

Castalia Mobility Impaired and Blind Hunters Deer Gun Hunt

Congratulations on being drawn for the Castalia State Fish Hatchery controlled deer hunt. This letter will provide you with some background information on the Castalia State Fish Hatchery and the controlled hunt.

The hatchery is located on 90 acres in western Erie County, just southwest of Sandusky, Ohio near the village of Castalia. This facility is the newest of six hatcheries operated by the Division of Wildlife, and came on-line in the fall of 1997 after it was purchased from private interests. The hatchery's water is supplied by one of the area's blue holes. A blue hole is an area where an underground water system is exposed. All of the state's Steelhead production occurs at this hatchery. Rainbow Trout are raised to catchable size before stocking in Ohio lakes in the spring. The facility offers a limited lottery-style fishing program on the portion of Cold Creek that runs through the hatchery grounds. Check the Division of Wildlife website at www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife for information on the fishing lottery.

This will be an urban style hunt. Hunting will be done from assigned box blinds. The blinds will be close to the paved driveways in the hatchery providing easy access. Most of the hunter's view will be mowed lawn. Hunters will be briefed prior to the hunt at the Hatchery office and directed to their assigned blinds.



Ohio Division of Wildlife
CASTALIA STATE FISH HATCHERY
CONTROLLED DEER HUNT RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. Hunters will be provided a code for access through the gate. This will be provided at a later date.
2. Hunters can begin checking in at 12 P.M. at the area headquarters. Hunters will be escorted to their designated blinds after check in.
3. Hunters must cease hunting one half hour after sunset and check out by one hour after sunset. All deer shot must be checked in at the check station by one hour after sunset. Hunters may leave and return, but are asked to minimize this activity as it will impact the other hunters chance for success.
4. Hunters must hunt from within their designated blind. No one is permitted to move outside of their assigned blind except to get to and from the blind. If you wound a deer, come back to the check station for assistance. An attempt will be made to contact the hunter in the other blind. At that time you may go in and look for your deer. On private land, permission from the landowner is required before you can retrieve your deer.
5. Hunters can field dress their deer, but must do so at least 50-feet away from the nearest road and not in the mowed grass.
6. Hunting implements should not be discharged in the direction of buildings or facilities. A sighted dead or crippled deer, other than your own, should be reported to the check station at the end of your hunt. This will allow wildlife area personnel to dispose of the animal.
7. Hunters may harvest one deer per day on this hunt. All deer are required to be checked via the automated game check and permanent tagging process.
8. The driveway in front of your blind is not considered a road. You may shoot across it if you have a clear shot.
9. A hunter aware of any wildlife violation or hunt problem shall immediately contact the Castalia State Fish Hatchery check station at 419/684-7499. All medical emergencies should be referred to the Erie County Sheriff's Office (Call 911).
10. If you do not check in or contact the Castalia State Fish Hatchery prior to 1 P.M. of the day of your hunt, you will not be permitted to hunt on that day and your permit will be revoked.
11. Antlerless Deer Permits may be used to harvest an antlerless deer. All deer permits must be purchased prior to arrival at the hunt.
12. Permits are transferable. To transfer, please follow instructions on the permit. NOTE: It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, trade or barter any Division of Wildlife issued controlled hunting, fishing or trapping permit.
13. All Ohio deer hunting laws apply as stated in the Ohio Hunting & Trapping Regulations
14. Failure to follow these controlled hunt rules and conditions could result from dismissal from the hunt, in addition to criminal charges pursuant OAC 1501:31-9-01(u).