

Special Urban Deer Hunting Season Rules and Regulations 2020-2021

Urban hunting season begins 9/12/2020 and ends 1/10/2021.

The Urban Deer Bow Hunting Program is a cooperative effort between the City of Marshalltown and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The purpose of the program is for deer management within the City limits. The IDNR controls the number of deer hunting licenses issued for hunting within the City limits. (Additional licenses for areas outside of the City limits may also be available, but are not regulated by these urban hunting regulations.) The urban bow hunting license will be for hunting during an annually specified season and for antlerless deer only.

URBAN BOW HUNTER PERMIT: The City will issue the permit necessary to obtain the urban deer hunting license. Permits are available at the Parks and Recreation Department, 10 West State, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The cost of the permit is \$10.00. The IDNR special urban license may be purchased at The General Store.

To receive the urban bow hunting permit, hunters must meet all the requirements established by the IDNR for bow hunting and the City regulations when more restrictive than the State regulations.

The City has set the following requirements that must be met in order to receive an Urban Bow Hunting Permit:

1. Successfully complete a ten-hour bow hunter safety education program and provide proof.
2. Successfully complete an annual archery proficiency test and provide proof.
3. Be 18 years of age or older on the day of the hunt.

The Proficiency Test:

1. Hunters must pass an authorized proficiency test each year with the weapon they will use to hunt within Marshalltown.
2. The proficiency test must be administered by a certified International Bow Hunter Education Foundation (IBEF/NBEF) instructor.
3. Hunters must show evidence they have passed a one-time Bow Hunter safety course overseen by the DNR, taught by a certified NBEF Instructor. BOW HUNTER EDUCATION: The Iowa DNR website has information about this program. www.iowadnr.gov/law/hunter/boweducation.html

Special Bow Hunting Rules:

1. The Urban Deer Bow Hunting season begins on Saturday, September 12, 2020, and ends on the last legal hunting day of the deer hunting season, January 10, 2021, as set by the Iowa DNR.
2. The boundaries will be described as everywhere within the City limits that comply with the bow hunting distance requirements. Some public areas, specifically parks, may have further restrictions.

Parkland Area Restrictions:

Riverview Park: No hunting allowed between the dike and Woodland Street.

The OHV Park at Nicholson-Ford is excluded as an eligible hunting area.

3. Hunter must carry with them while hunting:
 - The City issued card with photo, permit number and expiration date; and
 - A signed permission form granting hunting rights on the private or the City owned land being hunted; and
 - The license for special bow hunting issued by the Iowa DNR; and
 - All Iowa DNR required licenses
4. Hunter cannot hunt within 200 feet of a house or building and cannot shoot an arrow back into the distance separation. Exceptions:
 - When hunting on their own property and adhering to the distance separation requirements from the house or building of adjoining property owners.
 - When a property owner waives the distance requirement in a written permission form on file with the City.

5. Hunter cannot position or use an elevated stand within 75 feet of a recreational trail, road or right-of-way and no shot shall be taken that may cross or enter the same.
6. All shots must be taken from an elevated stand at least 8 feet above the ground and at a deer no further than 75 feet. All shots shall be in a downward trajectory and an attempt must be made to retrieve all arrows.
7. Where it is not feasible to hunt from an elevated stand or where the possibility of hunting success would be improved hunting from the ground or a ground blind, a Waiver of Elevated Deer Stand may be requested. The location for the exception must meet approval as determined by two members of the Deer Committee. The committee will review the location, mark the acceptable area, and place limitations as to what direction shots may be made to insure that no shots would be elevated. Shots must be downhill unless an acceptable backstop exists behind the target for shots parallel to the ground. If a ground blind is made of natural cover materials from the area, the usage of that material must be agreed to by the property owner.
8. All elevated stands must be portable, with no permanent stands erected and clearly marked with the hunter name and City issued permit #. Stands on public property: Stands on public property cannot be erected using nails or screws driven into trees. Stands cannot be erected sooner than one week prior to the start of the season and must be removed within one week following the season.
9. All bows must be cased while traveling to and from the hunting stand site.
10. A hunter must cover harvested deer before transporting and moving deer.
11. Field dressing is not allowed on public or private property.
12. If a deer is mortally wounded and wanders off the property being hunted onto another property, the hunter shall attempt to notify the other property owner before entering the property to recover the deer.
13. A hunter who wounds a deer and is unable to locate the deer shall report it to the Marshalltown Police Department at (641) 754-5725, as soon as possible.

Report ALL Harvested Deer:

1. Hunters must report harvest within 24 hours to the Iowa DNR, as required by law.
2. Hunters must report the type and number of deer along with the location of their harvest to the Marshalltown Parks & Recreation Department at (641) 754-5715, ext. 1.
3. Hunters must have all harvested deer visually verified at the Marshalltown Fire Station, or alternately, Monday – Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., may be verified at the Parks and Recreation office.

Additional Program Information:

- Hunters must remove themselves immediately from any harassment situation and contact the Marshalltown Police Department at (641) 754-5725.
- Hunters found in violation of rules will be subject to having their permits revoked.
- The City reserves the right to control the number of hunters in designated areas when deemed necessary.
- Hunters are asked to report violations of rules to the Marshalltown Police Department ((641) 754-5725), ext. 1.
- When a permit is issued, a vehicle tag is issued for prominent display to identify the presence of a hunter in the area.

Incentive Program toward an Iowa DNR Special Issue Buck Tag:

All incentive any deer licenses will be issued through the Electronic Licensing System of Iowa (ELSI), which will require that any deer licenses be made available for the following year's hunt. ELSI issued any deer incentive licenses will be considered legal licenses from the opening date to the closing date of the respective deer management zone hunt.

Minimum requirements to qualify for an incentive any deer license include:

1. A minimum harvest of three does (adults, yearlings, or fawns). Any antlerless male deer (button bucks, spike bucks, and shed bucks) are legal quarry, which will not count toward an incentive license.
2. All deer harvests must be visually verified at the Marshalltown Fire Station (908 S 2nd Street), or the Parks and Recreation office.
3. All deer harvests must be reported to and registered with the Iowa DNR.

Female deer which are not both visually verified at the Fire Station or Park & Rec office and reported to IDNR will not be considered eligible to count toward qualifying for any deer incentive licenses.