

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge Archery Deer Hunting Fact Sheet and Application Instructions

2024 Early Archery Season South Refuge Zone

- **Date:** September 14, 2024 – November 22, 2024
- **Number of Permits:** 20 permits will be awarded by lottery drawing.
- **Application:** Applications are available online at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/trempealeau> or at the refuge office. Refuge office hours are **Wednesday-Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm**. Please fill out the application and sign and date it. Applications can be mailed or placed in the mail drop box located in the Contact Station/Office parking area. Mailing Address: Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Road, Trempealeau, WI 54661 There will be a sign indicating it is the area to drop off applications.
- **Deadline to turn in application:** Applications for the refuge early archery season must be received by **3:30 pm on August 30, 2024**. Applications can be mailed or placed in the mailbox located in the Contact Station/Office parking area.
- **How to obtain a permit:** Permits will be awarded through a random drawing on **September 3, 2024**. This year hunters will sign and send in a permit along with their application. **This permit is not valid until signed by the refuge manager and sent back to the hunter. Only hunters drawn to hunt will receive their permit back in the mail.**
- **Party members:** If applicable, hunters listed in the application as party members (i.e. hunter and Personal Assistant, Youth Hunter (Adult Sponsor and/or Personal Assistant)) will be automatically drawn if their partner application is drawn in the lottery process.
- **Hunter Notification:** **Notification of selection will be made by email at the address provided by the applicant.** If a selected applicant is without an email address, they must contact Dana M. Schelling, 608-539-2311 x1 or dana_schelling@fws.gov, before close of business August 30, 2024, to make alternate plans for notification. Otherwise, their notification will be mailed via U.S. Postal Service.
- **Hunters that are not selected will not be notified.**
- **Harvest Limit:** One buck deer per unused Bow Buck Carcass Tag and one antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Tag valid for use in the specified zone, DMU (Deer Management Unit) and land type (public access or private). Hunters must have appropriate state tags for the deer that they harvest. Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge is in the WI DNR Central Farmland Zone 2 and Buffalo and Trempealeau County DMU's. All deer harvested must be registered as per Wisconsin state regulations.
- **Legal Bow:** Defined by restrictions listed in the Wisconsin Hunting Regulations.
- **Closed Areas:**
 - Black Oak Island is closed to hunting.
 - Due to the Waterfowl Hunt for People with Disabilities and the Woman Learn to Hunt the River Bottoms unit is closed to archery hunting from Oct 19- Oct 27.
- **Fee:** There is a \$10.00 application fee due at the time of application. Payment is accepted in the form of cash, personal check, or money orders. Please make checks payable to:
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Additional Regulations/Information

- All hunters must possess a valid Wisconsin hunting license and a Refuge Permit to hunt on the Refuge. Wisconsin State hunting regulations will be in effect while hunting on the refuge.

- All hunters must be at least 12 years old and must be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 18.
- Only portable tree stands or blinds may be used and must not be left overnight. The cutting of vegetation for any reason is prohibited.
- The Refuge is open for access to bow hunters from 1 hour before to 1 hour after legal shooting times during the Refuge early archery deer season only. Other times the Refuge is open during daylight hours only.
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- The distribution of or hunting over bait is not permitted.
- Non-hunters may be on the Refuge during the hunt.
- A Big Game Harvest Report must be returned for each permit (**even if no deer was harvested**) or the hunter will not be eligible for a permit the following year. Harvest reports are due no later than **November 29, 2024**.

Please return application to: Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Road, Trempealeau, WI 54661. Deadline to apply for an early archery deer permit: No later than August 30, 2024. For more information, call 608-439-2211 x1, Or email: dana_schelling@fws.gov

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In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following;

Applications for our South Hunt Zone will be available online or at the refuge office starting August 1st each year at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/trempealeau> (follow the link for Permits).