

RIB MOUNTAIN STATE PARK 2009 DEER SEASON SPECIAL REGULATIONS – DMU 57D

Only holders of a 2009 Park Access Permit for deer hunting in Rib Mountain State Park (Deer Management Unit 57D) may deer hunt in the park. On all vehicles that enter the park, Park admission stickers are required (\$7.00 per day or \$25.00 annually for residents; \$10.00 per day or \$35.00 annually for non-residents). Hunters are encouraged to purchase stickers prior to opening morning to avoid delays at the office. Camping in the park is not available at this time of year.

Season Dates:

- Rib Mountain State Park will be open to gun deer hunting November 21 – December 9, 2009 (muzzleloaders only). **NOTE: The Park will not be open to muzzleloader hunting during the statewide December 10 - 13, 2009 antlerless gun hunt.**
- Archery deer hunting will be open in the park from November 30 – January 3, 2010. Archers must meet blaze orange requirements from November 30 – December 9, 2009 when the muzzleloader season is open.

Weapon Restrictions:

- **Only Muzzleloaders** may be used to hunt deer in the park during the November 21 - December 9, 2009 muzzleloader season. Please see the *2009 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.
- Scope restrictions do not apply during the 19-day muzzleloader season in Rib Mountain State Park.

Tagging Options:

- Muzzleloader and Archery hunters that receive a Park Access Permit for unit 57D may use their regular Buck Deer Carcass Tag to tag a buck with the respective weapon type and during the respective seasons listed above.
- Muzzleloader hunters who would like opportunity to tag antlerless deer in Rib Mountain State Park must purchase a unit-specific antlerless tag for unit 57D (\$12 each for residents and \$20 each for non-residents). These tags are not weapon specific and may also be purchased for archery deer hunting. Antlerless tags for unit 57D go on sale at noon on August 23, 2009 and will remain on sale throughout the hunting season. Hunters are limited to purchasing one unit 57D antlerless tag per day.
- Antlerless deer carcass tags which indicate they are only valid in Herd Control and EAB units are not valid in Unit 57D.

Hunting Hours:

- Hunting hours are found in the *2009 Wisconsin 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:

- Deer will not be registered at Rib Mountain State Park. Deer must be registered within the adjacent unit of kill. A list of registration stations is available on the DNR website (dnr.wi.gov) or at all DNR Service Centers.
- When registering a deer harvested from Rib Mountain State Park, indicate “57D” as the DMU of Kill.

Additional Park Regulations:

- Some areas of the park will be posted as closed areas (see map on back). **No hunting on or shooting into the closed areas is allowed.** A hunter may not pursue a wounded deer moving into any closed hunting area or drive deer from a closed area. Park rangers must be informed by the hunter of the location of any wounded animal within the closed areas.
- Group Hunting is restricted to persons in possession of a 2009 Park Access Permit for unit 57D and a gun deer license. Persons who have filled their carcass tags may continue to engage in group hunting, providing they have their unit 57D Park Access Permit in their possession.
- Tree stands or elevated devices must be completely removed each date at the close of hunting hours. It is illegal to construct or use tree stands or elevated devices on state property, which causes damage to trees.
- All tree stands that are 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 blaze orange material that is highly visible 360 degrees around the blind, any time a gun deer season is in effect.
- Ask permission prior to entering or crossing onto private property.
- There is no open season on any other species of wildlife in the park.
- It is illegal to hunt or shoot from or within 50 feet from the center of public roads, or to shoot across these roadways. It is also illegal to shoot within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy without the permission of the owner or occupant of that building.
- All hunters should be aware of other recreational users within the park. Not all people will be wearing blaze orange, so be sure of your target and beyond.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707

