

BEAVERCREEK TOWNSHIP

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Controlled Bow Hunting Program Rules and Regulations 2017-2018

FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL BEAVERCREEK TOWNSHIP CONTROLLED BOW HUNTING RULES MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE PROGRAM, INELGIBILITY FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS, OR CITATION BY THE OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE FOR HUNTING WITHOUT PERMISSION.

A background check may be conducted on applicants for fish and wildlife violations in Ohio or any other state.

All applicable Ohio Division of Wildlife rules and regulations apply to hunting in the Beavercreek Township program. The Beavercreek Township controlled bow hunting program is NOT an Ohio Division of Wildlife controlled hunt.

Hunter Education

All hunters must have successfully completed a State of Ohio hunter education program. This program is offered free of charge year-round with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Contact the Division of Wildlife at 1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543) for a schedule of courses. All hunters must provide Beavercreek Township with documentation of the successful completion of the ODNR hunter education program.

Equipment

It is unlawful for any person to use a rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun or other firearm at any time on any land, controlled or administered by Beavercreek Township.

All hunters must use either a Longbow or Crossbow and may be required to demonstrate knowledge in the correct use of the equipment.

Longbow – min. draw weight 40 lbs., includes compound and recurve bows. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed minimum 3/4 inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.

Crossbow – draw weight no less than 75 lbs. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed minimum 3/4 inch width. Expandable and mechanical broadheads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.

Selection

Each year hunters will submit an application to the Beaver Creek Township Zoning Department. To be selected, the applicant must be a resident of the City of Beaver Creek or Beaver Creek Township. The last day to submit an application will be September 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

The Trustees will select eight (8) hunters and two (2) alternates to participate in the program. Please do not call the office to check on the status of an application. Selected hunters will be notified by phone. Those who are selected will receive maps and permit information via e-mail.

Scouting

Scouting is allowed only in the area that the hunter is selected for and only during designated dates. Scouting outside this time and location will result in removal from the program. Hunters who are not selected are prohibited from scouting. Hunters who are selected are prohibited from scouting during months in which they are not hunting.

Hunting Months

Each hunter is given access to the property. The hunters will coordinate with each other to limit the amount of hunters on the property at any one time. There is specific start and end times which do not correspond to the calendar month (Note: These times differ from legal hunting hours. Check Ohio Division of Wildlife regulations for legal hunting hours).

DO NOT ENTER UNTIL THE DESIGNATED START DATE AND TIME. ANY ATTEMPT TO ENTER PRIOR TO THE DESIGNATED DATE AND TIME WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE PROGRAM.

All stands and equipment must be removed by the end date and time listed below. At the end of the season the area will be checked. Any equipment left on site will be removed by Beaver Creek Township staff. Hunters must then contact the Township to make arrangements to retrieve the equipment. Failure to remove stands and equipment by the deadline below will result in ineligibility for the next year's program.

Months	Start Date and Time	End Date and Time
September 30 th –February 4 th	09/30/2017 6:00 a.m.	02/04/2018 8:00 p.m.

Hunting Area

The permitted hunting areas are located at 1101 Fairground Road on the 44.195 acres of land known as Pershing 'Neatherton' Park, and at 1940 Indian Ripple Road on the 66.57 acres of land known as McCalmont Park. Stands can be placed anywhere within this area. Stands located near the edges of the hunting area must face toward the interior of the area and all shots must be directed toward the interior of the area.

Do not set a stand outside the hunting area or leave the hunting area for any reason. It is each hunter's responsibility to make sure that they are within the hunting area. Failure to follow this rule will result in immediate removal from the program.

Wounded Deer

If a hunter determines a deer was hit (blood or missing arrow) and does not locate the deer within one (1) hour of searching, contact a Greene County Park Ranger through Xenia-Greene Central Dispatch at 937-376-5111 or an Ohio Division of Wildlife officer for assistance. This is especially important if the blood trail leaves the hunting area. If a deer falls on private property, the hunter must contact the property owner and request permission to retrieve the deer.

Failure to report a wounded deer will result in removal from the program.

Harvest Procedures and Compliance

All harvested deer must be checked according to State of Ohio procedures. Bow hunters may be checked periodically by Ohio Division of Wildlife officers or rangers to ensure compliance. Selected hunters must have a copy of the Beavercreek Township-issued permit on their person while hunting. Failure to obey controlled bow hunting rules may result in prosecution for hunting without permission.

No field dressing shall be allowed within one hundred feet of private property.

Blaze Orange Requirements

The Ohio Division of Wildlife requires archery hunters to wear blaze orange during the youth gun season, gun season, and muzzleloader season. Check the Ohio Division of Wildlife website for specific dates and size requirements.

Transporting Weapons to Stand

Bows are not to have an arrow nocked and crossbows must be uncocked with no bolt in the rail when moving from the parking area to a stand or blind, or upon returning to the parking area.

Donation of Deer

Donation of harvested deer is not available through Beavercreek Township. If the hunter wishes to donate a harvested deer, contact the Ohio Division of Wildlife for donation options.

Disposal Issues

Hunters are responsible for disposing of deer entrails and/or recovered carcasses that have spoiled. Entrails are not to be placed near trails, parking areas, or in any other place easily visible by other users.

Truck/ATV/Snowmobile Use

Hunters must park in designated areas only. Failure to follow this rule will result in removal from the program. No motorized vehicles are allowed in these areas. A human-powered cart or aid from another individual is allowed. If another individual helps to remove a deer, they must stay with the permitted hunter and the deer at all times.

Videotaping

Videotaping a deer harvest in Beavercreek Township is prohibited. Still pictures after the hunt are allowed, as well as video of live deer.

Non-Hunting Minors

Non-hunting minors may accompany a permitted hunter but they may not carry a weapon or participate in the hunt. They must remain with the permitted hunter at all times.

Tree Stands

Tree stand and safety harnesses are required. Limit is 2 stands (or combination of stands and blinds, if permitted) per hunter per area. All shots must be downward into an earth backstop. A harness must be worn while hunting. Failure to do so will result in loss of hunting privileges. Climbing, ladder, and tripod stands are all allowed. Hunters are encouraged to lock stands or remove them at the end of each day.

Only limited clearing of shooting lanes is allowed. Cutting of sticks, branches, or bushes larger than ½" is prohibited. Amur Honeysuckle and Autumn Olive may be removed regardless of size.

It is unlawful to construct, place or use a permanent-type tree stand, or to place spikes, nails, wires or other metal objects into a tree to act as steps or to hold a tree stand on Beavercreek Township property.

Hunters are required to place a durable name tag on stands or blinds left in the field and encouraged to lock stands or remove them daily after hunting. Stands or blinds without name tags will be confiscated.

Hunting Hours

Archery season hours are one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. The official times for sunrise and sunset are found in the Ohio Division of Wildlife regulations. Be sure to use the times for Western Ohio.

Number of Deer Allowed

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Deer Tag Requirements

For the total number of deer which may be harvested per hunter, refer to the [Ohio Division of Wildlife harvest limits](#).

Bait

Bait is allowed. Both scattered bait and automatic feeders are allowed. Only one bait site per hunter is permitted. Any feeders must be marked with name of the hunter.

Reporting violations

Contact a Greene County Park Ranger through Xenia-Greene Central Dispatch at 937-376-5111 with the location, time, and type of violation observed.