



Can I hunt for deer in Oakland County Parks?

Yes, archery hunting of deer (with some limitations) is allowed at six Oakland County Parks. Firearms are NOT allowed in Oakland County Parks.

When can I archery hunt?

Addison Oaks-East, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks-North, Lyon Oaks, Orion Oaks and Rose Oaks county parks.

Permitted hunting is in accordance with the laws of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), with additional park-specific rules listed in the [individual park archery maps](#).

[Addison Oaks- East](#)

[Highland Oaks](#)

[Independence Oaks- North](#)

[Lyon Oaks](#)

[Orion Oaks](#)

[Rose Oaks](#)

When can I archery hunt for deer in Oakland County Parks?

Archery hunting is permitted Oct. 1-Jan. 1 each year. The state Natural Resources Commission voted to eliminate the extended January archery season, so hunting will now end on Jan. 1.

Park use is prohibited after dark and entrance gates may be closed. Enter the park from designated parking areas only. Fires and overnight camping are prohibited.

Do I need other permits/passes, besides the appropriate MDNR license?

Oakland County Parks (OCP) does not currently require an additional permit to hunt park lands. Park entry is free.

How can I sign up for the managed firearm hunts?

Volunteer managed firearm hunts are no longer held at Addison Oaks and Independence Oaks. There is no plan to continue them as they have proven ineffective at reducing deer populations.

Can I install a tree stand, blind and/or trail camera where hunting is permitted?

Yes, all hunting equipment (including portable ground blinds) may be installed and left up from Sept. 1 through March 1. All equipment must include the hunter's name, address and phone number legible and visible from the ground. Do not screw equipment into or otherwise cause damage to trees, and plants cannot be cut for shooting lanes. Equipment that does not comply with MDNR or OCP rules may be confiscated and sold at auction.

Can I bait for deer?

NO. Baiting is illegal in the entire Lower Peninsula of Michigan as of Jan. 31, 2019. Persons caught illegally baiting are subject to fines of \$50-\$500 and up to 90 days in jail. Bird feeding is also prohibited in Oakland County Parks as it inadvertently attracts deer.

What other animals can I hunt/trap at Oakland County Parks?

Only deer hunting is allowed in Oakland County Parks. Other hunting or trapping opportunities may occasionally be available and will be posted prominently on [OCP's website](#).

What should I do if I take a deer while hunting at the Oakland County Parks?

Please fill out a [Deer Harvest Report Form](#) within 24 hours to help us track the deer population.