

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge

~2008-09~ Hunting Fact Sheet

Public hunting for deer is allowed on Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge **by special permit only**. Details about both gun and archery hunting are listed below.

2008 Gun Season



Number of permits available: 35. **Permits will be awarded by a random drawing to be held on October 14, 2008.** Up to two hunters may apply on one application. If your application is drawn, both hunters will receive a permit. **You may only apply ONE TIME. Multiple applications with duplicate names will be discarded.**

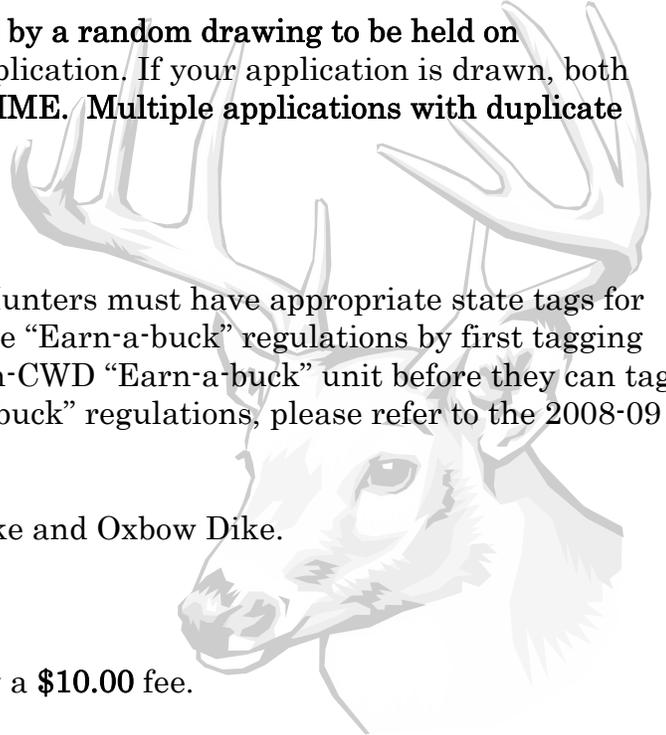
Dates: November 22, 2008 through November 30, 2008

Season Limit: Up to two deer may be taken per permit. Hunters must have appropriate state tags for the deer that they take. Hunters are required to follow the “Earn-a-buck” regulations by first tagging an antlerless deer in Trempealeau Refuge or any other non-CWD “Earn-a-buck” unit before they can tag an antlered buck. For additional information on “Earn-a-buck” regulations, please refer to the 2008-09 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations.

Closed Areas: Black Oak Island, and the ends of Delta Dike and Oxbow Dike.

Deadline to turn in application: **October 10, 2008**

Fee: Each hunter selected in the random drawing will pay a **\$10.00** fee.
Do Not Send Payment at this time!



2008-09 Late Archery Season



Dates: December 1, 2008 through January 4, 2009

Season Limit: Up to two deer may be taken per permit. Hunters must have appropriate state tags for the deer that they take. Hunters are required to follow the “Earn-a-buck” regulations by first tagging an antlerless deer in Trempealeau Refuge or any other non-CWD “Earn-a-buck” unit before they can tag an antlered buck. For additional information on “Earn-a-buck” regulations, please refer to the 2008-09 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations.

Closed Areas: Black Oak Island, and the ends of Delta Dike and Oxbow Dike.

Deadline to turn in application: Permits are available from **September 1 through December 19, 2008.**

Fee: Archery hunters will pay a **\$10.00** fee when they turn in their application. Checks should be made out to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Special Conditions and Additional Information for Refuge Gun/Archery Hunt

- ❖ **All Wisconsin State regulations are in effect. All participants are required to have Wisconsin licenses and proper stamps when necessary.**
- ❖ **Season** - See above for details on gun and archery. The refuge is open for access from 1 hour before until 1 hour after legal shooting times during the deer season only. Other times the refuge is open **DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY.**
- ❖ **Hunting areas** - Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge as shown on the map. **Black Oak Island and the ends of Oxbow Dike and Delta Dike are closed to hunting!**
- ❖ **Limit** - **TWO DEER MAY BE TAKEN UPON ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL PERMIT.** Hunters must have appropriate state tags for the deer that they take. Please see the 2008 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations. Please note: Earn-a-buck tagging requirements are in affect as per state regulations.
- ❖ **Weapons** - Shotgun, muzzle loader, handgun, or bows per state regulations. Rifles are *not* permitted.
- ❖ **Who May Hunt** - **Only those people who have been issued a special permit from the refuge.** Youth less than 16 years of age who receive a permit must be accompanied by a parent or guardian; adults must have a refuge permit if they possess a firearm while on the refuge.
- ❖ **Deer registration** - On opening weekend of gun season and from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm during the week you may register your deer at the refuge maintenance building. **All hunters must complete a special harvest report** form and return it to the refuge, either by mail or at the **reporting box** on the maintenance facility gate to be eligible for future hunting permits. **Failure to report deer harvest forms will result in “no hunting” privileges in future years, even if you do not harvest a deer.**
- ❖ **Tree Stands** - Portable-type stands **only**; these must be removed from the refuge at the end of each hunting day.
- ❖ **Roads and Buildings** - Hunting is prohibited within 50 feet of the center of any Refuge road open to public vehicles. Discharging a firearm is prohibited from or across any Refuge road open to public vehicles, or within 50 feet of the road's center. These prohibitions do not apply to Refuge roads that are ***closed to public vehicles***, including roads located behind locked gates and/or signs stating "Authorized Vehicles Only". Shooting a firearm is prohibited within 100 yards of any Refuge building.
- ❖ **Alcohol** - The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.
- ❖ **Driving** - Driving of deer is permitted only after 12:00pm (noon) each day.
- ❖ **Baiting** - The distribution of or hunting over bait is not permitted.
- ❖ **Safety** - Non-hunters may be on the refuge during the hunt! **Be sure of your target!**

2008 Waterfowl Hunting for Hunters with Disabilities

Waterfowl hunting opportunities for hunters with disabilities will be available during a special two-day hunt held on October 18 and 19, 2008. This managed hunt is available by **special permit only**.

Hunters must possess a Class A or Class C disabled hunting permit, issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and the appropriate license and stamps. If a large number of applications are received, a drawing will be held. Hunters not selected to participate in the weekend hunt will have the option of reserving a hunting blind on the refuge on one of six scheduled days following the weekend hunt.

How To Obtain An Application For A Special Refuge Hunting Permit

To obtain information about getting an application to apply for the special refuge permit, interested hunters must contact Trempealeau NWR by phone at 608/539-2311, extension 16 (TTY users may call via the Wisconsin State Relay Service at 1-800-947-3529). Blank applications can also be downloaded from this website and sent to: Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Road, Trempealeau, Wisconsin 54661. E-mail requests should include your name and address and can be sent to trempealeau@fws.gov.

Application Deadlines

Disabled Waterfowl Hunt: Applications will be received through **September 19, 2008**.

Gun Deer Hunt: Applications will be received **September 2 through October 10, 2008**.

Archery Deer Hunt: Applications will be received from **September 2 through December 19, 2008**.

Special Note: This map is for the deer hunt only. It does not illustrate the location of the disabled waterfowl hunt area.

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Map

