

HUNTER REQUIREMENTS AND RULES PERTAINING TO THE CORPORATION OF HARPERS FERRY'S URBAN DEER ARCHERY HUNT

Hunter Requirements

1. Hunters must have a valid West Virginia hunting license.
2. Hunters must present proof of successful completion of the National Bowhunter Education Association on-line bow hunting class.
3. Hunters must successfully complete an archery proficiency test.
4. Hunters must attend a briefing meeting on the rules of the hunt.
5. All hunters, before receiving a permit authorizing participation in the hunt, must agree to hold harmless the Corporation of Harpers Ferry and its employees and officials, from any and all claims for personal injury, death, or property damage arising as a result of the hunter participating in the hunt.
6. All hunters must agree to the foregoing rules:

Rules

1. Hunters shall obey all West Virginia game laws.
2. Hunters shall treat everyone they meet with courtesy and respect.
3. Hunters shall not litter.
4. Hunters shall refer to the Police Chief any media person looking for comments or photo opportunities.
5. Hunters will be selected and assigned hunting zones by the Police Chief or his designee. Preference will be given to residents of the Harpers Ferry and Bolivar. A completed application is not a guarantee that a hunter will be selected. The Police Chief or his designee will attempt to assign all qualified hunters, but there may be more qualified applicants than hunting locations.
6. Locations for the hunt shall be identified prior to the hunt by the Police Chief. Once designated, the Police Chief retains the right to remove a property from the hunt list at any time or to limit the times when a location may be used, including limits on time requested by a property owner on whose property the hunt site is located or is adjoining a hunt site.
7. All hunters, before receiving a permit authorizing participation in the hunt, must agree to hold harmless the Town of Harpers Ferry and its employees and officials, and the owners of the property upon which they will be hunting or retrieving deer, from any and all claims for personal injury, death, or property damage arising as a result of the hunter participating in the hunt.
8. No person, without first receiving written permission from the Police Chief, may accompany a hunter while he or she is participating in this hunt.
9. Hunters shall park only in designated parking areas, and each vehicle shall have a valid copy of the permit issued by the Police Chief visible on the dash.
10. Hunters shall be discrete in accessing and leaving the location of the stand and should carry their hunting clothing in to the stand and change out when leaving.
11. All permits and authorization papers must be on a hunter at all times while hunting. This shall include a signed affidavit from the property owner giving the specific hunter

permission to be on the property. Hunters are encouraged to contact in advance owners of property adjoining the properties where they have permission to hunt so as to request permission to track and remove the shot deer.

12. Portable or climbing stands (minimum of 12' in height) are required for all hunters except for those who are physically disabled and have been issued a valid Class Y hunting license by the State of West Virginia. The Police Chief retains the right to waive the requirement for a tree stand based upon the facts pertaining to specific hunting locations. All such waivers must be signed by the Police Chief and carried upon the hunter while he/she is participating in the hunt.
13. Stalking deer on the ground is prohibited. This includes walking to and from designated hunting sites.
14. Those hunting from an elevated tree stand must use a full-body safety harness while in the tree.
15. The hunter's initials and last four digits of his/her Social Security number must be on all arrows used while hunting.
16. Shots of 25 yards or more shall not be taken. The Police Chief may require that this distance be reduced and may also require marking of the perimeter of the allowed hunting area.
17. The harvest limits will be in accordance with West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) hunting regulations for the hunt season, unless prior authorization from the Division of Natural Resources is obtained for quality deer management goals specific for the Corporation of Harpers Ferry.
18. If a wounded deer leaves the boundary of the designated hunting area, the hunter shall not pursue the deer onto another's property without first obtaining the permission of the owner of the property upon which the hunter wishes to enter. The hunter shall not fire his/her bow once he/she leaves the designated hunt area assigned to him or her. If a property owner does not give the hunter permission to enter his or her property to search for a wounded deer, the hunter shall inform the property owner that he or she must call the Police Department at (304) 535-6366 for retrieval assistance.
19. Under no circumstances is a hunter allowed to hunt in Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. For retrieval on Harpers Ferry National Historic Park lands, the hunter is to notify Park Service Dispatch at (301) 714-2235.
20. Under no circumstances will entrails be left on any property. A carcass is to be removed in its entirety or have entrails placed in plastic bags, removed from the property and properly discarded. Hunters are to provide their own bags for this purpose.
21. Harvested animals must be covered during transport to the hunter's vehicle and to the ultimate destination.
22. All deer must be reported at the Police Chief's designated hunt coordinator and comply with the required West Virginia DNR on-line check in system.
23. Hunters shall be required to comply with any additional restrictions set by the hunting property owner which do not conflict with the Police Chief's Rules, the Harpers Ferry Code, the general statutory laws of the State of West Virginia, and the Rules and Regulations of the West Virginia DNR.

24. All hunters must do a camera survey, or an assessment of human and wildlife activity of their designated zone prior to hunting so they are appraised of all activity and public use occurring in the zone.
25. Failure to comply with any of the above requirements may result in a hunter's removal from participating in the Town of Harpers Ferry's archery hunt.
26. Before being issued a permit to participate in the hunt, all selected hunters must agree in writing to the foregoing rules.
27. Hunters are encouraged to donate to the community.

I, _____, have read the above Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them.

Signature _____ Date _____