

LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Dear Interested Hunter,

Laketown Township Parks has opened Huyser Farm to archery deer hunting each fall on a permit basis. Fifteen hunters (15) will be selected to hunt this fall, during 5 different time periods. A total of nine (9) hunters at this site will be allowed to hunt during each two week season which runs from October 1 through November 14. A total of six (6) different hunters will also be selected to hunt during each two week season at this site which will run from December 1 through January 1.

Please review the attached rules and regulations in detail. Special hunting regulations will be in effect for these hunts. The enclosed application form should be filled out and received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2014. Two hunters are able to apply on the same registration form ensuring both will receive a permit if that form is drawn. Otherwise, single registration is accepted also.

After the application deadline, a lottery drawing will be held to select the hunters for the fifteen (15) spots that are available at this site. All applicants will be notified of the results by phone/mail no later than September 26.

Finally, please be aware that the property will remain open for hiking, fishing and other recreational uses during the hunting seasons. Signs will be in place at the parking area to make it clear that hunting is underway.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please call the Laketown Township Office at (616) 335.3050.

Best of luck,
Laketown Township Parks & Recreation Commission

Michelle Sall
Acting Chair

APPLICATION

2014 Laketown Township Archery Deer Hunting Program
Laketown Township Parks and Recreation Commission

Registration Information

Please indicate your first choice for the hunting session listed by writing a number 1 on the line in front of the date. Continue numbering with your next preference for the hunting session of interest to you.

Your name may only appear on one hunting application.

_____ Huyser Farm: October 1 – 14

_____ Huyser Farm: October 15 – 28

_____ Huyser Farm: October 29 – November 14

_____ Huyser Farm: December 1 – 16

_____ Huyser Farm: December 17 - 31

Individual hunters fill out “Hunter 1” section only. Two hunters who wish to hunt together should fill out both sections. Applications with two hunters will be counted as 2 hunters (toward the total of 15 hunters) if successful in the drawing.

Hunter 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ County of Residence: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Hunter 2

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ County of Residence: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Applications must be received at Graafschap Hardware no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 19, 2014.

Parks\Hunter Application

RULES AND REGULATIONS

2014 Laketown Township Archery Deer Hunting Program *Laketown Township Parks and Recreation Commission*

1. Only archery deer hunting is allowed. No other game may be hunted. No guns may be used.
2. Only hunters with Park issued permits may hunt during the specific time period authorized on their permit.
3. Hunters must park only in the designated parking areas.
4. No trespassing on adjoining properties.
5. Baiting deer is not allowed.
6. No use of nails, bolts, wire, tree steps or other materials that may harm the trees.
7. No cutting of trees or branches to create shooting lanes.
8. Tree stands and blinds may be left in place for the length of the season but may not be installed in advance and must be removed promptly by the last day the hunter is authorized to hunt. Only one tree stand is allowed per hunter and blinds must display the hunter's name and address in a manner clearly visible from the ground.
9. No gathering dead materials found on ground to construct blinds.
10. No use of off-road vehicles.
11. No target practice.
12. No hunting under the influence or while in illegal possession of controlled substances or alcohol.
13. Must maintain a 30-yard distance from any property line.
14. Must maintain a 150-yard (450 feet) distance from any building.
15. Must display permit in windshield of car and have a copy on person while in the field.
16. All participants must comply with all Michigan DNR rules and regulations unless the Laketown Township Deer Hunting Program rules and regulations are more restrictive.
17. Any person under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
18. Hunting spectators are not allowed in hunting areas.
19. Violations of any rule or any unethical conduct will result in the revocation of permit.
20. Each hunter, whether successful or not, will be required to fill out a questionnaire after the season. Failure to do so will disqualify the hunter from future permits.
21. Each hunter will be required to sign a waiver, indemnification, and hold harmless document (at pre-hunt meeting) prior to hunting.
22. Laketown Township reserves the right to amend, suspend, or revoke these rules and regulations at any time.

NOTE: The Township does not represent, warrant, or guarantee that any game taken from the hunting property is fit for human consumption. Each hunter should carefully examine the game for evidence of illness or disease in the same manner as game from other areas would be examined if used for human consumption.

**2014 LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS
SPECIAL PERMIT ARCHERY DEER HUNTING PROGRAM**

Consent, Acknowledgment, Waiver, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age: _____

The above named person has applied for a SPECIAL USE HUNTING PERMIT on Laketown Township's Huyser Farm. By his or her signature, the applicant expressly agrees to comply with all Rules and Regulations for the Parks Archery Deer Hunting Program if a Special Use Hunting Permit is issued. As a condition to issuance of such permit, the Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Rules and Regulations and agrees to abide by them as well as comply with all Michigan Department of Natural Resources rules, regulations and requirements regarding the issuance of Michigan hunting licenses and the conduct of hunting activities.

As a condition of the issuance of a SPECIAL USE HUNTING PERMIT, the Applicant agrees to waive all claims for personal injury, death, property damage, or loss, and to indemnify and hold harmless the Township of Laketown, the Laketown Township Board, the Laketown Township Parks Commission, and their officers, agents, employees, and assigns, against any and all claims, demands, suits, or losses, including costs and attorney fees, by reason of any personal injury, death, or property damage which arises from or occurs as a result of the condition of Laketown Township Parks properties, or from any activities of the Applicant or any other person while the Applicant is on Park properties or engaged in any activities pursuant to the terms of the permit.

Date: _____

Signature of Applicant, or Signature of Parent or
Guardian on behalf of minor child

HUYSER FARM ARCHERY HUNTER SURVEY

Laketown Township Parks and Recreation Commission

Name of Hunter _____

Please answer the following questions to help the Parks Department evaluate the archery hunting program at Huyser Farm and plan for future years. Note: Return of the survey is required in order to be eligible for hunts in future years. Thank you for your assistance!

How many total days would you estimate you hunted the property? _____

How many of the days listed above were Saturdays or Sundays? _____

What hours did you typically hunt on an average day (e.g. 7 am to 11 am)? _____

Were you successful in taking any deer? If yes, please indicate buck and/or doe, approximate weight, and size of rack. _____

Did you observe any interesting or unusual wildlife sightings on the property? If so, please describe including the location. _____

Did you feel the property lines were well marked? _____

Did you encounter hunters who did not have township hunting permits? _____

Did you encounter any non-hunters (e.g. hikers) using the property? If yes, how frequently? _____

Do you have suggestions as to how the hunting program could be improved in the future? _____

Thank you for your assistance.

Please return the survey in the enclosed envelope within 14 days of the end date of the hunt to:

Laketown Township
4338 Beeline Road
Holland, MI 49423