

Lake Lowell Unit Deer Hunt

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Make sure to tell all callers the information that is **bolded** below.

The Hunt is Not Yet Approved.

- **The Deer Hunt has not yet been approved in Washington DC.** We anticipate that it will be approved by the time hunting season begins, but cannot guarantee it. **We cannot hold a hunt if approval is not received.**

Where?

- The Deer Hunt at Deer Flat is described by the State as Unit 38a.
- The Deer Hunt will occur on the south side of Lake Lowell Unit between Parking Lot 8 and the New York Canal.

How?

- **All Lake Lowell Unit deer hunting will be from temporary tree stands.**
 - Each hunter is allowed to install non damaging portable tree stands up to the maximum number allowed under 50 CFR part 32 (currently 2).
 - The tree stands may be erected on, or after, the first day of their hunting season and must be removed by the last day of their season. Hunters must permanently affix their name, contact phone number, and address to their deer stand(s).
 - We prohibit the use of nails, wires, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven.
 - Lake Lowell Unit deer hunters must use a Fall-Arrest System (FAS)/Full Body Harness meeting Treestand Manufacture's Association (TMA) Standards while utilizing a tree stand.
 - It shall be unlawful to use a tree stand without permission of the owner.
- **Entry into the hunt area will be from designated parking areas only.**
- Hunters will only be allowed to use short-range weapons (the same as the rest of unit 38).
 - These weapons currently include muzzleloaders, archery equipment, crossbow, shotgun using slugs or shot of size #00 buck or larger, or a handgun using straight-walled cartridge not originally developed for rifles.
- Terrestrial based stalking and/or still hunting is not permitted at any time. Shooting (firearm or bow) from the ground is not permitted, except to dispatch wounded deer.
- Deer drives are prohibited.
- **You must obtain a Refuge-specific permit to hunt deer on the Lake Lowell Unit of the Refuge. You must sign and carry the permit in the field while hunting.**
 - This permit may include information on wildlife closure areas
- Use of dogs to hunt or pursue big game is prohibited.
- Hunting by aid of or distribution of any feed, salt, other mineral, or electronic device, including game cameras is prohibited.

When and Who?

<i>Types and Timing of Hunts.</i>			
Type of Hunt	Period	Permits Issued per Hunt	Duration
Antlerless Extra Deer	Oct 10 –Oct 29	10	20 days
Antlerless Extra Deer	Oct 30 – Nov 18	10	20 days
Antlerless Extra Deer	Nov 19- Dec 8	10	20 days
Antlerless Extra Deer	Dec 9 – Dec 28	10	20 days
Antlered Deer	Oct 10-Nov 24	5	46 days

- No person including, but not limited to, a guide, guide service, outfitter, club, or other organization, will provide assistance, services, or equipment on the Refuge to any other person for compensation unless such guide, guide service, outfitter, club, or organization has obtained a Special Use Permit from the Refuge.
- Deer hunters may enter the Refuge no earlier than two hours before shooting time and must leave the Refuge within 2 hours after shooting time. Unless retrieving a deer, retrieval times extend 5 hours past shooting time.
- Lake Lowell Unit deer permit holders must be accompanied by a Refuge employee or State Game Warden to retrieve a wounded or expired deer from a Closed Area outside of the hunt area.