



## **White Township Recreation Deer Management Plan General Information**

The management plan was established to improve the health of White Township Park properties. Over abundant deer populations are creating forest conditions that are unsustainable by over browsing native trees and plant life and increasing tick and invasive species populations. This Deer management plan has been developed by recommendations from the Penn State Cooperative Extension, (including the document attached as appendix A) and in consultation with other local municipalities who manage large tracts of public park land with similar usage.

1. Interested hunters should contact White Township Recreation and submit a completed application form to be considered for candidacy
2. Hunters who have participated in the previous season and complied with all rules and regulations will be given priority each season.
3. Once all allocated positions are taken additional hunters will be placed on a waiting list on a date submitted order basis.
4. Only archery hunting is permitted as part of this deer management plan
5. Proposed 2022 Number of Hunters are as follows:
  - a. Whites Woods 15
  - b. WTRC 5





## White Township Recreation Department's Deer Management Program Rules

These rules are in addition to all Pennsylvania Game Commission Regulations

Please review the following list of program guidelines and responsibilities. You must sign the third page of this letter.

It is the Hunter's responsibility to stay in communication with their coordinator throughout the season. If something happens and you are unable to hunt the minimum number of 6 times, COMMUNICATE THAT WITH YOUR COORDINATOR. Failure to do so could result in being dropped from the program.

### HUNTERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Must notify coordinator prior to hunting every time that you hunt and if you harvest a deer.
2. Must have copy of license and doe tags turned in before **November 1<sup>st</sup>.... If we plan to hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> season**
3. **Must hunt at least 6 times a season.**
4. **Must harvest at least one deer every 2 years.**  
**Consider requiring hunters to produce a doe before a buck.**
5. For safety reasons hunters must hunt from an elevated tree stand at all times at a minimum height of 10 feet. Hunters are not permitted to still hunt, drive deer or any other form of hunting from the ground.
6. Hunters are not permitted to use mechanical fasteners such as nails or screw or any device or tool that damages trees. **Consider limiting types of tree stands – Climbers and/or ladder stands. Consider language about cutting vegetation for shooting lanes.**
7. Must report all harvested deer to coordinator with copy of doe tag.
8. Must have tree stands removed within one week after the end of the hunting season.
9. All tree stands are to have colored duct tape with the hunter's code on them (4 digit code), provided by the Recreation Dept. The tape and numbers must be visible from the ground. Failure to comply will result in the coordinator removing any tree stand that is not compliant with this rule.
10. Report any complaints to the Recreation Department.
11. Must place the provided vehicle identification tag on the dash of a parked vehicle during hunts.  
**Consider using another form of reporting when they hunt/park to prevent unwanted attention from non-hunters – possibly text message or email checkin with vehicle make, model, color and parking location**
12. **Sign and return this agreement when you attend the testing session.**
13. **Pay \$35.00 fee at the testing session that you attend.**  
**Concerns with charging fees until the program is established.... Institute a fee structure once the program is stable and we have a waiting list of hunters**

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

WTREC will provide the colored duct tape with the 4-digit code (**change color each year**), peel the duct tape from the backing and stick it to the underside of your tree stand. This will identify at a glance any tree stand belonging to a hunter in our program. If you have multiple stands, call 724-465-2665 and **additional duct tape with 4-digit code will be provided**. The municipal program rules are found on the permit you received in your packet. **When you receive your doe tags, please provide us a photocopy of them by mail or scan and send by email**. The coordinators for each area are listed below, with contact information. **SAVE THIS LETTER FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!** If you are unfamiliar with the area, you have been assigned to hunt, please call your coordinator and he will assist you. It is important that you **COMMUNICATE** with **YOUR COORDINATOR**. If you don't, we will assume you aren't hunting and may remove you from the program.

## COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION (**May only require one coordinator**)

**TBD Whites Woods**

**TBD WTRC**

### Coordinators' Responsibilities

1. Send bi-weekly and/or monthly reports to the Recreation Department via email to [ryanshaffer@whitetownship.org](mailto:ryanshaffer@whitetownship.org)
2. Handle all hunting related park situations and accountability of all hunters.
3. Remove all unidentified tree stands.
4. Be willing to assist all hunters and other coordinators.
5. Make sure all hunters follow all of the Pennsylvania State Game Commission rules and regulations.
6. Post all hunting signs by Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. Remove all hunting signs and assure all tree stands are removed by February 20, 2021
8. All kills must have copy of assigned tags

Good hunting!

*Ryan Shaffer*

Recreation Director

**Failure of Hunters and Coordinators to comply with these rules will result in termination from the program.**

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**PRINT!! ALL INFORMATION MUST BE LEGIBLE!!!!**  
**APPLICATION FOR SEASONAL (2020-2021) ARCHERY HUNTING ONLY**  
**In White Township Parks**

**White Township Recreation Department (724-465-2665)**

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER/s \_\_\_\_\_

NEW HUNTER PARK CHOICE: Mark and X on park of choice

Whites Woods \_\_\_\_\_ WTRC \_\_\_\_\_

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*DATE OF PROFICIENCY TEST CERTIFICATION OF PASSING*

Tester initials \_\_\_\_\_

**All seasonal hunters will be required to read, understand and agree to the attached regulations form.**

**I agree to abide by all local White Township regulations, not limited to those listed above, in addition to knowledge of and agreement to follow all PA Game Commission regulations. I understand that any infraction may cause my municipal permit to be revoked.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## White Township Deer Management Program FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. There is currently a waiting list to participate. If interested after reading the requirements please fill out the Deer Management Information Form on our website to be placed on the waiting list.
2. 2 parks currently are in the program: Whites Woods & White Township Recreation Complex.
3. Must hunt a minimum of 6 times a season.
4. Must harvest at least one deer every 2 years.
5. Must report all harvested deer to coordinator with copy of doe tag.
6. New hunters will be called each August to be added to the program. The number of new hunters varies each year.
7. Hunters are required to attend a qualification meeting each year before the season begins to complete paperwork, pay the annual fee of \$35.00, and qualify with archery equipment to ensure safety and accuracy of gear.
8. White Township residents have preference.
9. The White Township Recreation Department Deer Management program was created to manage the growing population of deer in our local parks. In order for the program to be successful our hunters need to be active in the parks. We require our hunters to hunt a minimum of 6 times per season and failure to do so will result in removal from the program. As a hunter it is your job to communicate with your park coordinator about when you are in the park and when you have killed a deer. If you have any questions during the season that your park coordinator can't answer please feel free to contact the Recreation Department.

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