The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the ODNR Division of Wildlife have cooperated in the establishment of a controlled white-tailed deer hunt. Hunters will also be contacted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel and be given more specific information regarding these hunts.

1. For gun hunts, on the day of your hunt you must check in by 5:30 a.m. at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, or contact them by 5:30 a.m. at 419-898-0014. For archery hunts, you must check in between 7:00 a.m. and Noon on the Saturday of your hunt week at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center.

2. Hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ after sunset. Only deer are legal during this hunt. A valid Ohio 1 Deer Permit must be in your possession.

3. Antlerless Deer Hunting Permits may be used to harvest antlerless deer during all Ottawa and Magee deer hunts. However, they will not be available to purchase at the refuge headquarters.

4. All State of Ohio deer hunting regulations apply unless otherwise stated. Hunters must wear a hunter orange hat in addition to state regulations during gun season.

5. Archery deer hunters may harvest 1 deer during the archery hunts; one either-sex, or one antlerless only. Only one deer is permitted to be taken during the gun hunts; permittee may take a deer of either sex, adult partners may take an antlerless only deer, while youth partners may take a deer of either sex. Overall, hunters in Ohio may only take one antlered deer per year regardless of the hunts they participate in.

6. All hunters, successful or not, must check out by 6:00 pm. The submission of your Hunter Harvest Card in the harvest card drop box satisfies the check-out requirement. Harvest cards can also be submitted at the refuge visitor center during normal business hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm). Once you turn in your harvest card, your hunt is complete.

7. If you wound a deer and feel sure it is in an adjacent sector, come back to the check station for assistance. On private land, written permission from the landowner is required before you can retrieve your deer.

8. Hunters should be aware that waterfowl hunting and controlled trapping are taking place in the area.

9. Permits are transferable; follow instructions given. NOTE: It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, trade, or barter any Division of Wildlife issued controlled hunting, fishing or trapping permit.

10. No person may participate in the controlled hunt more than once during the current deer season as a permittee or partner.

11. Mobility impaired permit holders will receive an either-sex permit and youth hunters will receive an either-sex permit. ATV’s will be permitted to transport disabled hunters to and from blinds.

12. Portable blinds or tree stands may be used.

13. Each hunter is responsible for their own transportation to and from the designated hunting zone.

14. Gun hunters may use any legal hunting weapon to take deer that is legal to use during the statewide deer gun season.

15. A pair of hip boots or waders is highly recommended for retrieving or tracking deer.

16. Partners: The permit holder may bring a hunting partner(s) as specified below:

   Ottawa Youth Deer Hunt: 2 youth partners and at a minimum 2 non-hunting adults. We strongly recommend 1 non-hunting adult accompanies each youth hunter.

   Magee Youth Deer Hunt: 2 youth partners and at a minimum 2 non-hunting adults
Ottawa/Magee Adult Deer Archery: 2 partners
Magee Adult Deer Gun: 2 partners
Ottawa/Magee Adult Deer Gun: 2 partners
Ottawa Mobility Impaired Deer: 2 partners and 1 non-hunting assistant

17. 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).

CHECK STATION ADDRESS
For information go to http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Ottawa/
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, 14000 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio, phone: (419) 898-0014

CHECK STATION LOCATION
From Toledo, take State Route 2 east 15 miles to the refuge entrance signs.
From Port Clinton, take State Route 2 west approximately 18 miles to the refuge entrance signs.
Check in will take place at the Ottawa NWR Visitor Center.

DEER PREVIEW DAY FOR GUN HUNTS
Ottawa NWR and Magee Marsh WA will be hosting a deer unit preview day for those holding permits for the Ottawa/Magee Youth gun hunt, the Ottawa/Magee Adult gun hunt and the Ottawa Mobility Impaired gun hunt on the first Saturday in November from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Please check in at the Ottawa NWR Visitor Center to view your unit.

TESTING FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)
As an option for hunters, deer harvested during these controlled hunts can be tested for CWD. Interested hunters can follow guidance from staff at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters on submitting heads for testing. Information will be available at the collection location on how to document and submit the deer for sampling.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Hunters may find additional information, FAQs and maps of their unit by going to the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge website: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ottawa/.

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