



RECAUTHORITY
TRAVERSE CITY / GARFIELD TOWNSHIP

HICKORY FOREST NATURAL AREA BOW HUNTING FOR DEER

This application for a Hickory Forest Natural Area Bow Hunting Permit must be completed in its entirety prior to submission. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to follow all regulations from the Rec Authority, Garfield Township and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The permit is only for bow hunting for deer in the Hickory Forest Natural Area; no other properties are included. No other hunting or trapping is allowed in Hickory Forest or in any other Rec Authority parkland.

Any persons granted the privilege of utilizing Hickory Forest for the purpose of bow hunting for deer shall agree to conduct themselves in a safe and ethical manner. They must also be mindful of property boundaries, safety zones surrounding adjoining residences, recreational trails, and other users of the Natural Area.

When submitting your application, please include a copy of your valid State Hunting License and driver's license/state ID.

The issued Hickory Forest Bow Hunting Permit will be valid for a period of seven days beginning at dawn on a Friday and expiring at dusk on a Thursday of the following week. Permittee must carry a valid State Hunting License, driver's license/state ID, and an issued permit from the Rec Authority at all times while hunting in Hickory Forest.

Once your documents and application have been approved, the Rec Authority will issue you a formal Hickory Forest Natural Area Bow Hunting Permit.

BOW HUNTING RULES FOR HICKORY FOREST NATURAL AREA

1. All bow hunting for deer shall be done in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) including, but not limited to, those regarding season dates and bag limits. Applicants must have a valid State Hunting License, driver's license/state ID, and a valid Hickory Forest Natural Area Bow Hunting Permit.
2. The permit will be considered valid for a period of seven days, no partial weeks. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis for any hunting period, and preference will be given to first-time applicants to ensure a fair distribution of permits. The permit hereby granted is

personal to licensee and is not assignable. The Rec Authority will photocopy the valid State Hunting License, driver's license/state ID and the Bow Hunting Permit for its records.

3. The permittee shall have a valid State Hunting License, driver's license/state ID, and this permit with them at all times while bow hunting for deer on the property.

4. Target shooting is not allowed.

5. All bow hunting or placement of temporary hunting blinds must take place at a minimum 50 feet from any maintained trail.

6. No permanent hunting blinds are allowed in Hickory Forest. All tree stands must be temporary in nature and removed at the end of the permit period. No permanent steps, ladders or screw-in foot pegs may be used. Any blinds must bear the name, address and phone number of the permittee.

7. No cutting of vegetation, either dead or alive, may be done.

8. Feeding/baiting is strictly prohibited by the Rec Authority and State of Michigan regulations.

9. In the case of deer taken which require field dressing, the entrails shall be covered with brush or buried at least 150 feet from any trail or the parking area.

10. Parking is restricted to the trailhead located off Barney Road. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the property.

11. Permittee is advised that this bow-hunting permission is non-exclusive permission, and that additional permits may be issued by the Rec Authority to other deer hunters.

12. The permittee shall, within 10 days of the expiration of this permit, fill out and submit to the Rec Authority the attached/enclosed survey card to record wildlife encountered and harvested during the permittee's use of the property, and to obtain general comments for management purposes. *Failure to return the survey card within the 10-day period may result in forfeiture of future eligibility for permits to bow hunt in the Hickory Forest Natural Area.*

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HICKORY FOREST NATURAL AREA NON-EXCLUSIVE PERMIT FOR BOW HUNTING OF DEER

This non-exclusive bow hunting permit is issued to:

Name (Parent/Guardian, if hunter is under 18): _____

If applicable, child's name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

For Dates (m/d/y): Friday _____ through Thursday _____

Valid State Hunting License and driver's license/state ID attached? _____

The undersigned, being of lawful age, in consideration of permission granted to the undersigned by the City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority ("Rec Authority") to bow hunt for deer on the Hickory Forest Natural Area, hereby releases the Rec Authority, its agents and employees from all actions, causes of action, damages, rights, costs, loss of service, claims, demands, expenses and compensation whatsoever, which the undersigned's heirs executors, administrators of assigns may have against the Rec Authority, its agents and employees, for all personal injuries known or unknown which the undersigned has or may incur by participating in any activity which the undersigned participates in while at the Hickory Forest Natural Area.

I have read the bow hunting permit, possess a copy of the map showing areas open to hunting at Hickory Forest Natural Area, understand all its terms and execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance. I understand that this permit is strictly for bow hunting for deer. Baiting, trapping and other forms of hunting are completely prohibited. I am aware that this area is open to recreational users and non-hunters. I understand that by signing this form, I acknowledge that hunting activities have certain risks and I fully understand those risks and am willing to accept them.

Within 10 days of the expiration of this permit, I agree to fill out and submit to the Rec Authority the attached/enclosed wildlife survey to record wildlife encountered and harvested during the permittee's use of the property and to obtain general comments for management purposes. I understand that failure to return the survey within the 10-day period may result in forfeiture of future eligibility for permits to hunt in the Hickory Forest Natural Area.

Date: _____

Signature (parent or legal guardian if hunter is under 18)

Date: _____

For the Recreational Authority

Within 10 days of the expiration of permit, please return your completed survey to mcowall@recauthority.org, or mail to:

Rec Authority
1500 Red Dr
Traverse City, MI 49684



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HICKORY FOREST NATURAL AREA WILDLIFE SURVEY

Within 10 days of the expiration of your permit, fill out and submit to the Rec Authority this wildlife survey. *Failure to return the survey within the 10-day period may result in forfeiture of future eligibility for permits to bow hunt in the Hickory Forest Natural Area.*

Email completed survey to mcowall@recauthority.org, or mail to:

Rec Authority
1500 Red Dr
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Name of Hunter: _____

Name of Guardian (if applicable): _____

Deer Harvest Date: _____ Sex: M _____ F _____

Additional species encountered: _____

Other comments and suggestions: _____

Thank you!

