



## OTTAWA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND MAGEE MARSH CONTROLLED DEER HUNTING INFORMATION



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the ODNR Division of Wildlife have cooperated in the establishment of a controlled white-tailed deer hunt. Hunters will also be contacted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel and be given more specific information regarding these hunts.

1. For gun hunts, on the day of your hunt you must check in by 5:30 a.m. at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, or contact them by 5:30 a.m. at 419-898-0011. For archery hunts, you may check in between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on the Monday of your hunt week.
2. Hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset. Only deer are legal during this hunt. A valid Ohio Special Deer Permit must be in your possession.
3. All deer harvested must be checked in at the check station by 6:00 p.m. for permanent tagging. At that time, you must surrender your permit.
4. Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits may be used to harvest antlerless deer. However, they will not be available to purchase at the refuge headquarters.
5. All State of Ohio deer hunting regulations apply unless otherwise stated.
6. Archery deer hunters may harvest 2 deer during the archery hunts. Deer must be permanently tagged at the check station before a second deer may be taken. Only one deer is permitted to be taken during the gun hunts. Hunters in Ohio may only take one antlered deer per year.
7. All hunters, successful or not, must check out at the end of the hunt.
8. **Once you turn in your permit, your hunt is complete.**
9. If you wound a deer and feel sure it is in an adjacent sector, come back to the check station for assistance. On private land, permission from the landowner is required before you can retrieve your deer.
10. Hunters should be aware that controlled trapping is taking place in the area.
11. Permits are transferable; follow instructions given. NOTE: It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, trade, or barter any Division of Wildlife issued controlled hunting, fishing or trapping permit.
12. No person may participate in the controlled hunt more than once during the current deer season.
13. Mobility impaired hunters and youth hunters will receive an either-sex permit. ATV's will be permitted to transport disabled hunters to and from blinds.
14. Portable blinds or tree stands may be used.
15. Each hunter is responsible for their own transportation to and from the designated hunting zone.
16. Gun hunters may use any legal hunting weapon to take deer that is legal to use during the statewide deer gun season.
17. A user fee will be collected by Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge personnel from each adult hunter at the check station. Checks, Cash or money orders will be accepted.
18. Bringing a pair of hip boots or waders is highly recommended for retrieving or tracking deer.
19. Partners: The permit holder may bring a hunting partner(s) as specified below:

Ottawa/Magee Youth Deer Hunt: 1 adult partner *or* 1 youth partner and 2 non-hunting adults  
Ottawa Adult Deer Archery: 1 partner  
Ottawa Adult Deer Gun: 2 partners  
Ottawa Mobility Impaired Deer: 2 partners

### **CHECK STATION ADDRESS**

For information go to <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Ottawa/>  
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, 14000 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio,  
phone: (419) 898-0014

### **CHECK STATION LOCATION**

From Toledo, take State Route 2 east 15 miles to the refuge entrance signs.

From Port Clinton, take State Route 2 west approximately 18 miles to the refuge entrance signs.

Check in will take place at the Ottawa NWR Visitor Center.