



**2008 HOFFMASTER STATE PARK  
MANAGED DEER HUNT INFORMATION  
(231) 798-3711**

**PRE-REGISTERED DRAWINGS**

Applicants will apply by submitting a card to the **DNR, Plainwell Operations Service Center**. Cards must be postmarked by **SEPTEMBER 5, 2008 or be hand delivered by noon on SEPTEMBER 5, 2008**. Cards postmarked after the deadline or filled out incorrectly will not be entered in the drawing. You do not need return postage on the card; this card will not be returned to you.

**Instructions for Preregistered Hunt Applications**

1. Applicants may apply **once**. Indicate both a first choice and a second choice. Hunt choice code numbers for hunts are listed below.
2. Hunters must mail or hand deliver a **postcard** measuring **no larger** than 4" x 6" to the **Plainwell Operations Service Center, 621 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Plainwell, MI 49080** with the following information on one side of the card:

Name  
Address – City – State – Zip  
Telephone Number  
Date of Birth  
Driver's License Number or Sportcard Number, *whichever is used when purchasing license*  
Hunt Choice Code Number – Be sure to enter a first and second choice

3. Only successful applicants will be notified. They will be notified by mail by October 24, 2008. **Hunters who are successful for antlerless permits will be notified with instructions on how to purchase up to two (2) Special Hoffmaster Managed Deer Hunt antlerless deer license(s) using the Retail Licensing System. This hunt is designed to control deer numbers; hunting for antlerless deer only is permitted.)**

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HUNT CHOICE CODE NUMBER	DATES	TYPE	NUMBER OF HUNTERS	HUNT AREA
0101	Nov. 22	Firearm	25	North
0102	Nov. 22	Firearm	35	South
0103	Nov. 29	Firearm	25	North
0104	Nov. 29	Firearm	35	South
0105	Dec. 6	Muzzleloader	25	North
0106	Dec. 6	Muzzleloader	35	South
0107	Dec. 13	Muzzleloader	25	North
0108	Dec. 13	Muzzleloader	35	South

**Hunt Areas:** Area North – North of Day Use Beach Road. Area South – South of Day Use Beach Road.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- HUNTABLE SPECIES:** Antlerless deer only! All other hunting licenses are invalid for this hunt.
- REQUIRED LICENSE:** The managed hunt (antlerless) permit is not a stand alone permit. Each hunter must also purchase a valid deer hunting license for a regular season (firearm, combo, archery, or antlerless).
- FIREARMS:** Same as statewide regulations.  
FIREARM ONLY, no archery equipment is allowed.
- AGE REQUIREMENT:** Applicants must be at least 14 years of age by the date of the hunt.
- SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:** Successful applicants may bring an assistant with them. ONLY the successfully drawn applicant may carry a firearm.
- MANDATORY CHECK IN AND OUT:** All hunters will be required to check-in and check-out at the permit booth at the main entrance to the park.
- PERMITS:** Permits will be issued to you upon check-in. You must carry your issued permit with you during your hunt period.
- LICENSE AND PERMIT RETURNS:** The managed hunt permit and any unused licenses must be returned upon leaving the park. Failure to return unfilled licenses on time may result in ineligibility for future permits. Deer hunters having any outstanding licenses for any of the 2008 managed hunts will not be eligible for managed deer permits in 2009.
- HUNTER ORANGE:** Follow statewide regulations. All hunters will be required to wear hunter orange. Multiple orange garment items are recommended for better visibility.
- BUTTON BUCKS:** Hunters are encouraged to carefully look at antlerless deer before shooting in order to minimize the chance of harvesting a button buck or young male. This hunt is designed to manage the deer population in the park. Harvesting an adult doe is the best way to accomplish this objective.
- SHOOTING HOURS:** A ½ hour before sunrise to a 1/2 hour after sunset. Hunters will be allowed in the park one (1) hour prior to shooting hours and must leave the managed hunt area by 1 ½ hours after shooting hours.
- SCOUTING:** During normal park hours, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
- PORTABLE BLINDS:** Only portable blinds are allowed. Ground blinds of down dead material are not allowed.
- TREE STANDS:** Not allowed.
- BAITING:** Not allowed.
- GUT PILES:** Gut piles will not be left within 50 yards of established trails.
- DEER CHECK:** Hunters are required to check harvested deer at the permit booth located at the main entrance to the park. Biological data will be collected to improve our deer management program.
- SAFETY:** The park will be open to other visitors during the hunt who may not be wearing hunter orange.

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