

General Regulations – DEER

RESIDENT DEER HUNTING LICENSE PRIVILEGES WITH

Annual Classes X and XJ, Lifetime Classes A-L and AB-L, Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW, Senior Citizen and Underage:

entitles a hunter to take one deer during the archery season, one antlered deer during the buck season and one deer during the muzzleloader season (see pages 23 and 28 for special archery and muzzleloader seasons).

Additional stamps must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in buck season: Class RG
- to archery hunt an additional deer: Class RB
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class N
- to hunt with a handgun: Class A-1
- to hunt an additional deer with a muzzleloader in muzzleloader season: Class RM

Annual Class A (must also have a Class CS):

entitles the hunter to hunt one antlered deer during the buck season.

Additional stamps must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in buck season: Class RG
- to archery hunt deer: Class BG
- to archery hunt an additional deer: Class RB
- to muzzleloader hunt deer in muzzleloader season: Class BG
- to hunt an additional deer with a muzzleloader in muzzleloader season: Class RM
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class N
- to hunt with a handgun: Class A-1

RESIDENT LANDOWNER PRIVILEGES

West Virginia resident landowners may hunt on their own land without obtaining a license. See definition of resident landowner privileges on page 8.

A resident landowner hunting on his/her own land without a license can take the same number of deer as a licensed hunter. A hunter (licensee or landowner) cannot take more than the number of deer allowed in the respective seasons.

After killing a deer as a landowner, a person cannot take another deer by use of a license for which the privilege has already been used.

RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT LICENSE PRIVILEGES WITH A CLASS DT SPECIAL HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FOR PERSONS WITH A LIFE-THREATENING CONDITION

A resident or nonresident under age 21, who qualifies for and obtains a Class DT license, may hunt for and take the legal number of deer allowed in each season in compliance with county and statewide regulations without purchasing or otherwise obtaining any additional licenses or stamps, providing the Class DT license holder and assistant must abide by all other pertinent laws and regulations. Class DT license holders must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or, with written consent of the parent or guardian, any other competent licensed adult 21 years of age or older.

REPLACEMENT COSTS FOR ILLEGALLY INJURING OR KILLING ANTLERED DEER

In addition to the \$200 replacement value of deer, the following cost shall also be forfeited to the state by any person who is convicted of violating any criminal law of this state and the violation causes the injury or death of antlered deer:

1. For any deer in which the inside spread of the main beams on the antlers measured at the widest point equals 14" or greater but less than 16", \$1,000;
2. For any deer in which the inside spread of the main beams on the antlers measured at the widest point equals 16" or greater but less than 18", \$1,500;
3. For any deer in which the inside spread of the main beams on the antlers measured at the widest point equals 18" or greater but less than 20", \$2,000;
4. For any deer in which the inside spread of the main beams on the antlers measured at the widest point equals 20" or greater, \$2,500;
5. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of any criminal law of this state which violation causes the injury or death of antlered deer is subject to double the authorized range of cost to be forfeited.

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NONRESIDENT LICENSE PRIVILEGES

Nonresidents ages 8 thru 17 who have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course may purchase a Class XXJ license and a Class CS/LE stamp:

entitles the holder to take one deer during the archery season, one antlered deer during the buck season, and one deer during the muzzleloader season.

Additional stamps must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in buck season: Class RRG
- to archery hunt an additional deer: Class RRB
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class NN
- to hunt an additional deer with a muzzleloader in muzzleloader season: Class RRM

All other nonresidents, except those who hold License Classes XXJ or DT, regardless of landowner status, must purchase an annual Class E license and a Class CS/LE stamp:

entitles the holder to hunt one antlered deer during the buck season.

Additional stamps must be purchased:

- to hunt an additional antlered deer in buck season: Class RRG
- to archery hunt deer: Class UU
- to archery hunt an additional deer: Class RRB
- to muzzleloader hunt deer in muzzleloader season: Class VV
- to hunt an additional deer with a muzzleloader in muzzleloader season: Class RRM
- to hunt antlerless deer in antlerless season: Class NN
- to hunt on national forest lands: Class I
- to hunt with a handgun: Class A-1

STATE PARK SPECIAL DEER SEASONS

Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park
November 8-9

Stonewall Resort State Park
November 15-17

Applications and information available July 1 at www.wvdnr.gov, District DNR offices and State Parks

HUNTING HOURS AND RESTRICTIONS

After a person has killed his/her legal daily limit of deer, they may not participate further in hunting deer with either a bow or firearm the remainder of the day.

After killing the legal limit of deer, a hunter shall not be afield with any firearm with solid ball ammunition, unless legally hunting bear, or shot shells containing larger than No. 4 shot unless legally hunting waterfowl using nontoxic shot.

It is legal to hunt small game during the muzzleloader season with a .22 caliber rimfire.

A hunter may take no more than three antlered deer per calendar year in all archery and firearms seasons combined.

FIREARMS/BOWS AND EQUIPMENT

It is illegal to hunt deer with:

- a shotgun using ammunition loaded with more than one solid ball, or a rifle using rimfire ammunition of less than .25 caliber.
- a fully automatic rifle, shotgun or handgun.
- a handgun using a straight-walled case of less than .357 magnum cartridge or a bottle-necked case of less than .24 caliber.
- a muzzleloader of less than .38 caliber during the muzzleloader deer season.
- both a gun and a bow, or with a gun and any arrows, except that persons having a concealed weapons permit may carry a concealed handgun for self-defense only.
- a crossbow, except for the holder of a Class Y or Class YY permit during designated archery seasons. Crossbows must have:
 - » a draw weight of at least 125 pounds.
 - » a working safety.
 - » bolts at least 18 inches long.
 - » broadheads with at least two edges at least $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in width.
- a bow with arrows having less than two sharp cutting edges, measuring less than $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in width.
- a bow locking device, except with a modified bow permit issued by the Director.
- an arrow with an explosive, drug-laced or poisoned head or shaft.
- anything other than a bow or single-shot muzzleloader on Green Bottom WMA, except that the holder of Class Y or YY permit may hunt with a crossbow during designated archery seasons.
- an electronic call.

