



## TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH CENTER 2017 MUZZLELOADER DEER HUNT OVERVIEW



**Hunt Location:** The Transportation Research Center (TRC) is located in Logan Co., 10820 OH-347, East Liberty, OH 43319 off U.S Route 33, approximately 15 miles Northwest of Marysville, Ohio and approximately 10 miles Southeast of Bellefontaine, Ohio (take the exit for State Route 347 – East Liberty). Hunt Check-In: At the Guard House located on State Route 347; take the first drive Northeast of U.S. Route 33.

**Hunt Information Contacts:** Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.; Wildlife District One HQ, 614-644-3925.

**Scouting Dates and Hours:** Hunters will be permitted to scout and place stands or blinds between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. December 31, 2016. Prior to entering the TRC Controlled Hunting Area, hunters must check in at the Guard House to turn in their completed hunter registration and liability release forms. All blinds or stands need to be removed end of Hunt January 8.

**Hunt Date and Hours:** January 7 & 8, 2017. Hunters may hunt from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. Hunting hours may be found in the Official Sunrise/Sunset Tables for **Western Ohio** in the Ohio Hunting & Trapping Regulations Booklet (Publication 5085) or at [www.wildohio.gov](http://www.wildohio.gov) .

**Hunt Details:** Additional details including assigned hunting unit assignment, registration and liability release forms, will be mailed to hunters in mid-November. This is a partner hunt. Hunters (and their partners) will be assigned to one of four separate hunting units. Eight hunters will receive one permit that allows access for themselves and one other fully licensed hunter of their choice (**NOTE:** the permit holder when alone or at least one of the hunters when paired, must be 18 years of age or older).

All hunters must check in at the Guard House after 5:30 A.M. on the day they are assigned to hunt to turn in their completed hunter registration and liability release forms. Hunters may leave and return to their assigned hunt areas throughout the day without checking in and out at the Guard House. All hunters must return to the Guard House and check out after they are finished hunting for the day (no later than 7:30 P.M.).

There are no pre-established stands or blind sites within the hunting units, so hunters may choose their own stand or blind sites. Manufactured tree stands and portable hunting blinds are permitted. Constructing permanent-type tree stands, or placing spikes, nails, wires or other metal objects into a tree to act as steps or to hold a tree stand on is prohibited. Hunting for game animals other than deer and feral swine is prohibited.

**Bag Limits:** Deer of either sex may be taken on this hunt. Since this is a Division of Wildlife Controlled Deer Hunt, the bag limit is **six deer**. Antlerless deer taken during the TRC Muzzleloader Deer Hunt **do not count** towards the 2016-17 **statewide season** bag limit of **six deer**. However, only one antlered deer may be taken statewide, regardless of when or where it is taken. Antlerless Deer Permits are also valid for this hunt. Consult the Ohio Hunting & Trapping Regulations Booklet (Publication 5085) or [www.wildohio.gov](http://www.wildohio.gov) for Division of Wildlife Controlled Deer Hunt and Antlerless Deer Permit bag limits & rules.

**Hunting Implements:** Only muzzleloading firearms that are legal during the Statewide Muzzleloader Deer Season are permitted (archery hunting prohibited). Consult the Ohio Hunting & Trapping Regulations Booklet (Publication 5085) or [www.wildohio.gov](http://www.wildohio.gov) for applicable rules and equipment.



## TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH CENTER 2017 MUZZLELOADER DEER HUNT REGULATIONS

A Special Hunting Permit is required to hunt deer on the Transportation Research Center (TRC) during the Statewide Muzzleloader Deer Season. Please read this document carefully, as you will be required to adhere to all special regulations.

1. All hunters must possess and carry with them a valid 2016 -17 Ohio Hunting License and Deer Hunting Permit in order to deer hunt during the Transportation Research Center (hereinafter referred to as *TRC*) Muzzleloader Deer Hunt.
2. The **Transportation Research Center Deer Hunting Permit** (hereinafter referred to as the *Permit*) allows the hunters to enter their assigned Hunting Unit within the TRC Controlled Hunting Area on the following dates & times and only for the purposes specified:
  - Scouting Dates and Hours: Hunters will be permitted to scout and place stands or blinds between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. December 31, 2016. Prior to entering the TRC Controlled Hunting Area, hunters must check in at the Guard House to turn in their completed hunter registration and liability release forms. All blinds or stands need to be removed end of hunt January 8, 2017.
  - Hunt Date and Hours: January 7 & 8, 2017. Hunters may hunt from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. Hunting hours may be found in the Official Sunrise/Sunset Tables for *Western Ohio* in the Ohio Hunting & Trapping Regulations Booklet (Publication 5085) or at [www.wildohio.gov](http://www.wildohio.gov).
3. Legal shooting hours for the assigned Hunt Date may be found in the Official Sunrise/Sunset Tables for **Western Ohio** in the Ohio Hunting & Trapping Regulations Booklet (Publication 5085) or online at [www.wildohio.gov](http://www.wildohio.gov).
4. The Permit may be transferred to another hunter (and partner) prior to the assigned hunt date. Once the hunters enter the assigned hunting unit to hunt, the Permit may no longer be transferred.
5. Prior to entering the TRC Controlled Hunting Area, all hunters must check in at the Guard House (after 5:30 A.M.) on the date of their hunt to turn in their Hunter Registration and Liability Release Forms:
6. Hunters may only enter the TRC Controlled Hunting Area on the day they are assigned to hunt. Entry to the TRC Controlled Hunting Area prior to 6:00 A.M. or after 7:00 P.M. on the assigned hunt date is prohibited.
7. All vehicles must be parked in the designated parking areas as indicated on TRC Controlled Hunting Area map. Vehicles may not be left unattended along the edge of either of the two designated travel roads, undesignated access roads, or public roadways adjacent to the TRC Controlled Hunting Area boundary. Persons violating this regulation will have their vehicles towed at their own expense.
8. The parking pass provided must be displayed in clear view on the dashboard of the vehicle at all times while parked in the TRC Controlled Hunting Area.
9. Vehicles may not be driven anywhere on the TRC Controlled Deer Hunting Area except for the two designated travel roads as indicated on TRC Controlled Hunting Area map. Driving off road, across fields or traversing undesignated access roads is prohibited.
10. All harvested deer must be taken to one of the two designated travel roads for loading. Hunters may only stop temporarily along the two designated travel roads to load a harvested deer.
11. Persons who are physically unable to drag deer long distances should hunt close to the two designated travel roads, bring non-motorized carts or transport devices, or register with a partner who can assist with dragging deer long distances. You will not be permitted to call or bring in additional people to help drag deer.
12. Hunters must wear hunter orange at all times while hunting in the TRC Controlled Hunting Area. Wearing a hunter orange cap alone does not satisfy the hunter orange requirement. You must visibly wear a vest, coat, jacket or coveralls that are either solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange.
13. Hunters must stay within the boundaries of their assigned Hunting Unit at all times while hunting or attempting to recover deer. The four Hunting Units are clearly separated by the two designated travel roads, and are separated from adjacent private land by public roadways.
14. Hunters may not enter buildings, cut fences, litter, or cause any damage to TRC property.

15. TRC is surrounded on all sides by private land. Hunters must make every attempt to ensure that shots taken will result in a quick clean kill and well inside the property limits. Once the shot is taken, hunters must make a reasonable attempt to recover all deer that are killed or wounded.
16. Hunters may not go beyond the TRC property boundaries to recover a deer on private property **UNLESS** they first obtain permission to do so from the appropriate landowner.
17. Manufactured tree stands and portable hunting blinds are permitted. Constructing permanent-type tree stands, or placing spikes, nails, wires or other metal objects into a tree to act as steps or to hold a tree stand on is prohibited.
18. This is a muzzleloader only hunt. Muzzleloading firearms that are legal for deer hunting during the Statewide Muzzleloader Deer Season are permitted. Archery hunting is prohibited.
19. Hunting for game other than deer and feral swine is prohibited.
20. Purposefully shooting at deer from or across access roads or into other Hunting Units is prohibited. Target practice or random shooting is prohibited.
21. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on TRC property.
22. Deer of either sex may be taken on this hunt. Since this is a Division of Wildlife Controlled Deer Hunt, the bag limit is six deer. Antlerless deer taken during the TRC Muzzleloader Deer Hunt do not count towards the 2015-16 statewide season bag limit of nine deer. However, only one antlered deer may be taken statewide, regardless of when or where it is taken. Antlerless Deer Permits are also valid for this hunt. Consult the Ohio Hunting & Trapping Regulations Booklet (Publication 5085) or [www.wildohio.gov](http://www.wildohio.gov) for Division of Wildlife Controlled Deer Hunt and Antlerless Deer Permit bag limits & rules.
23. Each deer taken must be temporarily tagged before hunting or pursuing another deer
24. Hunters will be permitted travel between their vehicles and stand sites or to leave and return to the TRC Controlled Hunting Area as necessary throughout the day. However, your hunt is considered complete once you officially check out at the Guard House.
25. Hunters must exit the TRC Controlled Hunting Area no later than 7:00 P.M. on their assigned hunt date. Hunters must check out at the Guard House by 7:30 P.M..
26. No one will be permitted to be on the grounds of the TRC Controlled Hunting Area after 7:00 P.M. on their assigned hunt date. Any deer shot and not recovered by 7:00 P.M. on the assigned hunt date will be considered lost.
27. All hunting blinds and tree stands must be removed from the assigned Hunting Unit by 7:00 P.M. on the assigned hunt date.
28. Hunters are prohibited from using cameras (including those on cell phones) to take pictures of any type while within the TRC Controlled Hunting Area or on any other TRC controlled property.

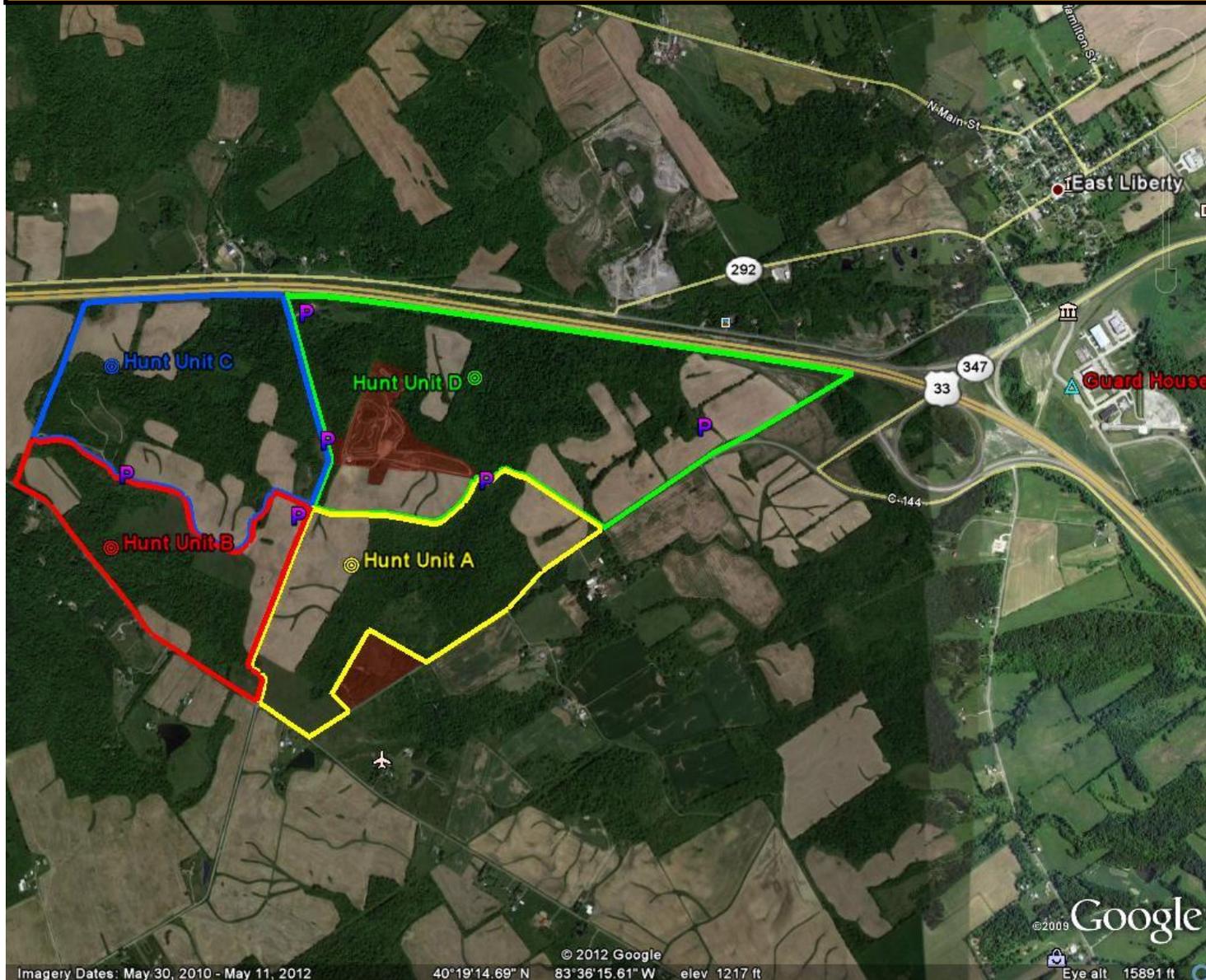
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In addition to these special regulations, all Division of Wildlife rules and regulations applicable to the Statewide Muzzleloader Deer Season are also in effect during the TRC Muzzleloader Deer Hunt. Official deer hunting rules and regulations may also be found in the Ohio Hunting & Trapping Regulations Booklet (Publication 5085) and online at [www.wildohio.gov](http://www.wildohio.gov)

Failure to comply with these regulations may result in criminal prosecution. Hunters are reminded that TRC is privately owned and the Division has made special arrangements to afford you the privilege of hunting here. Hunters who abuse this privilege will jeopardize future hunts at this facility, so please treat the land as if it were your own. If you witness a violation of any of the above regulations, please report the information to the TRC Guard House.

**For more information contact the Ohio Division of Wildlife  
(614) 644-3925 (Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 P.M.)**

# TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH CENTER CONTROLLED HUNTING AREA



-  HUNT UNIT A
-  HUNT UNIT B
-  HUNT UNIT C
-  HUNT UNIT D
-  NO HUNTING ZONE