

PARKER RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Northern Blvd. Plum Island

Newburyport, MA 01950

(508) 465-5753

DEER HUNTING INFORMATION - 1993

Limited deer hunting will be allowed on Parker River Refuge by permit only. All State regulations apply in addition to the following Refuge specific regulations. A total of 180 hunt permits will be issued (45/day for 4 days). An additional 20 stand-by hunters will be drawn. Hunt areas will be assigned on a random basis, with first priority going to hunters with a Zone #10 (antlerless) permit. If the hunt quota is not met, a 5th hunt day may occur on Monday, December 6.

Application procedures: Send a 3 1/2 x 5 card with your name, address and Massachusetts hunting license number and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Refuge. Only one entry per person. Applications must be postmarked by October 1 and received prior to the drawing. Only applicants sending a self-addressed stamped envelope will be notified.

Season: Hunting will be permitted daily from Monday, November 29 - Thursday, December 2. Hunting hours will be from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. If the hunt quota is not met, a 5th hunt day may occur on Monday, December 6.

Bag Limit: A total of two deer may be harvested. Antlerless deer may only be harvested if hunter possesses a Zone #10 State permit. Hunters are encouraged to apply for and hunt with a Zone #10 permit. All deer taken, as well as entrails, must be checked-in at the Refuge Check Station located at Sub-Headquarters.

Equipment: Only .20 gauge or larger shotguns permitted. Portable, non-damaging tree stands are permitted.

Permit Fee: A non-refundable \$20 fee is required for permit. U.S. Senior Citizens (62+) and permanently disabled individuals are eligible for a 50% discount. Fee must be paid at the hunter orientation meeting. Stand-by hunters must pay fee prior to hunting on selected day.

Lottery: A random computer or hand-drawn lottery will be conducted on Monday, October 18 at 3:30pm. The lottery will be open to the public and held at the Refuge headquarters.

Orientation: A mandatory hunter orientation/safety meeting will be held on Saturday, October 30. All hunters, including stand-bys, must attend.

Note: Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Refuge headquarters for additional information.

Note: Applications for State Zone #10 Antlerless Permit must be sent to State by 8/5/93.

Jack's Copy
2/19/93

1993 DEER HUNT AT PARKER RIVER NWR

TYPE OF HUNT: 1) Antlerless Permit Hunters for Zone 10 (They get priority for hunting; they are not required to shoot a doe first but it is encouraged)
2) Regular MA Deer Hunter (They can shoot two antlered deer)

BAG LIMIT: Two deer, one daily (see above for details)

HUNT DAYS: 5 maximum ... total number of days is dependent upon quota

HUNT DAYS: Monday (11/29), Tuesday (11/30), Wednesday, (12/1), Thursday (12/2) (1st wk of State season) AND Monday (12/6) (2nd wk of State season)

If the deer quota has not been reached by COB on 12/2, deer hunting will be permitted on 12/6. Hunters interested in hunting on 12/6 must call the refuge on 12/3 between 8 - 10AM. Hunters will be selected on a first come, first serve basis. Those hunters who have not gotten their quota of deer may participate in the hunt on 12/6. (An exit poll of deer hunters during the previous wk will give us some indication if there is enough interest to conduct the hunt on 12/6.

HUNT HOURS: Half Hour before Sunrise to Sunset

EQUIPMENT: Shotgun... 20 gauge or larger loaded with slugs only
Portable, non-damaging tree stands

REQUIREMENTS: State Deer Hunting License
Refuge Permit
Hunter Orientation at PKR NWR
Bring gut pile to Refuge Check Station
Each Hunter must check out at RCS prior to leaving for the day.

NO. OF HUNTERS: 45 Hunters/Day; 10 Standby Hunters/Day

PERMITTEES: 1) Applications must be postmarked NLT 10/2/93 to be eligible for drawing. Applications must be standard-sized post card & the postcard must contain the following information: (see 1990 info) A self-addressed stamped envelope must also be included.

2) Lottery drawing at PKR (Refuge drawing should be after the State selects the Zone 10 Permittees)

HUNTING ZONES:

Two zones (instead of four as in past years) The specific area for each zone is yet to be determined.

PARKING:

Specific parking lots will not be assigned (as in past years) BUT hunters not adhering to the parking regulations will have their refuge permit pulled, receive a parking fine, and their car will be towed. Lot size will be predetermined by staff based on safety factors.

PUBLIC USE:

The Refuge will be closed from sunset on 11/28 until Noon on 12/3 and again from sunset on 12/5 until Noon on 12/7. (Visitors will be able to use the refuge on the weekend).