Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge Late Archery Deer Hunting
Fact Sheet and Application Instructions

2026 Late Archery Season South Hunting Zone

- **Dates:** November 30, 2026 - January 3, 2027.
- **Number of Permits:** No limit. Once received in the mail or in the drop box hunters will be notified if their application has been approved and their permits will be sent to them by mail.
- **Application:** Applications are available online at https://www.fws.gov/refuge/trempealeau or at the refuge office. Refuge office hours are Wednesday-Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Please fill out the application, sign and date it. Applications can be mailed or placed in the brown mail drop box located in the Contact Station/Office parking area. Mailing Address: Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Road, Trempealeau, WI 54661.
- **Deadline to turn in application:** Applications for the refuge late archery season must be received or postmarked by close of business on December 9, 2026.
- **How to obtain a permit:** Late archery permits will be available by email (request by submitting an email to dana_schelling@fws.gov) or hard copies can be obtained from a tote located outside of the office front door. This year hunters will sign and send in a permit along with their application. This permit is not valid until signed by the refuge manager and sent back to the hunter.
- **Hunter Notification:** Permit packages will be mailed via U.S. Postal Service.
- **Harvest Limit:** One buck deer per unused Bow Buck Carcass Tag and one antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Tag valid for use in the specified zone, DMU (Deer Management Unit) and land type (public access). Hunters must have appropriate state tags for the deer that they harvest. Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge is in the WI DNR Central Farmland Zone 2 and Buffalo and Trempealeau County DMU's. All deer harvested must be registered as per Wisconsin state regulations.
- **Legal Bow:** Defined by restrictions listed in the Wisconsin Hunting Regulations.
- **Closed Areas:** Black Oak Island is closed to hunting.
- **Fee:** There is a $10.00 application fee due at the time of application. Payment is accepted in the form of cash, personal check, or money orders. Please make checks payable to: *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

Additional Regulations/Information

- All hunters must possess a valid Wisconsin hunting license and a Refuge Permit to hunt on the Refuge. Wisconsin State hunting regulations will be in effect while hunting on the refuge.
- All hunters must be at least 12 years old and must be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 18.
- The Refuge is open for access to bow hunters from 1 hour before to 1 hour after legal shooting times during the Refuge early archery deer season only. Other times the Refuge is open during daylight hours only.
- Non-hunters may be on the Refuge during the hunt.

- A Big Game Harvest Report must be returned for each permit (even if no deer was harvested) or the hunter will not be eligible for a permit the next year. Harvest reports are due no later than January 15, 2027.

Please return application to: Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Road, Trempealeau, WI 54661. For more information, call 608-539-2311, Or email: dana_schelling@fws.gov

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In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following;

Applications for our South Hunt Zone will be available online or at the refuge office starting August 1st each year at https://www.fws.gov/refuge/trempealeau (follow the link for Permits).
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