

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

MANAGED URBAN DEER HUNT INFORMATION

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Deer Management Program was instituted in response to severe deer damage to existing forest resources on the Patuxent Reservoirs Watershed property. The program includes nine hunting areas surrounding Triadelphia and T. Howard Duckett Reservoirs.

To participate in the program, all hunters must have the following:

- Valid Maryland hunting license;
- Maryland or other State Hunter Safety Certification. The Certification does not need to be included with application if it was previously submitted to WSSC. The Pre-1977 exemption is not acceptable for WSSC hunts;
- Current Maryland or equivalent shooter qualification certificate;
- WSSC Watershed use permit;
- 2014 - 2015 Deer Hunt Application.

Please note:

- Minors (under age 17) must be accompanied a parent or guardian.
- All Federal, State, Local and WSSC regulations apply unless otherwise noted.
- Submit one application per hunter; permits are not transferrable.
- Applications for groups of four or less will be accepted. All group applicants must apply together for the same dates.
- Selected hunters will be notified by e-mail, if no e-mail is provided notification will be mailed. Hunters **must** bring a copy of their **notification letter or e-mail, Shooters Proficiency Card Number and WSSC Watershed Permit** to the hunt. **Do not mail copies with your application they will be checked the day of the hunt.**
- WSSC Daily or Seasonal Watershed Permits must be purchased at least 48 hours prior to your assigned hunt date. Permits may be purchased at the WSSC Headquarters, Brighton Dam Cabin, and on-line at <https://secure.wsscwater.com/home/jsp/login/login.faces>
- Whenever hunting, hunters and companions must wear:
 - A cap of solid fluorescent orange color (worn as an outer garment on the head at all times);
 - A vest or jacket containing back and front panels of at least 250 square inches of solid fluorescent orange color (worn as outer garment at all times)
- Hunters must hunt from tree stands at least **ten feet** from the ground and be at least 150 yards from an occupied dwelling or roadway. **There will be no exceptions.** Hunters with special needs who physically cannot use a tree stand will be accommodated on the January 5, 2015 hunt at Triadelphia. This accommodation request must be noted at the time of application.
- **Hunters must remain in their tree stands until the end of the hunt. Violators will be removed from the hunt and banned from any future hunts.**
- Hunters may scout the hunt area on the Sunday prior to their selected hunt date. Hunters are not required to sign-in; however, a watershed permit for that day is required.

- Weapons: Shotguns only (no muzzleloaders), rifled slug or sabot ammunition only.
- Deer harvested do not count against the State bag limit.
- Hunt Bag Limit: An antlered deer may be taken at any time. There is no limit on antlerless deer
 - Only one antlered deer may be taken **per season** per hunter.
 - However, if two antlerless deer have been harvested and if the first antlered deer is deemed a mature animal (by the watershed manager), a second antlered deer may be harvested on a future hunt.
 - Quality Deer Management is strongly encouraged; hunters should target mature antlered deer (3 years or older).
- Hunts may be suspended at any time by the Watershed Manager
- Hunters are required to notify the Watershed Manager **24 hours prior** to their scheduled hunt if they are unable to attend. Failure to do so will disqualify them from future hunts.
- Day of the Hunt:
 - Park in designated areas only. Do not block gates or private drives. There will be no vehicle access on the fire trails.
 - Hunting hours are ½ hour prior to legal sunrise to 11:00 am (unless otherwise noted).
 - Registration will take place at Brighton Dam between 5:00 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. Briefing will occur at 5:30 a.m.
 - Hunters are expected to remain in stands until the hunt is over at 11:00 am.
 - All Participants must sign out at the end of the hunt even if no deer were harvested.
 - Late arrivals will not be permitted to the hunts.
 - Only selected hunters will be allowed to participate in the Managed Hunts. No standby hunters will be allowed.
- State Tagging and Check-in requirements must be followed. It is the hunter's responsibility to field dress and move the deer to an access road where WSSC personnel will assist in collecting the deer.
 - Before you move the deer
 - Complete the Field Tag in ink, include species, date, county, sex and attach to the head of the deer.
 - Complete the Big Game Harvest Record Card. The managed hunt deer box must be checked for the deer to be exempt from the state wide bag limit. Please check the box indicating that the deer was taken on public lands. The codes for public lands are as follows: Howard County is 604, Montgomery County is 447, and Prince Georges County is 489.
 - After completing and attaching the Field Tag and completing the Big Game Harvest Card, you may move the deer.
 - Within 24 hours of the harvest, you are responsible for registering the harvested deer using the internet at <http://www.gamecheck.dnr.state.md.us/> or by calling the Big Game Registration Phone Line at 1-888-800-0121. Record the confirmation number on the Big Game Harvest Record Card. The confirmation number also serves as the possession tag and must remain permanently attached until the deer is processed.
 - The DNR also provides Butcher/Taxidermy Tags in the "2014 -2015 Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland" for the convenience of the hunter, meat processor, or taxidermist.
 - For the complete list of hunting and tagging checking instructions, visit the Maryland DNR website at <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting/tagging-checking/>
 - Remember to sign out at Brighton Dam Visitor Cabin before leaving.
- **Questions: Please contact the Watershed Manager at (301) 206-7488 or billy.dove@wsscwater.com.**

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October 15	Link	
October 17	Beaufort	
October 21	Pigtail	
October 23	Reservoir Overlook	
October 29	Dustin Road	
November 5	Link	
November 20	Beaufort	
November 21	Link	
November 22	Triadelphia	Youth Hunt
November 26	Dustin Road	
December 3	Triadelphia	Women Only
December 15	Fox Haven	
December 17	Pigtail	
December 18	Reservoir Overlook	
December 29	Big Branch	
December 30	Triadelphia	Youth Hunt
January 5	Triadelphia	
January 7	Beaufort	
January 9	Big Branch	

**WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION
2014- 2015 MANAGED URBAN DEER HUNT APPLICATION**

Applications must be received by the Commission on or before September 15, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. Applications received after this date will only be given consideration if slots are left vacant. All applications received by the due date will be entered into a raffle.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (H): _____ Cell: _____ E-mail _____

Hunting License Number: _____

Hunter Safety Card Number: _____

You must bring a copy of your Shooters Proficiency Card Number and WSSC Watershed Permit the morning of your hunt. **Do not mail copies with your application they will be checked the day of the hunt.**

If applying as a group, check here _____. (Maximum of **four** hunters per group and applications must be submitted together). Please list group members: _____

Are there any special needs that WSSC should be aware of prior to assigning you a hunt location? If so, please describe.

HUNT DATES: Please number in the order of your preference, (i.e. #1 would be your first choice).

Oct.	15	___	Dec.	3	___ (Women Only)
	17	___		15	___
	21	___		17	___
	23	___		18	___
	29	___		29	___
				30	___ (Youth Hunt)**
Nov.	5	___	Jan.	5	___
	20	___		7	___
	21	___		9	___
	22	___ (Youth Hunt)**			
	26	___			

**Licensed hunters must be 17 or younger to participate in the youth hunt.

Please return your completed application to: **WSSC**
Systems Control Group (Stop 15-2)
Attention: Managed Deer Hunt
14501 Sweitzer Lane
Laurel, MD 20707
or via e-mail
manageddeerhunts@wsscwater.com