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Regular Unit Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags and Park Access Permits go on sale Saturday, August 23 at noon at any license vendor or online at dnr.wi.gov.

What's New in 2008

- All CWD Units in the Herd Reduction Zone and Disease Eradication Zones have been combined into one zone called the **CWD Management Zone (CWD-MZ)** whose outer boundary is defined by the old HRZ boundary (see map on page 28–29 for unit boundaries). All CWD Units for 2008 have unlimited Earn-A-Buck (EAB) regulations for entire Archery and Gun Deer seasons, except for the Youth Gun Deer Hunt on October 11 and 12 and the 4-day Oct. and Dec. antlerless only seasons. **Rifles are allowed in all CWD units except unit 76M.** Please see page 24 for more information on CWD Zone seasons.
- There will be no CWD Landowner Deer Shooting Permits in 2008.
- Hunters who registered an antlerless deer in 2007 in a unit that was not EAB in 2007, but is designated an EAB unit in 2008, have pre-qualified for an Earn-A-Buck sticker and will be mailed their buck authorization sticker in August. You may check your pre-qualification status at dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/hunt/deer/index.htm. If you did not qualify for a buck last year, you may earn a buck in 2008 by registering an antlerless deer in an EAB unit during the archery or gun seasons. The free Herd Control antlerless deer carcass tag issued with each license is valid for an antlerless deer, plus unlimited antlerless tags are available to purchase for \$2 each for these units. Hunters who earned a green buck authorization sticker last year during the hunting season in an EAB unit, but did not use it should have held onto these stickers, as they are valid in 2008.
- Ground blinds on DNR-controlled lands must display a **minimum of 144 square inches** of material that is a solid, highly visible color commonly referred to as blaze orange that is visible **360 degrees around the blind** during any gun or muzzleloader deer season. All ground blinds must also be identified with the owner's customer ID number or name and address when not occupied during the day.
- A new state park unit has been established: Lake Wissota State Park, Unit 59E. See page 30 for details on the season.
- Brunet Island State Park now has a 9 day shotgun season. See page 30 for details.
- There is an archery season for Unit 79, Apostle Islands, from Sept. 13–Sept. 30, and re-opening again on Nov. 1 and continuing through Jan. 4.
- The import of whole cervid carcasses (deer, elk and moose) into Wisconsin from areas within states or provinces that have CWD will be restricted starting September 1, 2009. Whole deer carcass movement from the CWD Management Zone to elsewhere in the state will also be restricted beginning on September 1, 2009. See page 15 for more details.
- **4 Day October Antlerless Hunt**—there will be an October 4-day antlerless only firearm deer hunt on October 16–19 for several Deer Management Units. Please see the map on page 28–29 for the units that have the 4 day October antlerless only firearm hunt.
- **December 11–14 Antlerless Only Deer Hunt**—There will be an antlerless only hunt held in **all units statewide (including those units north of Hwy. 8)** except state park units and non-quota units.
- **Deer Head Collection for 2008:** DNR will be collecting adult deer heads (no fawns) from 18 northern Wisconsin counties including: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, and Washburn. A sample of 500 deer heads from each county is required for disease surveillance. **Sampling will also occur within certain areas of the CWD Management Zone.** See page 45 for details.
- **Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt Oct. 11–12**—The two-day hunt is held **in all units statewide** except State Park units and non-quota units. See page 37 for details.

- The State of Wisconsin is now a participating member of the **Wildlife Violator Compact**. The Wildlife Violator Compact is an agreement between participating states that prohibits a person whose hunting, fishing or trapping privileges are suspended in a participating state from obtaining licenses or permits, or participating in those activities in all participating states.
 - ✓ If your hunting, trapping or fishing privileges are suspended or revoked for a fish or wildlife related violation by any of the member states after April 15, 2008, you may not engage in those activities in Wisconsin or purchase any license, permit or tag that authorizes those activities in Wisconsin, during the period of the revocation or suspension.
 - ✓ If a nonresident from a participating state is cited for a wildlife violation in this state and fails to pay or appear in court, Wisconsin will communicate that information to that person's home state for purposes of revocation by their home state.
 - ✓ Wisconsin will also communicate any revocation information resulting from a conviction for a fish or wildlife related violation committed in this state by a resident with all other participating states. **The participating states include:** AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NV, NM, NY, ND, OH, OR, SD, TN, UT, WA, WI and WY. Additional states may have joined the compact since the printing of this pamphlet.

Health Advisory

Deer harvested with lead bullets have been shown to have tiny lead particles or fragments remaining in the processed meat. These are often too small to be seen and can disperse far from the wound channel. Although lead in venison does not rival lead paint in older homes as a health risk for the public, the risk is not low enough to ignore. Children under 6 years and pregnant women are at the greatest risk from lead exposure. The amount of lead found in a small percentage of venison samples suggests that long term effects of lead consumption could occur in people who regularly eat venison shot with lead ammunition. However, there is currently no known evidence linking human consumption of venison to lead poisoning.

The following suggestions can reduce potential exposure to lead in venison:

- Consider alternative expanding non-lead ammunition such as copper or other high-weight retention lead bullets, such as bonded bullets.
- Practice marksmanship and outdoor skills to get closer, making cleaner, lethal shots away from major muscle areas. Aim for the vitals behind the shoulder, or the neck or the head. Don't shoot at running deer.
- Avoid consuming internal organs as they can contain extra lead from heart-lung shots.
- Remind your meat processor to not use deer meat with excessive shot damage. Trim a generous distance away from the wound channel and discard any meat that is bruised, discolored or contains hair, dirt, bone fragments or grass.

This is an important issue that will continue to be investigated. Additional information on the lead-in-venison issue can be found at dnr.wi.gov. For a more comprehensive review of lead poisoning go to www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov.

Dear Wisconsin Deer Hunter,

2007 was another big year for deer hunting in Wisconsin with over 640,000 hunters participating in the gun hunt. Total registered deer harvest was 518,573, which includes the highest annual archery harvest of 116,010. After a two-year moratorium without an October antlerless-only gun hunt, only the Central Forest Deer Management Region reached the 2:1 antlerless to buck ratio goal for Herd Control units. The October antlerless-only gun hunt (Oct. 16-19) will return in all Earn-a-Buck (EAB) and Herd Control units in 2008, except for the 5 Herd Control units in the Central Forest Region: units 53, 54A, 55, 56, and 58. Previous earn-a-buck seasons have made progress in reducing deer numbers toward established goals. As a result, there will be 8 deer management units in 2008 that have been switched from EAB in 2007 to a Herd Control season structure. The more consistently we apply season structures to reduce the herd, the sooner many of these units will return to the traditional season structure.

The 2008 deer season will also see many changes in the CWD Management Zone as a result of extensive stakeholder interaction and public feedback regarding CWD management. There will no longer be a separation in CWD units between the former Disease Eradication Zone (DEZ) and Herd Reduction Zone (HRZ). Instead, there will be one CWD Management Zone, in which rifle hunting will be allowed throughout, with the exception of unit 76M. The CWD gun hunting seasons will be consistent with statewide seasons, in efforts to simplify deer hunting regulations. However, there will be an additional 12-day holiday gun hunt at the end of the deer season. Unlimited earn-a-buck regulations will be in effect once again during all CWD deer seasons, except during Oct. 16-19 and Dec. 11-14, which will be antlerless-only.

Despite high deer numbers and record deer harvests over the last 20 years, it is still a challenge for many hunters to find deer. Local deer abundance fluctuates over time and habitat usage changes throughout the deer season. Pre-season scouting is crucial to deer hunting success. Don't fall into the habit of hunting the exact same spot every year and expect to see deer because you used to see them there.

Due to changes in land use practices, ownership, land fragmentation, and new innovations with hunting related equipment, it is undeniable that deer hunting is changing in Wisconsin. This may call for changes in the way we hunt, where we hunt or when we hunt. However, we can still maintain some of the traditions that we cherish about deer hunting. It is vital that we pass on the hunting tradition to new hunters, yet accept that change has always been a part of the tradition.

As a hunter, you are playing the most important role in deer management. Thank you. By hunting deer, you are conserving the health of our forest ecosystems, reducing crop damage losses and vehicle-deer collisions, and maintaining the overall health of the deer herd. Your actions in the field will shape the next generation of deer hunters. Deer population management is a very good reason for deer hunting, however, recreation is by far the most important reason to hunt.

Have an enjoyable hunt in 2008 and remember: safety first.

*Jason Fleener
Assistant Big Game Biologist*

License and Privilege Information

License	Resident	Non-Resident
Conservation Patron	\$165	\$600*
Conservation Patron Junior (12–17 year olds)	\$75	\$77*
<i>Privileges Included:</i> Small Game, Spring and Fall Turkey Licenses and Stamp, Pheasant Stamp, Deer Firearm, Archery, General Fishing, Trapping (proof of certification or exemption required), State Fishing and Waterfowl Stamps, and most permit fees. DNR Magazine subscription, vehicle admission to state parks and related areas (including State Trail Pass) are included in the Conservation Patron license, but not in the Conservation Patron Junior license.*		
Sports	\$60	\$275*
Sports Junior (12–17 year olds)	\$35	\$36*
<i>Privileges Included:</i> General Fishing, Small Game, Deer with Firearm*		
Gun Deer	\$24	\$160
Archery	\$24	\$160*
Junior Gun Deer (12–17 year olds)	\$20	—
<i>Privileges Included:</i> Deer with Firearm		
Junior Archery (12–17 year olds)	\$20	—
<i>Privileges Included:</i> Small Game and Deer may be harvested with a bow.		
Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag		
Herd Control Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag One free with license	\$0	\$0
Additional Herd Control Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag	\$2	\$2
Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag	\$12	\$20

* Does not include furbearing animals for non-residents.

Resident and non-resident customers can purchase their hunting licenses and submit their special permit applications via the DNR website at dnr.wi.gov. Licenses will be delivered by mail within 7 to 10 days. When submitting permit applications, the customer will receive an immediate, printable confirmation that their application data was received. Licenses are also available at DNR Service Centers (see page 55), authorized license agents, or over the phone at 1-877-WI-LICENSE (1-877-945-4236).

Licensing Requirements

- Hunters must carry their valid hunting license on their person while engaged in hunting and exhibit it to a Conservation Warden upon request.
- It is illegal to allow someone else to use or carry your license, tag or buck authorization or for you to use or carry some other person's license, tag or buck authorization when engaged in hunting.
- No person less than 12 years old may obtain a license which authorizes hunting.
- To receive a duplicate license, you must turn in all remaining parts of the lost license to a license vendor (available from any license sales agent).

Deer Permits, Carcass Tags and Licenses

- See page 25–26 for detailed instructions on carcass tags.
- While hunting, no person may possess a validated carcass tag (of any kind) unless it is attached to a legally killed deer.
- It is illegal to possess, move or transport an untagged deer. The proper carcass tag must be immediately validated and attached to the harvested deer.
- A Gun Deer License is required to hunt deer with a firearm (including muzzleloaders).
- An Archery License is required to hunt deer with bow and arrow (or crossbow by qualified individuals as described on page 11 under “Bows, arrows and crossbows”).
- Your **backtag must be displayed** where it can be clearly seen in the center of the back of your outermost garment. **Note:** the backtag number must not be hidden by a coat hood, displayed upside down or be marked up in any manner.

Resident Licenses

To purchase a resident hunting license:

- a person must have maintained a permanent residence in this state for 30 consecutive days immediately before purchasing a license. Domiciliary intent is required. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes where the person votes, pays personal state income taxes, or obtains a driver's license. Mere presence in the state for a 30-day period and/or ownership of property is not sufficient to establish residency. **Non-residents 12–17 years of age who have a parent that is a Wisconsin resident may purchase licenses at resident prices.**

Non-resident students attending school in Wisconsin:

- Full-time non-resident students in residence at **any** public or private Wisconsin college, technical college, or university offering a degree OR foreign citizens residing in the state and attending a Wisconsin high school or a university agricultural short course, may purchase hunting and fishing licenses at resident prices.

Effective Dates

- All hunting licenses are effective immediately after purchase and with the opening of the specific seasons, except Archery Licenses purchased after the opening of the deer season.
- **Archery Licenses** purchased after the open season for deer begins are not valid until 3 days after the purchase, excluding day of purchase (Example: A license purchased on a Monday is valid on Thursday), except for qualified U.S. Armed Forces Members. See page 8 for details.
- **Gun Deer Licenses** may be purchased during any open deer season.
- All 2008 deer hunting licenses expire on March 31, 2009.

Hunter Education Requirements

Persons born on or after January 1, 1973, must present their Wisconsin Hunter Education certificate (or proof of a hunter safety course recognized by the Department from another state, province or country), previous year's Wisconsin hunting license, or proof of successful completion of basic training in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard to purchase any hunting license. A certificate of successful completion of a Bow Hunter Education course can be used to purchase an Archery License. Contact your local DNR office for course information or visit our web site at dnr.wi.gov.

First-time Hunter Education Graduate Privilege

Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tags are no longer valid for an antlerless deer for those individuals who graduated from a Wisconsin Hunter Education course in the year preceding the deer hunting season. Hunter Education graduates may instead receive a free special Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag. This carcass tag is valid for an antlerless deer in any DMU during any open deer season with the appropriate license and corresponding weapon, and may only be obtained through a DNR Service Center.

Armed Forces Members

Armed Forces members are entitled to the following:

- Exemption from Hunter Education requirements (see page 7).
- A U.S. Armed Forces member who exhibits proof that he or she is a **Wisconsin resident; or was a resident when he/she entered active service; and is:**
 1. in **active service, outside of the state**, with the U.S. Armed Forces or forces incorporated in the U.S. Armed Forces, and
 2. is on **furlough or leave**, may harvest one deer of either sex during any firearm deer season established by the department with his or her Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag, and may purchase a bonus antlerless deer carcass tag even if the unit is sold out.
- **Any U.S. Armed Forces member or member of forces incorporated in the U.S. Armed Forces** who exhibits proof of **active service** and that he or she is:
 1. **stationed in the state**, or
 2. is a **resident on furlough or leave**, is exempt from the 3 day waiting period for Archery or Conservation Patron Licenses purchased after the season opens.
- **Any non-resident active duty U.S. Armed Forces member or member of forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces who is stationed in Wisconsin; or a member of a reserve unit located in Wisconsin; or a non-resident member of the Wisconsin National Guard** may purchase any hunting, trapping, or fishing license at resident prices.

Armed Forces members are not exempt from the need to purchase a valid deer hunting license.

Disabled Hunters

A qualified disabled person may obtain a permit to hunt from a stationary vehicle and/or use a crossbow. Class A and C disabled hunters are authorized to harvest one deer of either sex with their regular Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag during any gun deer season. This means that a hunter with a Class A or Class C Disabled Permit may fill their one regular Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag with:

1. an antlerless deer
2. a buck during the October or December antlerless only deer hunts, or
3. a buck in EAB units without the need to shoot an antlerless deer first.

Note: Earn a Buck requirements apply to all archery hunting in EAB units, including for disabled hunters. Disabled hunters are not allowed to fill their Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag with a buck in an EAB unit without first earning the buck by registering an antlerless deer first.

Contact a DNR Service Center for details. Allow 30–60 days for processing.

General Deer Hunting Regulations

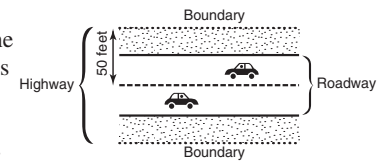
Blaze Orange Requirements

In any area of the state where a firearm deer season is open (including the regular 9-day hunt, muzzleloader season, October 11–12 Youth Hunt, October and December 4-day antlerless only hunts, or CWD hunts), no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Camo-blaze that is 50% blaze orange is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended. **Note:** Blaze orange requirements do not apply to those hunters participating in legal night hunting (i.e. raccoon) from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

New in 2008, all ground blinds used on DNR-controlled lands during any gun deer season must now display a **minimum of 144 square inches of solid blaze orange material that is visible 360 degrees around the blind**. Also, all unoccupied ground blinds on DNR lands must have the owner's customer ID number or name and address attached in a manner that is visible and legible. Exception: blinds which are being used for waterfowl hunting.

Hunting Near Roadways

- **Highway** means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road, but does not include private roads and driveways.
- **Roadway** means the portion of the highway which is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.
- **Public road** means those roads shown on the current, official county highway map available from the Department of Transportation for public use (**does not include private roads or driveways**).



It is illegal to:

1. Hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center, or
2. Discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow:
 - a. From or across a highway, or
 - b. Within 50 feet of the roadway's center.

The above prohibition applies to all public roads (defined above). **Exceptions:** Certain exceptions are allowed for Class A and B Disabled Permit holders. Call the nearest DNR Service Center (page 55) for an explanation of these exceptions.

Shining

It is illegal to:

- use or possess with intent to use, a light (including vehicle headlights) for shining any wild animal while hunting or in possession of a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow (includes laser sights on firearms, bows and crossbows).
- use or possess with intent to use, whether or not a firearm or bow is in possession, a light for shining wild animals (including vehicle headlights) between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. from September 15 through December 31.

Note: Some areas may prohibit shining by local ordinance. Check with the local Sheriff's Department or township officials for local shining restrictions.
- shine at any time on federal refuges and Waterfowl Production Areas.

Firearm and Bow Restrictions

General Restrictions

It is illegal to:

- Possess or use any firearm for hunting if you are a felon or have been prohibited from possessing a firearm under either Wisconsin or Federal law. A firearm is any weapon that uses gun powder, including black powder or black powder substitute for muzzleloaders. A hunting license does not authorize the purchaser the ability to possess a firearm for hunting. Most hunting licenses allow the choice of hunting with a firearm, air rifle, or bow & arrow. Unless otherwise prohibited, a felon can generally hunt legally with an air rifle for small game, or bow and arrow for small game mammals (see *2008 Small Game Regulations*) and deer.
- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- hunt with any means other than a firearm discharged from the shoulder or a bow and arrow. Handguns may be used as described under the “Handgun” section (page 11). Crossbows may only be used as described under the “Bows, arrows, and crossbows” section (page 11).
- possess any firearm from 12:00 midnight–11:59 p.m. on November 21, 2008 unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. **Exceptions:** target shooting at established target ranges, target shooting on private lands by landowners and immediate family members who live with them, waterfowl hunting during open season, hunting on licensed bird hunting preserves, and hunting small game in CWD Management Zone units.
Note: An established target range means an existing location that is set up for target shooting with firearms as its major purpose.
- shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands you do not own (including public lands) without the permission of the owner or occupant of that building.
- hunt deer with ammunition loaded with full metal jacket, non-expanding type bullets.
- possess or control any shotgun loaded with single slug or ball while hunting game birds, except during the gun season for deer.
- possess while hunting, shot or shotshells loaded with shot larger than No. BB from June 1–Dec. 14 (unless legally engaged in waterfowl hunting, or while hunting bobcat).
Note: Be sure to check with local authorities for local restrictions before using firearms in urbanized or populated areas.

Shotguns:

- Must have an overall 26” minimum length with 18” minimum barrel length.
- Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18” in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are in the following gauges: 10, 12, 16, 20 and 28.
- It is illegal to hunt deer with a .410 bore shotgun.

Rifles:

- Must have an overall 26” minimum length with 16” minimum barrel length.
- Are legal for hunting deer in areas not restricted to shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns only as indicated by the maps on page 13.
- It is illegal to possess any rimfire rifle larger than .22 caliber or any center-fire rifle .22 caliber or larger during any gun deer season in shotgun only areas unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. **Note:** Rifled barreled shotguns and muzzleloaders are not considered rifles for purpose of hunting deer.
- It is illegal to hunt deer with any air rifle, rimfire rifle, or any center-fire rifle less than .22 caliber.

Muzzleloaders

- Muzzleloaders that are discharged from the shoulder must be at least .45 caliber if smoothbore and .40 caliber or larger if rifled barrel, and must be loaded with a single ball or slug to be legal for deer hunting. **During the 10-day muzzleloader only season (Dec. 1–Dec. 10)**, muzzleloaders must have a solid threaded breech plug, only be able to be loaded from the muzzle, and may not have telescopic sights (1 power or less are legal). Telescopic sights are legal to use on muzzleloaders during other firearm seasons. **Note: Inline muzzleloaders** are legal to use during the 10-day muzzleloader hunt with black powder or any black powder substitutes.
- Muzzleloaders may be used statewide in all areas open to hunting deer with guns.
- Muzzleloading handguns must be .44 caliber and larger with a minimum barrel length of 7 inches measured from muzzle to breech face, and fire a single projectile weighing 138 grains or more to be legal for deer hunting.
- Black powder revolvers are legal **but not for hunting deer during the 10-day muzzleloader only season** (because they are capable of being loaded by the cylinder instead of the muzzle).

Handguns:

- To be legal for deer, handguns must use center-fire cartridges of .22 caliber or larger and have a 5½ inch minimum barrel, measured from the firing pin to the muzzle with the action closed.
- You may not possess a concealed handgun.
- Muzzleloading handguns, see “Muzzleloaders,” above.
- It is illegal to hunt with a handgun if under age 18.

Bows, arrows, and crossbows:

- Bows must have a draw weight of 30 pounds or greater and metal broadheads must be at least 7/8 inches wide and kept sharp to hunt deer.
- Crossbows are only allowed for resident hunters 65 yrs of age or older and any disabled hunters with a Class A, C, B Crossbow, or crossbow permit. The crossbow must have a minimum draw of 100 pounds, a working safety, and use at least 14-inch long bolts or arrows equipped with broadheads (requires an Archery License).
- Compound bows equipped with a drawlock mechanism that is capable of holding the bow at full draw without the aid of a hunter are considered crossbows. These are exempt from the 100 pound requirement but must meet the 30 pound minimum.
- You may not possess, while hunting, any poison, drug or explosive tipped arrow.

Arms transportation:

- All firearms must be **unloaded and completely enclosed** within carrying cases designed to carry a firearm when **in** or **on** any vehicle whether moving or stationary. A holster is not a legal carrying case for a handgun unless it completely encloses the handgun. All firearms must be **unloaded** when **in** or **on** any motor driven boat while the motor is running.
Note: Firearms are considered unloaded if the shell or cartridge is removed from the chamber or the magazine of a firearm, clip or cylinder attached to the firearm; the cap is removed from a percussion muzzleloader; the flashpan is cleaned of powder from a flint lock muzzleloader; or the powder and projectile is removed from the barrel of an electronic ignition system muzzleloader.
- All bows/crossbows must be **unstrung or enclosed within a case** when **in** or **on** a vehicle **OR in** or **on** any motor driven boat while the motor is running. Some exceptions apply for disabled hunters issued class A or B disabled permits.

Firearm and Bow Restrictions *continued*

Muzzleloader Only Deer Season

- A valid, unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag or Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag is required to participate in the muzzleloader only season.
- Blaze orange clothing and ground blind display requirements apply (see page 9).
- The muzzleloader only season will be held statewide except in some state parks and metro units, except unit 76M CWD.
- Antlerless deer may only be harvested with unfilled Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags in units for which they are valid (see exemption for qualified military personnel and disabled hunters on page 8).

Group Deer Hunting Law

Group Hunting: It is illegal to kill game for another person EXCEPT that during a **deer firearm season only** any member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the party. Group hunting is **not legal** for archery deer hunting. All participants **must** be licensed and each **must** possess a firearm. Members of a group deer hunting party should also agree in advance that a tag holder is willing to use their tag on a deer killed by another member of the party.

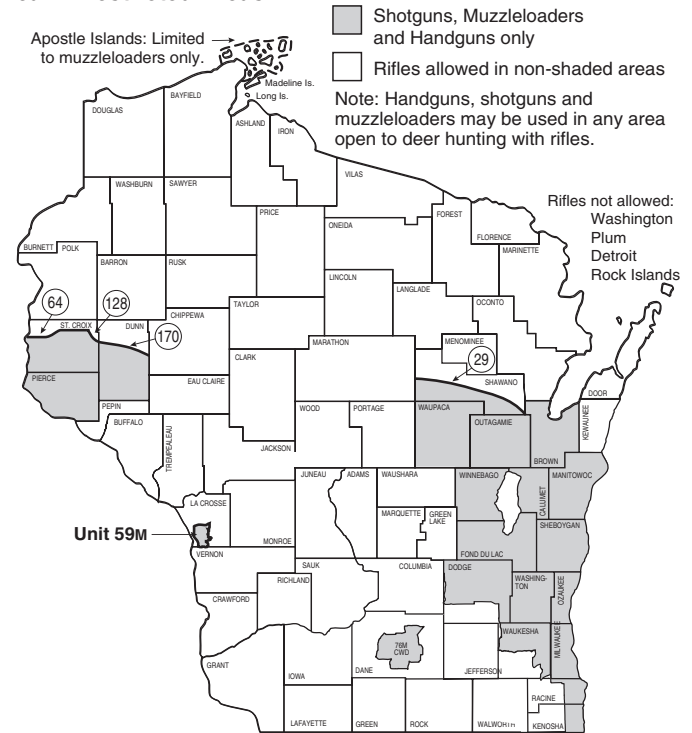
The following conditions are established by law to ensure that hunters are actively participating in the hunt, are in the field and do not harvest more deer than the group has tags for:

1. A group deer hunting party must be at least 2 or more hunters who are hunting together within sight or voice contact of one another at all times. Temporary loss of voice or visual contact for a reasonable time due to terrain or weather conditions is acceptable. Hunters may not kill deer for persons who are not out in the field actively hunting with the party or are at other locations apart from the area where the hunter killed the deer.
2. Group deer hunting **is not allowed** to fill the special free Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag issued to first-time Hunter Education graduates.
3. Hunters may not use cellular phones, special free radio communications or other mechanical or electronic amplifying devices, (except hearing aids) to get someone to tag a deer. It is legal to use electronic devices for reasons other than getting someone to tag a deer.
4. The hunter for whom the deer is killed must possess a valid, unused carcass tag for the type of deer killed.
5. The hunter killing the deer may not leave the deer unattended until after the deer is tagged and the tag is validated according to the deer carcass tagging instructions (page 17). A hunter is attending a deer if the hunter can see the deer.
6. Convicted felons cannot participate in group deer hunting or allow use of their tag by anyone else. Deer drivers are not required to possess firearms or hunting licenses.
7. Adults may **not** gun deer hunt during the October 11 and 12 youth gun deer hunt.

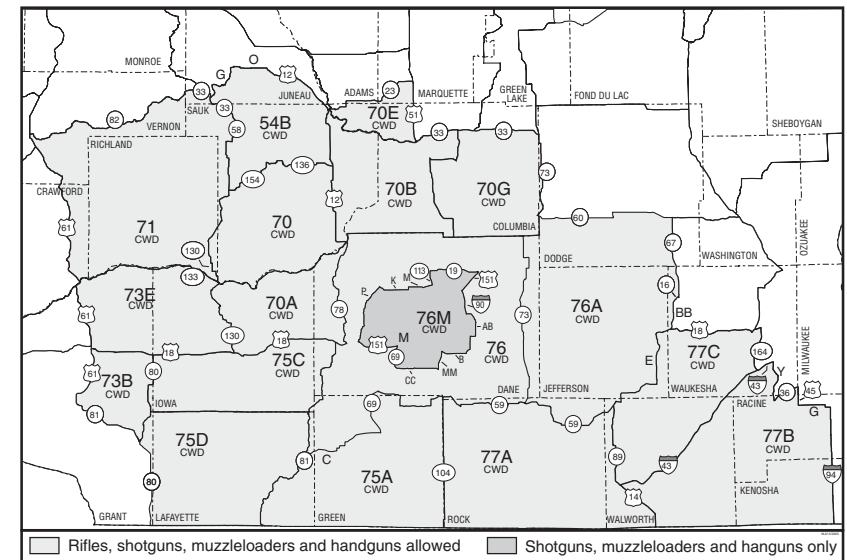
Adult Supervision Required

A parent or guardian (at least 18 years of age) must accompany hunters 12 and 13 years of age. **Accompanied** means within sight **and** voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device (other than a hearing aid). Persons under the age of 12 may not possess a firearm or hunt unless participating in a DNR Learn to Hunt event or Hunter Education Course.

Deer Firearm Restricted Areas



Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone Firearm Restrictions



Note: New in 2008, all CWD units have been combined into one zone called the CWD Management Zone.

Use of Devices

It is illegal to:

- hunt any animal with the aid of an aircraft.
- use any bow equipped with a draw-lock type mechanism that is capable of holding a bow at full draw without the aid of the hunter while hunting. **Note:** For exceptions, see page 11.
- use or possess laser sights while hunting, except by Class C visually handicapped permit holders.
- **Note:** Electronic calls or decoys are legal for hunting deer.

Dogs

- It is illegal to hunt deer with dogs.
- Dogs are considered private property and are protected by law. Only Conservation Wardens may kill dogs chasing deer. Owners may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs.
- A dog that is actively engaged in a legal hunting activity, including training, is not considered to be running at large if the dog is monitored or supervised by a person and the dog is on land that is open to hunting or on land on which the person has obtained permission to hunt or to train a dog.

Transport, Possession and Sale of Deer

It is illegal to:

- sell, purchase, barter, or offer to sell, purchase or barter any deer or deer part thereof except: the head, skin not in spotted coat, and antlers not in velvet of any deer lawfully killed, when severed from the rest of the carcass.
- possess a deer with broken or removed antlers in an EAB deer management unit or during an antlerless only deer season prior to registration, which makes determination of legality impossible.
- possess a deer carcass unless tagged and registered as required.
- possess any game unless you hold a valid hunting license or state permit carried on your person, unless you are hunting as a landowner, as explained on page 38.
- possess deer antlers in velvet, spotted hides, albino or white deer which are entirely white except the hooves, tarsal glands, heads and parts of the head, unless special written authorization is obtained from the department.

Note: Deer with antlers in velvet or in spotted coat may be harvested during the open deer season, however, to keep the antlers or spotted hide the hunter must contact a Warden within 7 days of tagging the deer and request written authorization. The spotted hide and velvet antlers may not be sold or transferred to another person. Albino and white deer may not be harvested without prior written authorization from the DNR. **Except** albino and white deer may be harvested and possessed in the CWD Management Zone. Upon harvest you must contact the DNR within 7 days of tagging the deer to obtain a Possession Authorization Receipt to retain possession of the deer.

- transport another person's unregistered deer unless accompanied by the person issued the carcass tag. Once registered, anyone may transport the deer.

Note: Residents and non-residents may transport legally possessed deer out of state once registered. *For transportation requirements in CWD units and in the United States, see opposite page.*

Taking of Game

It is illegal to:

- take or possess any deer or wild animal which has been lawfully obtained by someone else without having that person's consent.
- not immediately kill all game taken and make it part of the daily bag.
- carelessly waste game. You must make every reasonable effort to retrieve all game killed or crippled. Until such effort is made, such game shall be included in the daily bag. This rule does not allow you to trespass without permission of the landowner nor shoot game beyond established shooting hours.

Deer Carcass Transportation Regulations in the United States and Canada

Research indicates that intact carcasses of deer, elk, and moose that have CWD may be a potential source of disease spread. Therefore, in an effort to minimize that risk, 36 states and two Canadian provinces have adopted regulations that address the transportation of hunter-harvested carcasses.

Since the suspected infective agent (prion) is concentrated in the brain, spinal cord and lymph nodes, the most common regulation is the prohibition of the importation of whole carcasses harvested from CWD areas. **Beginning on September 1, 2009** Wisconsin will restrict the importation of whole cervid carcasses (deer, elk and moose) into Wisconsin from areas within states or provinces that have CWD. **Whole deer carcass movement from the CWD Management Zone to elsewhere in the state will also be restricted beginning on September 1, 2009.** Hunters who live outside the CWD Zone, but hunt inside the Zone, should begin exploring their options for complying with this rule in advance of its implementation in 2009.

Generally, states that have adopted carcass transportation regulations **do not allow the importation of any brain or spinal column tissue** and allow transport of only the following:

- Meat that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately).
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.
- Meat that has been boned out.
- Hides with no heads attached.
- Clean skull plates with antlers attached (no meat or brain tissue attached).
- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.
- Upper canine teeth, also known as "buglers," "whistlers," or "ivories."
- Finished taxidermy mounts.

For 2008, the Wisconsin DNR recommends that only the parts mentioned above be transported from the CWD Management Zone.

Since each state's regulations are subject to change, it is recommended that before hunting you check the hunting and CWD regulations in your home state, the state in which you will be hunting and states in which you will travel through en route home from your hunting area. Please visit the CWD Alliance page at: www.cwd-info.org/index.php/fuseaction/policy.regulationsMap.