

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge Gun Deer Hunting Fact Sheet and Application Instructions

2023 Gun Der Season South Zone

- **Date:** November 18–26, 2023
- **Number of Permits:** 45 permits will be awarded by drawing
- **Deadline to turn in application:** Applications for the refuge Gun Deer Season must be received by 3:30 pm on September 15, 2023.
- **Application:** Applications are available online at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/trempealeau> or at the refuge office. Refuge office hours are Wednesday-Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Please fill out the application and sign and date it. You may mail the application to the Refuge or drop it in the refuge drop box. Address: Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Road, Trempealeau, WI 54661. The drop box is a mail slot located at the Contact Station/Office parking area. There will be a sign indicating it is the area to drop off applications.
- **How to obtain a permit:** Permits will be awarded by a random drawing held on September 22, 2023. This year hunters will sign and send in a permit along with their application. **This permit is not valid until signed by the refuge manager and sent back to the hunter. Only hunters drawn to hunt will receive their permit back in the mail.**
- **Hunting Partners:** If you choose to designate a hunting partner, each hunter must fill out an application form. **Include your partner's name under party members on the application form.** Each application must be returned with the \$10.00 application fee. Hunting partners will share one chance to be selected for the hunt. You may only apply ONE TIME. Multiple applications with duplicate names will be discarded.
- **Hunter Notification:** Notification of selection will be made by email at the address provided by the applicant. If a selected applicant is without an email address, they must contact Steven Bodovinitz, 608-779-2398 or steven_bodovinitz@fws.gov, before close of business September 15, 2023, to make alternate plans for notification. Otherwise, their notification will be mailed via U.S. Postal Service. Hunters that are not selected will not be notified.
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- **Harvest Limit:** One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Carcass Tag and one antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Tag valid for use in the specified zone, DMU (Deer Management Unit) and land type (public access or private). Hunters must have appropriate state tags for the deer that they harvest. Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge is in the WI DNR Central Farmland Zone 2 and Buffalo and Trempealeau county DMU's.
- **Closed Areas:** Black Oak Island is closed to hunting.
- **Fee:** There is a \$10.00 application fee due at the time of application. Payment is accepted in the form of cash, personal check, or money orders. Please make checks payable to:
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Additional Regulations/Information

- All hunters must possess a valid Wisconsin hunting license and a Refuge Permit to hunt on the Refuge. Wisconsin State hunting regulations will be in effect while hunting on the refuge.
- The Refuge will not be participating in the Hunting Mentorship Program. All hunters must be at

least 12 years old and must be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 18.

- The Refuge is open for access from 1 hour before until 1 hour after legal shooting times during the deer season only. Other times the refuge is open during daylight hours only.
- Rifles are prohibited.
- Hunting is prohibited within 50 feet of the center of any refuge road open to public vehicles. Discharging a firearm is prohibited from or across any refuge road open to public vehicles, or within 50 feet of a road's center. These prohibitions do not apply to refuge roads closed to public vehicles, including roads located behind locked gates and/ or signs stating "Authorized Vehicles Only." Shooting a firearm is prohibited within 100 yards of any refuge building.
- A Big Game Harvest Report must be returned for each permit (**even if no deer were harvested**) or the hunter will not be eligible for a permit the next year. Harvest reports are due no later than **December 8, 2023**.

Please return application to: Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, W28488 Refuge Road, Trempealeau, WI 54661. Deadline to apply for a gun deer permit: no later than September 15, 2023. For more information, call 608-779-2398, Or email: steven_bodovinitz@fws.gov



In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following;

Applications for our South Hunt Zone will be available online or at the refuge office starting early August 1st each year at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/trempealeau> (follow the link for Permits).