

City of Charles City, Iowa
Hunting at Wildwood Municipal Golf Course
Rules and Regulations

The intent behind allowing bow-hunting within Wildwood Municipal Golf Course is to safely reduce the deer population within the golf course area, thereby lessening the damage caused to the golf course by the deer and reducing the expense to the City for maintaining the golf course.

The City will issue six (10) depredation (antlerless deer) permits to bow hunt by way of application and submission of necessary documents prior to approval. The application may be picked up at the Charles City Police Department, 105 Milwaukee Mall, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday beginning September 21. All applications shall be submitted prior to October 12.

Once the cutoff date to receive applications has been reached, all applications will be subject to a limited background check. Once the background check has been completed, ten (10) qualified hunting applications will be randomly selected by the Charles City Parks and Recreation Board to hunt at Wildwood Municipal Golf Course by way of a lottery.

The Charles City Parks and Recreation Director shall be responsible for implementing a hunting schedule with the selected hunters. Only one (1) hunter shall be authorized to bow hunt within Wildwood Municipal Golf Course at any given time.

All hunters shall abide by the following rules and regulations. Non-compliance with any of these in whole or in part is a violation which will result in immediate revocation of the permit and possible criminal or civil charges under the Charles City Code of Ordinances:

1. All hunters shall comply with all Iowa DNR rules regulating the bow hunting of deer.
2. The depredation permits/tags issued will be valid for antlerless deer only. No antler deer shall be hunted or harvested.
3. No hunters under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be eligible to apply for a permit from the City.
4. Selected hunters shall be required to successfully complete an archery aptitude test conducted by a third party designated by the City of Charles City prior to being authorized to hunt at Wildwood Municipal Golf Course. Failure of the archery aptitude test will result in a selected hunter being prohibited from hunting at Wildwood Municipal Golf Course for the current season.
5. All hunters must ensure that all shots are made carefully and safely, acknowledging the presence of other hunters, citizens, and visitors in the area that may be present at the property.
6. All hunters are required to hunt from an elevated deer stand and must take necessary safety precautions against falling from the stand, including securing the hunter to the tree with a safety harness.
7. Hunting at the Wildwood Municipal Golf Course will only be allowed after the course has been closed for the season.

8. The boundaries of the hunting area will be provided to each authorized hunter in the form of a map with clearly marked boundary lines.
9. Each hunter must carry with them while hunting:
 - a. The City permit issued to them
 - b. All Iowa DNR required licenses
 - c. State-issued identification
10. All arrows must be carried in quiver while traveling to and from the hunting stand/site. Hunters shall be responsible for retrieving all arrows released during a hunt.
11. Hunters shall not dispose of any animal parts within Wildwood Municipal Golf Course.
12. Hunters shall wear a blaze-orange vest, coat, or jacket while in the Wildwood Municipal Golf Course Area.
13. Hunters may not shoot across property lines onto privately owned property, nor may hunters shoot within two hundred (200) feet of any building or structure. Hunters may not shoot deer within fifty (50) feet of any greens. In addition, hunters may not shoot across Wildwood Road.
14. No permanent stands shall be erected. All stands must be portable. Stands cannot be erected using nails or screws. Hunters must obtain the approval of the Parks and Recreation Director prior to erecting stands. Stands must be removed within one week following the end of the season.
15. No baiting, stalking or drive of deer is allowed.
16. Hunting times shall be limited to 4:30 a.m. to ½ hour after sunset.
17. Within twenty-four hours of harvesting a deer, a hunter shall report to the City the date, time, and location of the harvested deer along with the sex of the harvested deer. In addition, hunters must report the number of arrows shot.
18. No motorized vehicles of any kind will be allowed off of designated roadways on City-owned hunting ground.
19. Hunters shall not track deer outside of the Wildwood Municipal Golf Course and onto private property without the express permission of the private property owner.
20. Deer must be covered or enclosed when transporting.
21. In conjunction with applying for a permit, hunters shall be required to release, discharge, and covenant not to sue the City, its affiliated administrators, directors, agents, officers, and employees, from all liability, claims, demands, losses, injuries, damage to property, or other damages arising out of, resulting from, or connected with the Hunter's bow-hunting at Wildwood Municipal Golf Course.
22. A hunter may only hunt at Wildwood Municipal Golf Course on the date(s) authorized by the Charles City Parks and Recreation Director. Additionally, selected hunters must provide twenty- four (24) hour notice and obtain the consent of the Charles City Parks and Recreation Director prior to hunting at the Wildwood Municipal Golf Course.
23. The Charles City Parks and Recreation Board shall be responsible, in its sole discretion, for determining whether the deer population has been satisfactorily reduced to lessen the damage caused to the golf course. In the event the deer population has been satisfactorily reduced during any given season, then no further hunting shall be allowed for that season.

Accordingly, the City of Charles City makes no guaranty that a selected hunter will have the opportunity to hunt at Wildwood Municipal Golf Course.

24. The approval of bow hunting at Wildwood Municipal Golf Course does not authorize bow hunting on any other public grounds.
25. These rules and regulations shall be subject to amendment by the City of Charles City, and shall automatically renew on a year to year basis unless the City of Charles City affirmatively terminates and revokes the authority to hunt at Wildwood Municipal Golf Course.