

Ohio Division of Wildlife
OLD WOMAN CREEK RESEARCH RESERVE
CONTROLLED YOUTH/MENTOR DEER HUNTING RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. **Shotguns with rifled slugs and muzzleloaders are the only approved weapons for this hunt.**
2. Hunters can begin checking in on the day of the hunt at 6:15 a.m. at the Reserve Visitor Center, 2514 Cleveland Road E., in Huron. **Adult mentors may hunt alongside their youth counterparts during this controlled hunt.** Division of Wildlife staff will conduct an orientation and make zone assignments at 6:45 a.m. on hunt day.
3. **Each hunter may harvest up to two deer total. The adult/mentor hunter must harvest an antlerless deer first.**
4. Deer taken in controlled hunts do not count against a hunter's deer zone bag limit, but the restriction on one antlered deer per season applies to all hunters.
5. **Hunters must cease hunting by 4:30 p.m. and check out by 5:30 p.m.**
6. **Hunters will be assigned to zones during orientation on the day of the hunt. Hunters must hunt within their assigned sector until noon.** If you wound a deer badly in the morning and feel sure it is in an adjacent sector, come back to the Visitor Center for assistance. An attempt will be made to contact the hunters in the sector where your deer went. If space is available, hunters will be able to hunt other zones after noon. You may search for and retrieve your deer at this time if needed. On adjacent private lands, permission from the landowner is required before you can retrieve your deer. Contact the Visitor Center (419-433-4601) for assistance.
7. Guns should not be discharged in the direction of buildings or facilities, across roadways or across the boundaries of assigned areas. A sighted dead or crippled deer, other than your own, should be reported to the Visitor Center at the end of your hunt. This will allow the animal to be collected by Wildlife personnel. There are Hunting Safety Zones established around Reserve buildings and to protect private property.
8. Only deer are legal game during this hunt.
9. All deer shot must be temporarily tagged according to current Ohio deer harvest regulations where it fell, and a permanent tag must be affixed at the Visitor Center before the animal may be moved. All hunters must have valid licenses and deer permits.
10. A hunter aware of any wildlife violation or hunt problem must immediately contact the Reserve Visitor Center at 419-433-4601. All medical emergencies should be referred to the Erie County Sheriff's Department (911).
11. All Ohio deer hunting laws apply. A violation of any rule can result in revocation of your letter permit and immediate removal from the Reserve.
12. Only those hunters with a permit authorization for that day will be allowed to hunt or be in the field.
13. If you do not check in or contact the Old Woman Creek staff prior to 7:30 a.m. of the day of your hunt, you will not be permitted to hunt on that day and your permit will no longer be valid.
14. No camping or tree stands are allowed. Pop-up blinds are acceptable as long as hunter orange is clearly visible to other hunters.
15. For your own safety, please avoid hunting near the railroad tracks that bisects the Reserve.
16. Failure to follow these controlled hunt rules and conditions could result from dismissal from the hunt, in addition to criminal charges pursuant to OAC 1501:31-9-01(u).