

Private Land Antlerless Deer License Flexibility

Southern Lower Peninsula and Northeast Lower Peninsula

DMU 486 is a new multi-county, private-land-only DMU that has been created to facilitate antlerless deer harvest in the southern Lower Peninsula. DMU 486 includes private land in DMUs 003, 008, 009, 011, 012, 013, 014, 019, 023, 025, 029, 030, 032, 033, 034, 037, 038, 039, 044, 046, 047, 054, 056, 059, 061, 063, 070, 073, 075, 076, 078, 079, 080, 081, 162 and 173. A private land antlerless deer license for DMU 486 is valid, with the landowner's permission, on private land within any of these DMUs. Also, any private land antlerless deer license purchased for one of the deer management units in DMU 486 is valid on private land in the other units within DMU 486, with the landowner's permission. **Note: DMU 041 (Kent County) is NOT included in DMU 486.**

DMU 487 is another new multi-county DMU, created to address bovine tuberculosis in the deer herd in the northeast Lower Peninsula. DMU 487 includes private land in DMUs 001, 004, 035, 060, 068, 071, 135 and 452. A private land antlerless deer license for DMU 487 is valid on private land within any of the eight deer management units, with the landowner's permission. Also, any private land antlerless deer license purchased for one of the deer management units in DMU 487 is valid on private land in the other seven units within DMU 487, with the landowner's permission. **(See the map for these new multi-county DMUs)**

Private Land Antlerless Deer Licenses

An application and drawing will be held for private land antlerless deer licenses in select DMUs in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula, shown in purple on the map in this guide. **Hunters may apply for one of these licenses or wait to purchase a leftover license after the drawing, if available. There is no guarantee leftover licenses will be available for any DMU.**

Private land licenses for DMUs shaded green on the map are available without application. Private land antlerless licenses will be sold until the quota is met for each DMU. There is a season limit of five private land antlerless licenses per person, of which no more than two may be purchased for Zone 1 and for DMUs entirely in Zone 2 combined (except for no quantity restrictions in deer management units in DMU 487). The telephone number of the private landowner is required. It is unlawful to purchase more than two antlerless licenses of any kind (public or private land) in a single day.

Private land licenses for DMUs shaded green go on sale Sept. 10 at 10 a.m.

Leftover Licenses

After the drawing, any leftover public land licenses and leftover private land licenses for DMUs shaded purple will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. Hunters may purchase two antlerless deer licenses per day. Licenses will be available until the quota for the DMU is reached. You do not need to apply in order to purchase a leftover license. There is a season limit of five private land antlerless licenses per person, of which no more than two may be purchased for Zone 1 and for DMUs entirely in Zone 2 combined (except for no quantity restrictions in deer management units in DMU 487).

Apprentice Hunting License

A person who does not have a hunter safety certificate may purchase an apprentice hunting license. An apprentice hunter may purchase this license for two license years before he or she must successfully complete a hunter safety course. The apprentice hunting license is available to residents and nonresidents.

Apprentice hunters under age 17, when afield, must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 21 or older designated by their parent or guardian. This individual must possess a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter. "Accompanied by" requires the adult to be able to come to the immediate aid of the other person and staying within a distance from the other person that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact. Apprentice hunters 17 and older, when afield, must be accompanied by someone 21 or older, who possesses a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter. **A person may accompany no more than two apprentice hunters while hunting.**

Online Hunter Harvest Surveys

Accurate and complete information on hunting activity is vital for sound wildlife management. Hunters are encouraged to report their hunting activity after the season has ended online at www.michigan.gov/dnr. These surveys are the same as those traditionally mailed to randomly selected hunters. The online reporting option now allows all hunters to participate.

An Important Message Regarding Bait

Hunters are prohibited from using bait for deer hunting in the Lower Peninsula. Bait also is prohibited in the Upper Peninsula during the special youth and 100% disabled veteran firearm deer hunting days in September. Check the 2009 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide or go to www.michigan.gov/dnr for a complete list of baiting regulations.

Mandatory Penalties for Certain Hunting Violations

Violation of permits, season, bag limits, shooting hours and methods of taking game	\$50 to \$500 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail.
Illegal taking/possession of deer, bear or wild turkey	\$200 to \$1,000 fine and 5 to 90 days in jail, restitution of \$1500 for bear, \$1000 for deer/turkey, plus revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next 3 consecutive years.
Illegal use of artificial light with bow and arrow or firearm	\$100 to \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail, plus revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next consecutive year.
Carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or drugs	\$500 fine and/or up to 93 days in jail.
Multiple offender: Two convictions within preceding five years	\$500 to \$2,000 fine and 10 to 180 days in jail.

Antlerless Deer License Quotas

Antlerless deer license quotas were not available at the time this guide was printed. An antlerless license quota is established based on the management objectives for that DMU. Antlerless quotas are available on the DNR website.

Special Antlerless Deer Seasons Early Firearm Antlerless Deer Season

There will be an early firearm antlerless deer hunting season on private land in certain DMUs in northeast Lower Michigan and Zone 3. See map in the 2009 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide. This season begins Sept. 17 and runs through Sept. 21, 2009. You must possess a valid private land antlerless deer license issued for the DMU in which you are hunting to take a deer during this season. You also must have permission from the landowner or leaseholder before hunting on private land, and the telephone number of the private landowner is required to purchase a private land antlerless deer license or DMA permit issued for the appropriate DMU to hunt deer during this season.

All firearm hunters must be 12 or older and must wear Hunter Orange. Youths 10 and 11 are restricted to archery-only hunting, and must possess a private land antlerless license and must wear Hunter Orange. Archery and junior archery deer licenses are not valid for this hunt.

Youth and 100% Disabled Veteran Firearm Deer Hunting Days

Youth Firearm Deer Hunting Days will take place Sept. 26-27, 2009, on all lands in Michigan. Youths 10-16 years of age with a firearm or combination license may take an antlered or antlerless deer during this special two-day season. Or they may take an antlerless deer with an antlerless license or a Deer Management Assistance (DMA) permit. Youths 10 and 11 are restricted to archery-only hunting. Youths 12 and 13 are restricted to firearm hunting only on private land and lands enrolled in the Commercial Forest program.

A firearm, combination or antlerless license or DMA permit authorizing the youth to take a deer with a firearm, may be used if issued for the area/land upon which hunting. **Archery and junior archery licenses are not valid during this season.** All youth hunters are required to wear Hunter Orange. The youth must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age or older. An adult accompanying a youth firearm deer hunter cannot possess or carry a firearm or bow and arrow and does not need a deer hunting license. It is unlawful to use bait during this season.

A veteran who has been determined to have a 100 percent disability or is rated as individually unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs may participate in this two-day season. Documentation from the Veterans Administration shall be in the possession of a veteran participating in this hunt.

Late Firearm Antlerless Deer Season

There will be a late firearm antlerless deer hunting season on private land in certain DMUs in the southern Lower Peninsula and northeast Lower Michigan. See map in the 2009 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide. This season begins Dec. 21, 2009, and runs through Jan. 1, 2010. During this season, only antlerless deer on private land may be taken. Permission is required from the landowner or leaseholder. You may hunt with a bow and arrow or firearm. All firearm hunters must wear Hunter Orange and must be 12 or older. You must have an unused antlerless deer license or DMA permit issued for the appropriate DMU to hunt deer during this season.

Tagging Option for Antlerless Deer Hunters

An antlerless deer hunter, with an unused license valid for an antlered deer and an unused antlerless license for the DMU in which they are hunting, **may** tag a male antlerless deer with an antlered deer license kill tag. A male antlerless deer, often called a "button buck," means a deer with antlers where the longest antler extends less than three inches above the skull.

Turn in Your Deer Heads

We are asking that you turn in your deer's head at any DNR office for free tuberculosis testing if you take a deer in any season in the following counties: Alcona, Alpena, Iosco, Montmorency, Oscoda, Presque Isle, and Shiawassee.

Kent County Mandatory Deer Check

All deer harvested in the Kent County townships of Algoma, Alpine, Cannon, Courtland, Nelson, Plainfield, Solon, Sparta and Tyrone must be taken to a DNR deer check station located in these nine townships. Check the DNR Web site for the location and hours of operation for these check stations. All deer taken in these nine townships must have the deer's head submitted for Chronic Wasting Disease testing.

Antlerless Deer License Options

Item No. Regular	Item No. Apprentice	Name	Cost
150		Public Land Application	\$ 4.00
151		Resident Public Land License	\$ 15.00
152	642	Nonresident Public Land License	\$138.00
153	644	Junior License	\$ 15.00
154	645	Resident OTC Public Land License*	\$ 15.00
155	646	Nonresident OTC Public Land License*	\$138.00
450		Private Land Application	\$ 4.00
451	665	Resident Private Land License	\$ 15.00
452	666	Nonresident Private Land License	\$138.00
453	667	Resident OTC Private Land License*	\$ 15.00
454	668	Nonresident OTC Private Land License*	\$138.00

OTC = Over the counter (no application required)

*After the drawing, any remaining antlerless licenses will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. Hunters may purchase two antlerless deer licenses per day. Licenses will be available until the quota for the DMU is reached.

Antlerless Deer License Fees

Hunting license fees are established by the Legislature. The DNR has been granted authority to discount antlerless deer licenses and has discounted these licenses since 1995. **In 2009, most antlerless deer licenses will not be discounted. Licenses will be discounted 40 percent only in DMUs 001, 004, 035, 060, 068, 071, 135, 452 and 487 where bovine tuberculosis has been documented in the northeast Lower Peninsula, and in Kent County (DMU 041) where chronic wasting disease has been documented.**

NOTICE: This brochure is not a legal notice, nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for hunters' convenience. Copies of wildlife conservation orders can be obtained from our Web site, www.michigan.gov/dnr

Drawing results will be posted Sept. 1 at www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings. For application assistance, call 517-373-1263

Antlerless Deer Hunting License

This license entitles residents and nonresidents 10 and older to take an antlerless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length within the deer management unit specified on the license. Youngsters 10 and 11 are restricted to archery-only hunting. Youngsters 12 and 13 may hunt with a firearm on private land only. Youngsters 12 and 13, who purchase a public land license, are restricted to firearm hunting on Commercial Forest Lands or to archery hunting on public land.

You must purchase your antlerless license in person or online. Antlerless deer licenses are valid during all deer seasons with hunting equipment appropriate for the season and hunting zone. The antlerless deer license is a stand-alone hunting license. No additional license is necessary to be legally afield. It is illegal to use an antlerless deer license to tag a deer with antlers three inches or more in length.

There are two types of antlerless deer hunting licenses: public land and private land.

• A **public land** antlerless deer hunting license is valid for taking antlerless deer from public lands (including state, federal and county lands) open to hunting within the deer management unit (DMU) specified on the license or upon lands within the DMU that are enrolled as Commercial Forest Lands.

• A **private land** antlerless deer hunting license is valid only for taking antlerless deer only from any privately owned lands within the deer management unit specified on the license with permission of the landowner. To purchase a private land antlerless license, the phone number of the landowner is required. A private land license is not valid on public or Commercial Forest Lands.

Note: There is a season limit of five private land antlerless licenses per person, of which no more than two may be purchased for Zone 1 and for DMUs entirely in Zone 2 combined (except for no quantity restrictions in deer management units in DMU 487).

Junior Antlerless Deer Hunting License

Young hunters, ages 9 to 16, may purchase one junior antlerless deer license over the counter July 15 through Aug. 15; however, a 9-year-old must be 10 by Sept. 26, 2009 to purchase this license. **No application fee or drawing is required.** This license is available only in deer management units with a quota for antlerless licenses. This license may be purchased for either public or private land. A youth must appear in person with a parent or guardian to purchase the Junior Antlerless Deer Hunting License. Youngsters 10 and 11 are restricted to archery-only hunting. Nonresidents, ages 10 to 16, are allowed to purchase resident licenses.

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Call: 800-292-7800

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The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga 427 US-41 North Baraga, MI 49908 (906) 353-6651	Gaylord 1732 W. M-32 Gaylord, MI 49735 (989) 732-3541	Newberry 5100 M-123 Newberry, MI 49868 (906) 293-5131	Rose Lake* 8562 E. Stoll Road East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 641-4903 <small>* This is a field office</small>
Bay City 3580 State Park Drive Bay City, MI 48706 (989) 684-9141	Southfield 26000 W. Eight Mile Road Southfield, MI 48034 (248) 359-9040	Plainwell 621 N. 10th St. Plainwell, MI 49080 (269) 685-6851	
Cadillac 8015 Mackinaw Trail Cadillac, MI 49601 (231) 775-9727	Marquette 1990 US-41 South Marquette, MI 49855 (906) 228-6561	Roscommon 1-75 & M-18 South 8717 N. Roscommon Road Roscommon, MI 48653 (989) 275-5151	

Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

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How to Obtain an Antlerless Deer License

A limited number of antlerless deer hunting licenses are available for many deer management units (DMUs) for private and public land hunting. Licenses are distributed through an application and drawing; licenses that remain after the drawing will be sold until the quota is met for each DMU. In some DMUs, private land licenses are available only over the counter (without application). See map inside for details. **Hunters may apply for a license through the drawing, purchase a private land license for selected areas without application or wait to purchase a leftover license after the drawing, if available.**

Application Information

- You may apply for a license through the license drawing at a license agent, DNR Operations Service Center or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr. It costs \$4 to apply.
- You will need one of the following forms of customer identification:
 - Valid Michigan driver license
 - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
 - DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or DNR Web site)
- You must be at least 10 years old by the time a license is purchased.
- You may submit a single application only**, either for a public land or private land license (not both). When applying for a private land antlerless license, the telephone number of the private landowner is required.
- You are responsible for obtaining a DNR application receipt that states your customer ID and hunt choice. Check this receipt for accuracy and retain as proof that you applied. Ensure any application errors are corrected prior to the application deadline. **Do not accept a receipt that is not legible.**
- Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.
- You are responsible for obtaining your drawing results. Results are posted **online only**. As a cost-saving measure, **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A POSTCARD BY MAIL.**

IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your application receipt for accuracy.

License Purchase

- If you are selected in the drawing or wish to purchase a private land license without application or a leftover license, your hunting license may be purchased online at www.michigan.gov/dnr or from any license agent. The telephone number of the private landowner is required.
- All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.
- Make sure the information on your license is accurate. Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

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Application Period July 15–August 15, 2009
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Important Changes for 2009:

- Antlerless license fee discounted in selected DMUs.
- Hunters have an opportunity to select multi-county DMUs for private land in the Lower Peninsula.
- Hunters may purchase two licenses at one time.

Other Reminders:

- Application process is the same as last year.
- To acquire a private land antlerless license, the telephone number of the private landowner is required.

