

What's New in 2009

- There will be no earn-a-buck requirements in management units outside the CWD Management Zone. The only units that have Earn-a-Buck regulations in 2009 are units inside the CWD Management Zone.
- Whole deer carcass movement from the CWD Management Zone to elsewhere in the state is restricted. The import of whole cervid carcasses (deer, elk and moose) into Wisconsin from areas within states or provinces that have CWD is also restricted. See page 30 for more details.
- Unit-specific antlerless carcass tags for regular deer management units (DMU)* and state park access permits will be sold on the following schedule:
 - Saturday, Aug. 22, starting at noon: All even-numbered regular DMUs and state parks.
 - Sunday, Aug. 23, starting at noon: All odd-numbered regular DMUs and state parks.
 - Starting Monday, Aug. 24: All unsold even- and odd-numbered regular DMUs and unsold state park access permits may be purchased until season ends.
- * Thirteen regular DMUs will not have unit-specific antlerless tags available in 2009. These units are: 7, 29B, 31, 32, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 50.
- A new law which creates a **hunting mentorship program** for novice hunters has been passed and will take effect September 1, 2009. Under the new law, a novice hunter must be at least 10 years old, possess the appropriate hunting license, permits and tags, and must hunt with a mentor who is 18 years of age or older. The novice hunter need not first complete hunter education to obtain a hunting license or hunt, but may only hunt within arms reach of a mentor. The mentor must have a current valid hunting approval, and must have completed a hunter education course if born on or after January 1, 1973. The fee for hunting approvals issued to youth ages 10 and 11 will be reduced. Visit the DNR website or call 1-888-936-7463 for more information.
- Baiting and feeding is prohibited in Wood and Marathon counties.
- **4 Day Antlerless Only Deer Hunts**—there will be an October 4-day antlerless only deer hunt on **October 15–18 for all herd control and CWD units**. There will be a **December 10-13** antlerless only hunt for *all units statewide (including those units north of Hwy. 8) except state park units and non-quota units*. See pages 28–29 for DMU map.
- **Two-Day Youth Gun Deer Hunt Oct. 10–11**—The two-day hunt is held in all units statewide except State Park units and non-quota units. See page 40.

Unit Breakdown 2009

See map on page 28 to determine your type of unit

- **62 Regular Units:** The buck deer carcass tag issued with your deer license is valid for a buck in these units. All antlerless tags are \$12 for residents, \$20 for non-residents, and are sold over the counter on a first come, first served basis until sold out. See the What's New section for details on the sale.
- **55 Herd Control Units:** The buck deer carcass tag and one free antlerless deer carcass tag issued with each deer license are valid in these units, plus unlimited \$2 antlerless tags are available.
- **22 CWD Management Zone Units:** All CWD Units for 2009 have unlimited Earn-A-Buck regulations for all archery and gun deer seasons, with some exceptions (see page 8). Any of the carcass tags described on pages 9-10 are valid in these units. See these pages for further instructions.

Definitions

Antlerless deer: any deer without antlers or any deer with both antlers less than 3 inches in length.

Buck deer: a deer with at least one antler which is 3 inches or longer in length.

Ground blind: A ground blind is a blind which is located on the ground or used to conceal a hunter hunting from the ground. Ground blinds do not include elevated blinds or other elevated devices, such as tree stands where both the blind and the hunter are in a tree or elevated device above the ground.

Vehicle: includes any device, motorized or not, in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or towed upon a highway or other roadway.

Deer Hunting Seasons: Regular Units

Deer populations are at or near goal in these units. Harvesting a limited number of antlerless deer maintains a DMU's population near established goals. Regular units are the **non-shaded** units on the Deer Management Unit Map (pages 28–29). This includes the following units: **1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29A, 29B, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 49A, 49B, 50, 52, 55, 56, 57, 57A, 57B, 57C, 59A, 62A, 65A, 69, and 78**. See pages 42-45 for state park unit seasons.

Seasons & Harvest Limits

2009 Gun Deer Seasons—Regular Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
October 10–11	Youth Gun Deer Hunt (see page 40)
November 21–29	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags.
December 10–13	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag.

2009 Archery Deer Seasons—Regular Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
September 12–November 19 & November 30–January 3, 2010	One buck per unused Archery Buck Carcass Tag, EXCEPT December 10–13. One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags.
December 10–13	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags.

2009 Muzzleloader Deer Seasons—Regular Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
November 30–December 9	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags.

Deer Hunting Seasons: Herd Control Units

Units are designated as Herd Control Units when a deer population is well over goal and increased antlerless harvest is required to bring populations toward goal. Herd Control Deer Management Units are the **grey shaded** units on the Deer Management Unit Map (pages 28-29). There will be unlimited Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags (valid in Herd Control and EAB units) available. Hunters will receive one free with each deer license and additional tags may be purchased at \$2 each. **There will be a 4-day October Antlerless Only season in these units. These units include: 1M, 22A, 23, 27, 47, 51A, 51B, 53, 54A, 54B, 54C, 58, 59B, 59C, 59D, 59M, 60A, 60B, 60M, 61, 62B, 63A, 63B, 64, 64M, 65B, 66, 67A, 67B, 68A, 68B, 72, 73B, 73D, 74A, 74B, 77C, 77M, 80A, 80B, and 81.** See page 7 for Metro Units 1M, 59M, 60M, 64M and 77M. See pages 42-45 for Herd Control state park units.

2009 Gun Deer Seasons—Herd Control Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
October 10–11	Youth Gun Deer Hunt (see page 40)
October 15–18	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
November 21–29	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
December 10–13	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

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October 15–18 & December 10–13	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid statewide or in Herd Control and EAB units.

2009 Muzzleloader Deer Seasons—Herd Control Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
November 30–December 9	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag and additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

Herd Control Units: *continued*

Metro Herd Control Units

Units 1M, 59M, 60M, 64M and 77M are **Metropolitan (Metro) Herd Control** Units. These metro units have longer seasons due to higher deer populations in and around urban areas. **Note:** Only shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns are allowed in units 59M, 60M, 64M and 77M, whereas rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns are allowed in unit 1M during firearm seasons. **However, it is important to check with local town officials to see if there are local ordinances prohibiting firearm use.**

2009 Gun Deer Seasons—Metro Herd Control Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
October 10–11	Youth Gun Deer Hunt (see page 40)
October 15–18	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
November 21–December 9	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
December 10–13	Antlerless deer only hunt: One Antlerless Deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

2009 Archery Deer Seasons—Metro Herd Control Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
September 12–November 19 & November 21–January 31, 2010	One buck per unused Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag, EXCEPT October 15–18 and December 10–13. One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
October 15–18 & December 10–13	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid statewide or in Herd Control and EAB units.

Always Remember the Four Rules of Firearm Safety

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be sure of your target and beyond.
4. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.

CWD Earn-a-Buck Units

CWD EAB Units are the non-shaded units with cross-hatches on the Deer Management Unit map on pages 28-29. All non state park units within the CWD Management Zone (CWD-MZ) have unlimited Earn-a-Buck regulations (except for the Youth Gun Hunt when EAB doesn't apply and the Oct. and Dec. antlerless only deer seasons, when EAB stickers may be earned, but only antlerless deer may be harvested). **These units include the following: 54B-CWD, 70-CWD, 70A-CWD, 70B-CWD, 70E-CWD, 70G-CWD, 71-CWD, 73B-CWD, 73E-CWD, 75A-CWD, 75C-CWD, 75D-CWD, 76-CWD, 76A-CWD, 76M-CWD, 77A-CWD, 77B-CWD, and 77C-CWD** (see page 46 for information on state park units within the CWD-MZ).

2009 Gun Deer Seasons—CWD Earn-a-Buck Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
October 10–11	Youth Gun Deer Hunt (see page 40)
October 15–18	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag.
November 21–29 & December 24–January 3, 2010	One buck deer per unused deer carcass tag provided a valid Buck Authorization Sticker is affixed to the back, OR an unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter accompanies the buck deer until both are registered. Also, additional antlerless deer per additional unused deer carcass tags.
December 10–13	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag.

2009 Archery Deer Season—CWD Earn-a-Buck Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
September 12–January 3, 2010	One buck deer per unused deer carcass tag provided a valid Buck Authorization Sticker is affixed to the back, OR an unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter accompanies the buck deer until both are registered, EXCEPT October 15–18 and December 10–13. Also, additional antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tags.
October 15–18 & December 10–13	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tag.

2009 Muzzleloader Deer Season—CWD Earn-a-Buck Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
November 30–December 9	One buck deer per unused deer carcass tag provided a valid Buck Authorization Sticker is affixed to the back, OR an unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter accompanies the buck deer until both are registered. Also, additional antlerless deer per unused deer carcass tags.

Carcass Tags

Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag

Valid in any Deer Management Unit (DMU) statewide for harvesting a buck with a firearm (including muzzleloaders). **To be valid in CWD Earn-A-Buck units**, a valid Buck Authorization Sticker issued to the same hunter must be attached to the back of the tag unless an unregistered, legally harvested, antlerless deer, tagged by the same person, accompanies the buck deer until both are registered.

Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag

Unit Specific—Unit specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags are only valid for tagging one antlerless deer in the unit specified on tag. This tag is **not** weapon specific.

Unit specific antlerless tags for regular units* are \$12.00 for residents and \$20.00 for non-residents and can be purchased at any DNR license vendor, online at dnr.wi.gov or by phone. These tags will be sold on the following schedule:

- Saturday, Aug. 22, starting at noon: All even-numbered regular DMUs.
- Sunday, Aug. 23, starting at noon: All odd-numbered regular DMUs.
- Beginning Monday, Aug. 24: All unsold even- and odd-numbered regular DMUs.

* Thirteen regular DMUs will not have unit-specific antlerless tags available in 2009. These are: units 7, 29B, 31, 32, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 50.

Herd Control and Earn-A-Buck—This Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag is only valid for tagging one antlerless deer in Herd Control and CWD EAB units, and is **not valid** for Regular or non-quota units. This tag is **not** weapon specific. One tag is issued free with each deer license (individuals will receive two free antlerless tags if they purchase both the Archery and Gun Deer License or a Conservation Patron License). Additional tags are available at any DNR license vendor, online at dnr.wi.gov or by phone for \$2.00 each for residents and non-residents.

Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag

This tag is valid for one buck deer harvested with legal archery equipment in any unit statewide during an open archery season, **except during the October 15–18 and December 10–13 antlerless only deer hunts**. **To be valid in CWD Earn-A-Buck units**, a valid Buck Authorization Sticker issued to the same hunter must be attached to the back of the tag, unless a legally harvested, unregistered antlerless deer, tagged by the same person, accompanies the buck deer until both are registered. When hunting outside of CWD units, this is the **ONLY** archery tag valid for harvesting and tagging a buck with archery equipment. This tag **is** weapon specific and may not be filled with a deer killed with a firearm.

Archery Antlerless Carcass Tag

This carcass tag is valid for one antlerless deer harvested with **legal archery equipment only** in any unit statewide during an open archery season. One is issued free with each Archery Deer License or Patron License.

Carcass Tags, *continued*

2008 & 2009 CWD Deer Carcass Tag

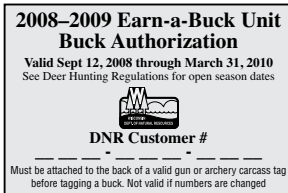
This carcass tag is valid only in CWD Units during any open CWD season and can be used to tag a deer of either sex but, to be valid for a buck, a valid Buck Authorization Sticker issued to the same hunter must be attached to the back of the CWD Deer Carcass Tag unless a legally harvested unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter accompanies the buck deer until both are registered. This tag is **not** weapon specific. Hunters can obtain these tags free of charge (limit 4 per hunter per day) at deer registration stations and participating license vendors located in the CWD Management Zone and at DNR offices that provide counter service.

FOR CWD UNITS ONLY, hunters may use any of the tags described on page 9 to tag a buck or an antlerless deer in the CWD Management Zone. For these tags to be valid for a buck, a valid Buck Authorization Sticker must be attached to the back of the tag or an unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter accompanies the buck deer until both are registered.

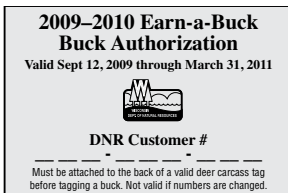
Tip: Hunters planning on hunting outside of the CWD Management Zone should save the buck carcass tag issued with their license for use during those hunts, and should use the free 2008 & 2009 CWD Deer Carcass Tags for hunting within the CWD Management Zone.

EAB Units: Buck Authorization Stickers

Buck Authorization Stickers are used to validate the earner's Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag, Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag, or 2008 & 2009 CWD Deer Carcass Tag in a CWD EAB unit.



This yellow Buck Authorization Sticker would have been earned during the 2008 deer hunting season by registering an antlerless deer in an Earn a Buck or CWD unit. If this sticker was not used in 2008 to validate a buck carcass tag, it is still valid for the 2009 deer hunting season for that hunter in a CWD Management Zone (CWD-MZ) unit.



The 2009–2010 Buck Authorization Sticker is orange-red and can be earned during the 2009 deer hunting season by tagging and registering an antlerless deer in a CWD-MZ unit. The hunter will receive his/her sticker at the registration station when registering an antlerless deer. These stickers can be used during the 2009 deer season in a CWD unit, or, if not used in 2009 can be used in an EAB unit during the 2010 deer season. Be sure not to misplace it.

Buck Authorization Sticker Frequently Asked Questions

Where is my buck authorization valid? In 2009, they are valid in any **CWD Management Zone (CWD-MZ) unit**.

How many buck authorizations can I earn? During the 2009 season, a buck authorization sticker will be issued on an unlimited basis for each antlerless deer registered in any CWD-MZ unit. The sticker must be attached to the back of a carcass tag to validate the tag to be used for a buck. Hunters may attach their sticker to any of the carcass tags described on pages 9 and 10, however hunters planning on hunting outside of the CWD-MZ should save the buck carcass tag issued with their license for use during those hunts, and should use the free 2009 & 2010 CWD Deer Carcass tags for hunting within the CWD-MZ.

Is the buck authorization weapon or season specific? No. An antlerless deer harvested with a gun or bow in a CWD-MZ unit will earn a buck authorization sticker that can be used with either a Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag or an Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag (or any other tag listed on page 9), but may not be used during any antlerless only season.

Can I earn a buck for someone else? Buck authorizations are non-transferable. Only those who tag and register an antlerless deer will be issued a buck authorization. Group hunting is allowed to earn or harvest a buck during the gun season, but only the person who tags and registers an antlerless deer will receive the buck authorization. Only the person who has been issued a buck authorization may use it to tag a buck.

How do I prequalify for a buck for next year (2010)? During a 2009 deer season, if you tag and register an antlerless deer in a CWD-MZ unit, an EAB authorization will be issued only at the registration station, which will be valid in any 2010 EAB unit if it is used in 2009.

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).
- *A hunting mentorship program may be in place this fall that allows 10 and 11 years old the ability to hunt with a mentor. See the What's New section on page 4 for details.

Deer Permits, Carcass Tags and Licenses

- See page 9–10 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 17 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.

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 authorized license agents, or over the phone at 1-877-WI-LICENSE (1-877-945-4236).

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 13 for details.
- **Gun Deer Licenses** may be purchased before and during any open deer season.
- All 2009 deer hunting licenses expire on March 31, 2010.

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.

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, hunter education course, or hunting mentorship program that may be available this fall (see page 4).

Armed Forces Members

Armed Forces members are entitled to the following:

- Exemption from Hunter Education requirements (see page 14).
- 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** from any Deer Management Unit (**including CWD Earn A Buck Units**) during any firearm season established by the department (including any Antlerless Only hunts) with use of 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.
- The following may purchase any hunting, trapping, or fishing license at resident price:
 1. 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 was a resident when they entered active service.
 2. A member of a reserve unit located in Wisconsin, or a unit located outside of Wisconsin if the person was a Wisconsin resident when they entered active service.
 3. A non-resident member of the Wisconsin National Guard.

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

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 the DNR Call Center (see page 55) for course information or visit our web site at dnr.wi.gov.

First-time Hunter Education Graduate Privilege:

Anyone 12 years and older who graduates from a Wisconsin Hunter Education class after January 1, 2009 for the first time may 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. This tag is issued only through DNR offices that provide counter service. This tag **may not** be used for group hunting.

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

Note: Earn a Buck requirements apply to all archery hunting in CWD 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 the DNR Call Center for details. Allow 30–60 days for processing.

General Deer Hunting Regulations

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.

Use of Devices

It is illegal to:

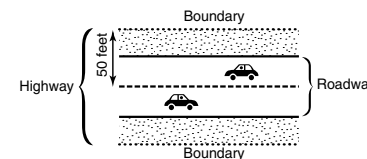
- hunt any animal with the aid of an aircraft.
- use any bow equipped with a draw-lock type mechanism that is capable of holding a bow at full draw without the aid of the hunter while hunting. **Note:** For exceptions, see page 17.
- use or possess laser sights while hunting, except by Class C visually handicapped permit holders.
- **Note:** Electronic calls or decoys are legal for hunting deer.

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 DNR Call Center (page 55) for an explanation of these exceptions.

Hunting Near Railroad Property

Railroad property means any property held by a railroad company including tracks and their rights-of-way and railroad yards. It is illegal to hunt on railroad property, or to discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow from or across railroad property. Doing so would be considered trespassing.

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

Be sure to check with local authorities for local restrictions before using firearms in urbanized or populated areas.

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 Wisconsin law. In Wisconsin, 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 mammals (see *2009 Small Game Regulations*), or bow and arrow for small game, bear and deer.