

HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations apply to all Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission managed properties.

- In absence of specific County Parks rules, hunters must follow all Michigan Hunting Regulations as set by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
- Trapping is not allowed on any property managed by the Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission.
- No target practice or paint ball shooting is allowed on any property managed by the Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Hunters must maintain a 90 foot distance from property lines. Property lines are marked with red plastic signs that are 4 inches wide and about 3 feet tall.
- An area within 450 feet of any occupied building is considered a “safety zone.” No shooting of a bow; or a firearm; or hunting of any kind is allowed in a safety zone.
- No motorized vehicles of any kind are allowed in County Parks or Open Space Lands except in designated parking areas.

County Open Space Land Hunting Rules and Regulations (Sections 11 and 12 of Ordinance No. 03-2)

Section 11 (in part)

- 11.1 Commission Open Space Lands shall be open to hunting in accordance with the laws of the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Michigan except when designated otherwise. Specific Open Space Lands may be designated as open to permit hunting only, open to archery hunting only, closed to all hunting, or may be designated otherwise.
- 11.2 No person while on an Open Space Land shall be allowed to hunt within ninety (90) feet of the boundary between an Open Space Land and private property.
- 11.3 The use of bait to attract deer for the purpose of hunting is prohibited.

Section 12 (in part)

- 12.1 No person, while on Open Space Land shall:
- 12.1a Discharge or set off a pistol, rifle, shotgun, slingshot or any other instrument which discharges a projectile by air, explosion or any other force except for the purpose of hunting in accordance with Section 11 of these rules and the laws of the State of Michigan.
- 12.2 The possession of firearms shall also be permitted on Commission Open Space Land in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.

County Park Hunting Rules and Regulations (Sections 11 and 12 of Ordinance No. 94-3)

Section 11. Hunting, Fishing & Trapping

- 11.1 No person, while on Commission Park Property shall remove, hunt, trap, wound, kill, molest or in any other way harm any living thing, unless prior written permission is obtained from the Commission or its Agent.
- 11.2 Hunting is allowed during special archery deer hunting programs at selected park sites during specific time periods per specific archery deer hunting program rules and regulations; per State of Michigan DNRE laws, and per other applicable County Park rules.
- 11.3 Fishing on Commission Park Property shall be permitted in accordance with Commission guidelines and the laws of the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Michigan in such areas designated by the Commission for such purposes.

Section 12. Firearms and Weapons

- 12.1 No person, while on Commission Park Property shall:
 - 12.1a Discharge or set off a pistol, rifle, shotgun, slingshot or any other instrument which discharges a projectile by air, explosion or any other force except for any deputy sheriff, police officer or other duly appointed law enforcement office carrying out the duties and responsibilities of their position; unless prior written permission is obtained from the Commission or its Agent.
 - 12.2 The possession of firearms shall be permitted on Commission Park Property in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.
 - 12.3 Weapons associated with fishing shall be allowed in park areas and at such times as provided for those activities by the Commission, and in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.