

ASHLAND COUNTY PARK DISTRICT HUNTING REGULATIONS

“PLEASE READ CAREFULLY”

GENERAL NOTICE:

- Seasonal hunting is permitted in designated parks only.
- There are three types of parks with regards to hunting:
 1. Hunting Parks
 2. Multi-Purpose Parks
 3. Non-Hunting Parks
- All hunters must follow ACPD regulations as well as all regulations and seasons as designated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and/or state and federal statutes.

HUNTING PARKS

- These parks were acquired through financial support of ODNR Division of Wildlife and/or Pheasants Forever and all have similar hunting regulations.
- These parks permit hunting for deer (bow & gun), turkey, small game and waterfowl:
 1. Black Fork Bottoms Hunting Area
 2. Cooke Family Wildlife Conservation Park
 3. Cool Springs Wildlife Conservation Park
 4. Esbenshade Wetlands
 5. Gilliom-Cherp Nature Park
- **Hunting parks will be closed for all non-hunting uses from October 15 through December 31, 2019 with the following exception:** Hunting parks will remain open for hunting, but will also be open Sunday afternoons from noon until closing for non-hunting activities, except during the two Sundays during gun deer hunting season. These Sundays will be posted at all hunting park entrances.
- **Hunting parks will be also closed for all non-hunting uses during muzzle loading season in January and in the mornings of turkey season in the spring.**
- **Parks Firearms Regulations:** Conceal Carry is permitted. No Target shooting permitted! No random or reckless discharge of firearms is permitted. Shooting is restricted to legitimate hunting and dog training only. Guns are restricted to legal hunting weapons, including shotguns, bows and crossbows, **except rifles and handguns** (for safety reasons). Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

HUNTING LOTTERIES

- The Ashland County Park District (ACPD) holds a spring lottery for turkey hunting. All turkey hunters must attend the lottery and winning lottery hunters will secure a hunting date and a park location. If hunters do not participate in the spring lottery, they will not be permitted to hunt turkey.
- The ACPD holds a fall lottery for “deer” and “waterfowl” hunting. If hunters do not participate in the fall lottery, they will not be permitted to hunt deer by gun. However, they will be permitted to hunt deer by bow during the season.
- With regards to waterfowl, if hunters do not attend the fall lottery, hunters will not be permitted to hunt waterfowl during the selected dates in the First Season. After the lottery dates, waterfowl hunting is allowed the remainder of Early Season, First Season. There is no lottery for second season and waterfowl hunting is allowed during that time.

Violators will be subject to appropriate criminal and civil prosecution—Report violations to the Ashland County Sheriff’s office at 419-289-0911 or to the ACPD at 419-289-3524

MULTI-PURPOSE PARKS

- These parks allow hunting and non-hunting activities during the same time.
 1. Audubon Wetlands Preserve: Deer gun and limited bow only. **No Hunting on Sundays**
 2. Carpenter Waterfowl Park: Deer (bow and gun), turkey, small game and waterfowl
 3. Hurdle Waterfowl Park: Late season bow hunting in the east woods only
 4. Riverwalk Park: Deer (bow), small game and waterfowl
 5. Sprinkles Serenity: Deer (bow and gun), turkey, small game and waterfowl
 6. Sauers Farm: Deer (bow and gun) and small game (**No Hunting on Saturdays in September and October, due to wedding ceremonies**)
- Those parks that allow deer gun season are closed to non-hunters during that time.
- Although fewer hunters, and often none, may be found at these parks, hunter orange is advised during the fall hiking season.

NON-HUNTING PARKS

1. Fire Company Nature Cabin
2. Byers Woods
3. Freer Field
4. Hopkins Landing
5. Crall Woods

FISHING

- Fishing in all parks is catch and release only
- No fishing license is required when fishing in any of the 11 park ponds
- An Ohio fishing license is required when fishing on a river within any park

OTHER PARK RULES RELEVANT TO HUNTERS

- All parks are closed daily from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise
- No camping or overnight parking
- No fires or grills of any kind
- No cutting or trimming of trees or plant life
- No disposal of trash—remove everything you take into the park
- No motor vehicles beyond the designated parking area
- No trespassing on park neighbors' property
- No building of permanent tree stands or digging goose pits
- No use of climbing spikes or damage to trees is permitted
- No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs
- All ODNR Hunting Regulations must also be followed

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Dog Training:** Dog training grounds will be designated and available for use. Dog training is not permitted during deer gun seasons.
- **Trapping and Predator Control:** The committee will regulate trapping and predator control as needed. Interested applicants contact **Andy McClure 419-606-4561**.
- **No coon hunting is permitted.**

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