, unless first attaching a hat or vest made of solid, unbroken hunter orange material to the blind so that it is visible from all sides.

(5) A person participating in a state park deer hunt, other than the open hunts at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park and Yatesville Lake State Park and any department-administered state park quota hunt, may take up to two (2) bonus deer per hunt that shall not count toward the statewide limit if the person:
(a) Takes no more than one (1) bonus antlered deer per license year; and
(b) Obtains the valid bonus deer tag from the state park hunt administrators.

(6) A person participating in a state park deer hunt or in possession of harvested wildlife on state park property shall comply with all posted state park rules and regulations concerning the possession, storage, or disposal of harvested wildlife.