

2019 Regulations for Bow Hunting of Deer on Carlisle Town Land

1. The Carlisle Board of Selectmen allows Bow Hunting for deer on select Town properties by permit only. The 2019 Carlisle season shall commence on October 7, 2019 and run to and including November 30, 2019.

2. The Board of Selectmen will annually appoint a Deer Control Committee (“DCC”) to administer this program. An agent (“Deer Agent”) shall be nominated by the DCC and appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Deer Agent shall be a member of the Deer Control Committee. The DCC shall determine the number of Bow Hunting Access Permits to be issued based on the amount of land available for hunting and shall issue and allocate the permits in accordance with these Regulations.

3. Bow hunting is limited to areas specifically designated by the DCC at only the following Town land parcels:

- Benfield
- Conant Land
- Davis Corridor
- Greenough
- Town Forest

4. The Board of Selectmen and/or the Deer Agent may close any parcel to hunting for any reason at any time. If closed by the Deer Agent, the decision of the Deer Agent may be reviewed at the next meeting of the DCC.

5. Town land may be hunted only by those persons who have been issued a Bow Hunting Access Permit by the DCC. Permits shall be issued to qualified hunters only. Hunters must be qualified by a DCC interview and assessment process, including a criminal records check and determined by the Deer Control Committee to be a qualified hunter and must possess state-approved Hunter Education and Bowhunter Safety certificates. Hunters who have previously been qualified must undergo a current criminal records check and submit a current hunting license, but need not be re-interviewed by the DCC.

6. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 5 above, permits shall be issued by the DCC for the 2019 season to qualified hunters in accordance with the following order of preference: (a) first to qualified hunters who received permits for the 2018 season and who reapply; (b) second to qualified hunters on the Deer Agent’s wait list who are town residents or employees in the order that they apply for a permit; and (c) third, to other qualified hunters on the Deer Agent’s wait list in the order that they apply for a permit.

7. The DCC will monitor the program to ensure public safety with the objective of reducing

the deer population.

7.1. Trails leading to hunting areas shall be marked with temporary signs indicating that hunting is occurring on the property.

7.2. Hunters are encouraged to obtain antlerless deer permits and to harvest antlerless deer.

8. Permitting Regulations

8.1. All State and Carlisle hunting rules and regulations apply.

8.2. Only bow hunting is allowed.

8.3. Permits will restrict hunters to specific locations as determined by the DCC. Hunters may hunt on their designated parcels only.

8.4. Hunters must carry, at all times, photo identification, all licenses, permits and maps of approved locations showing boundaries. Hunters must be prepared to show these documents to anyone who asks to see them.

8.5. Hunters must be courteous to everyone and make a genuine effort to inform others about the hunting program when encountered. Hunters must notify the Deer Agent of any negative encounters with visitors as soon as possible.

9. Field Regulations

9.1. Daily hunting hours during the season will coincide with the State's allowed hunting hours (from ½ hour prior to sunrise to ½ hour after sunset).

9.2. Hunting is permitted only from temporary portable tree stands. Tree stands shall be set back from any marked trail by at least one-hundred (100) feet. Any tree stand located within one hundred and fifty (150) feet of a marked trail shall not point in the direction of the nearest such trail, as determined by the Deer Agent. For the purposes of these regulations, "marked trails" shall mean only the trails shown in the 2018 Edition of Trails in Carlisle produced by the Town of Carlisle Trails Committee.

9.3. Wildlife or trail cameras or any similar recording devices used by permitted hunters shall be set back at least one hundred (100) feet from any marked trail.

9.4. Strap-on steps or ladder steps only are permitted.

9.5. The permit number issued by the Deer Agent must be visible on the tree stand and the dashboard of the hunter's car.

9.6. Hunting within 100 feet of marked trails is prohibited. Hunters must not discharge arrows in the direction of marked trails.

9.7. Hunting within 500 feet of an occupied dwelling is prohibited without written owner permission on person, even if the tree stand is on Town property.

10. Take-Related Regulations

10.1. No other forms of wildlife may be taken.

10.2. All deer taken must be reported to the agent before the later of 24 hours or by 5pm of the next business day.

10.3. Harvested animals, internal organs and entrails must be removed with minimal damage to the area and without undue delay.

11. Enforcement

The Deer Agent shall have authority to enforce these regulations and issue cease and desist orders, which shall be reviewable by the DCC at a subsequent meeting, with notice to the hunter.

If the Deer Agent is also a hunter participating in the program, then as to his or her participation as a hunter, the Chairman of the DCC shall assume all responsibilities of the Deer Agent.

(a) Offences Resulting in Permanent Exclusion.

The DCC may revoke the permit of any hunter and prohibit any further participation in the program at any time in the future by such hunter if the DCC finds that the hunter: (a) hunted on private property without permission of the landowner; or (b) left entrails in situ in violation of section 10.3 of these regulations.

(b) Offences Resulting in One-Year Loss of License.

The DCC may revoke the 2019 permit of any hunter if the DCC finds that the hunter: (a) is not or has become not qualified as required by paragraph 5 of these regulations during the season; (b) failed to correct any violation of these regulations and any applicable state regulations immediately upon request of the Deer Agent; or (c) failed to immediately comply with any reasonable request of the Deer Agent related to any aspect of deer hunting.

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