

Peninsula State Park 2011 Deer Season Special Regulations – DMU 80C

The **goal** of Peninsula's hunt is to protect the Park's vegetation from the effects of a sizable deer herd. Hunters' efforts to harvest antlerless deer are an integral part of this resource management effort.

Only holders of a **2011 Park Access Permit** for deer hunting in Peninsula State Park (Deer Management Unit 80C) may hunt deer in the park. Park admission stickers are required on all vehicles that enter the park (\$7 per day or \$25 annually for residents; \$10 per day or \$35 annually for non-residents). Hunters are encouraged to purchase stickers before opening morning to avoid delays at the office.

Hunters should **check in** at Park Headquarters near the Fish Creek entrance before hunting. To save time, hunters are encouraged to check in by phone or in person prior to the day they plan to hunt. **Staff are available to answer hunter's questions upon check-in.** The park phone number is (920)868-3258.

Only the Tension Bay Campground will be open to **camping**. Water, vault toilets, and sites with electrical hook-ups are available.

Season Dates

- Peninsula State Park will only be open to deer gun hunting (muzzleloaders only) November 19-27, 2011. **The park will not be open to hunting during the Nov. 28 – Dec. 7 statewide muzzleloader season or any other gun season.**
- Archery hunting is not allowed in Peninsula State Park.

Weapon Restrictions

- **Only Muzzleloaders** may be used to hunt deer during the November 19-27, 2011 firearm season. Please see the *2011 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* for muzzleloader restrictions. All firearms must be unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case when in or on a motor vehicle or within a closed area of the park.
Note: Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a cap lock muzzleloader, or the flash pan is cleaned on a flint-lock muzzleloader. The ball and powder may remain in the barrel, except that the powder and projectile must be removed from the barrel of an electronic ignition muzzleloader.

Tagging Options

- **Herd Control** regulations will be in effect for Peninsula State Park (unit 80C). See hunting regulations for details.
- Muzzleloader hunters with a 2011 Park Access Permit for Unit 80C may tag a buck, using their one Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag.
- Hunters may tag an antlerless deer per "Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag." One of these tags comes free with the purchase a gun deer hunting license. Additional "Antlerless Herd Control Carcass Tags" may be purchased for \$2 each online or at any DNR license sales location and used to tag additional antlerless deer.

Hunting Hours

- Hunting hours are found in the *2011 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations (pages 50 – 51)*. Hunters may enter the park up to one hour before the legal hunting hours begin for that day.

Deer Registration

- Hunters who have tagged deer should stop at Park Headquarters to register deer prior to leaving the park. If the office is closed, deer must be registered at a registration station in the adjacent unit. "80C" should be written as the unit of kill. A list of registration stations is available on the DNR website (dnr.wi.gov) or at DNR Service Centers.

Additional Park Regulations

- Some areas of the park are posted as **closed areas** (see map on back). Hunters may not pursue wounded deer into closed areas or drive deer from closed areas. Park employees must be informed by the hunter of the location of any wounded animal within the closed area. They may then assist the hunter in recovering the deer.
- **Group Hunting** is restricted to persons in possession of a 2011 Park Access Permit for Unit 80C. Persons who have filled their carcass tags may continue to engage in group hunting, provided they have their Unit 80C Park Access Permits and valid gun deer licenses in their possession.
- **Tree stands** and **ground blinds** must be portable, removed from the property each day, and do no damage to trees (no screw-in foot pegs).
- Any tree stand that is not occupied during legal hunting hours shall have the owner's customer ID number or name and address attached to the tree stand in a manner that is visible to a person on the ground.
- Ground blinds used on DNR lands must have a minimum of 144 square inches of highly visible blaze orange material that is visible 360 degrees around the blind, any time a gun deer season is in effect.
- All state regulations relating to **baiting** apply.
- **Disabled Hunters** must also be in possession of a 2011 Park Access Permit for Unit 80C. Disabled hunters with a valid and appropriate class A or B disabled hunting permit may hunt from a legally parked vehicle in areas of the park open to hunting.
- Most **roads** within and surrounding the Hunting Zones will be barricaded and closed to motor vehicles. Hunters shall use parking areas as posted on the map. In no instance shall motor vehicles be operated off of paved roadways. All rules pertaining to road hunting apply. **Hunters shall use special caution and avoid hunting near roads or trails used by non-hunters, as noted on deer hunting map.**
- No fires are permitted while hunting. Be sure all smoking material is extinguished. All laws and administrative codes related to conduct in state parks are strictly enforced.
- Hunters should refer to the *2011 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations* pamphlet for general hunting restrictions and requirements.
- **Reminder:** All hunters should be aware of other recreational users in the park. Not all people will be wearing blaze orange, so be sure of your target and beyond!

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Peninsula State Park Deer Hunting Map

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