

Deer Hunting Feeds Michigan Tradition, Families, and Economy



By MSU Extension
Michigan's firearm deer season is important to those who make their way into the woods to score that trophy buck and fill their freezers with meat, but it is also a contributor to Michigan's economy.
"Michigan has more than 725,000 deer hunters who harvest an average of 450,000 deer annually, and they've done this consistently over the past decade," said Jordan Pusateri

Burroughs, wildlife outreach specialist in the Michigan State University (MSU) Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. "Total retail spending by deer hunters contributes more than \$700 million annually to the state's economy, and the deer hunting industry all total accounts for almost 12,000 jobs."
Michigan ranks fourth nationally in the amount of annual retail sales to all resident hunters, at just over \$1.3 billion.

and its hunters contribute more than \$94 million in state and local tax revenues, according to the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.
Healthy deer are not only important to wildlife watchers, hunters and biologists, they are also important to a wide variety of businesses that support hunters, including restaurants, gas stations, hardware stores, sporting goods outlets, meat processors and even department stores.
This year, hunters in Michigan's Lower Peninsula will face more challenges than the weather

and wiles of their prey. One case of chronic wasting disease (CWD), a fatal neurological disease of deer and elk, was confirmed in a privately-owned deer breeding facility in Kent County this past August, ultimately resulting in a peninsula-wide ban on feeding or baiting elk and deer.
While some hunters have traditionally placed corn, sugar beets, apples or carrots to entice deer to their favorite hunting spot, it's a practice that contributes to unnatural congregation of animals that can accelerate the spread of CWD or bovine tuberculosis (TB), another disease that has been found in parts of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.
"These diseases can be transmitted when deer come to eat at a deer hunter's bait site or backyard feeder where homeowners may watch deer. An infected deer

can transmit the disease by direct contact with another deer, or contaminate food items or soil with infected saliva, feces or urine," said Mrs. Burroughs.
As far as hunting and feeding bans by the state in the Lower Peninsula, Mr. Burroughs said this year may require more scouting ahead of time to better understand deer travel routes and identify habitat that can support deer during the hunting season.
While Mrs. Burroughs notes that the locations many Michigan hunters choose are rooted in family traditions, participation in the sport does not require a trip to the far north.
"There are plenty of opportunities in southern Michigan to hunt deer," she says. "Southern Michigan has an abundant deer population, many antlerless licenses available, and been the location in the last few years

where several of the big bucks have been harvested."
Those hunters who are successful can get tips for safely handling their deer through two products available from MSU Extension.
"Field Dressing & Butchering Your Venison" is a 94-minute presentation focused on food safety and preservation. It is available for \$25.
"Michigan Venison" is a 46-page bulletin that includes tips on everything, from butchering to handling various cuts of venison, processing, and cooking the meat. It is available free online or as a booklet for \$2.25.
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- All hunters must wear an item of clothing (hat, cap, vest, jacket, or rain gear) in "hunter orange." It should be the outermost garment, and must be visible from all sides. If it is camouflage, at least 50% of the garment must be orange.
- Hunting hours are approximately one half hour before sunrise, through approximately one half hour after sunset.
- Safety zones are all areas within 150 yards (450 feet) of an occupied building, house, cabin, barn, or other farm building. One may not hunt in this area, or shoot at any animal within this area without written permission of the property owner.
- It is illegal to drink alcohol or use intoxicating drugs before hunting.
- Hunters should familiarize themselves with the area in which they will be hunting, and should leave specific information about the hunting location and what time they plan to return.
- No one should assume they are alone in the woods, and don't assume other hunters will act responsibly.
- If sitting against a rock or a tree, make sure it is wider than one's shoulders, so as not to be mistaken for a target.
- Be 100% sure of the target before shooting.
- Reacquaint yourself with Michigan's hunting laws, and follow safety tips to prevent tragedies from happening.

Information provided by Mackinac County Sheriff's Department.

Bag Limits Set for Fall, Winter Hunting Seasons

Fall and winter hunting seasons for the Upper Peninsula (Zone 1) are as follows:

DEER
Archery - October 1 to November 14; December 1 to January 1 (one per kill tag)
Firearm - November 15 to November 30 (one per kill tag)
Muzzleloading - December 5 to December 14 (one per kill tag)
Late firearm - December 22 to January 1 **Antlerless deer on private land only.** (one per kill tag)

RABBIT
September 15 to March 31 (five per day, 10 combined possession)

CROW
February 1 to March 31 (no bag limit)
Crows may be taken outside the open season during hunting hours, in compliance with federal regulations, if these birds are causing a nuisance or creating a health hazard.

RUFFED GROUSE
September 15 to November 15; December 1 to January 1 (five per day, 10 in possession)

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