

City of Oxford

2013 - 2014 Deer Management Program

Purpose

The goal of this program is to maintain deer populations at levels that can be sustained by the local environment, that prevent the spread of disease, limit the number of deer-vehicle accidents, and reduce damage to vegetation and the local environment.

As the Deer Management Program (the Program) is intended to address deer population concerns, no other game or nuisance animals are to be harvested in association with the Program, even if permitted by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife (ODNR) Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2013 – 2014.

Please note that the ODNR has reduced the bag limit for deer in Butler County to a total of three deer. One deer may be harvested with an antlerless permit and two deer with either-sex permits.

For the 2013-2014 Program will continue the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer following the harvest of two antlerless deer. Introduced during the 2012-2013 Program season, the **“3-2-1” Program** allows a participant to harvest two antlerless deer, with the venison from both deer donated to the Community Meal Center. The participant is then entitled to harvest an antlered deer as part of the City of Oxford’s Program.

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By this reference all applicable rules and regulations included in the ODNR Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2013 – 2014 are in effect for the Program. In addition, specific requirements for the City of Oxford’s Program are as follows:

- The City of Oxford (Oxford) intends to conduct a deer harvesting program on a limited basis for 2013-2014. This Program is a continuation of an initial pilot program established in 2009.
- The Program will be limited to up to 16 hunters at a time, approved at the City Manager’s discretion. Preference will be given to public safety personnel and successful participants from previous years’ Programs.
- All hunting will take place on Oxford-owned property, or private tracts of land of five or more acres. All hunting on Oxford property will be limited to isolated areas and determined by the City Manager.
- The Program is limited to bow hunting only.
- All hunters must provide background checks and proof of attendance of state-approved hunter safety course. Additionally, hunters must demonstrate proficiency and attend a briefing (established by the City Manager) before hunting.
- Participants shall notify the City Manager or his designee when hunting as part of the Program.
- Hunting will be limited to antlerless deer only, with the exception as outlined in the “3-2-1” Program described above.

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- Per State law, one deer may be tagged with an antlerless deer permit, and up to two deer may be tagged with either-sex permits during the archery season. All participants shall possess a valid Ohio hunting license.
- All hunting will be conducted from tree stands provided by the hunter and registered with Oxford.
- All harvested deer will be reported to City Manager or his designee.
- Program participants are required to donate the first deer they take to the Community Meal Center, Hamilton, Ohio. The second or third deer after that may either be donated or kept by the hunter, except as required by the “3-2-1” Program. Oxford will reimburse hunters the cost of the deer tag for all donated deer (\$15 for deer harvested utilizing the antlerless permit and \$24 for deer harvested with an either-sex permit).
- The Program will take place from September 29 through December 1, 2013. The season may be extended beyond the antlerless deer season at the City Manager’s discretion, up to the 2013-2014 season’s closing date of February 3, 2013.

General Rules and Parameters for 2013-2014 Deer Management Program

All hunting within Oxford will be governed by the State of Ohio Game Laws. Each participant is responsible for knowing, understanding, and complying with these laws, including those established by Oxford.

Eligibility for participation is determined exclusively by the City Manager or his designee. No person may hunt or participate without written permission from the City Manager.

Each participant must have attended and provide proof of successful completion of a state-approved hunter’s safety course. All approved participants must attend a briefing with Oxford’s City Manager or his designee before hunting.

All participants must submit a signed background check release form. Any potential participant may be refused based on criminal history or game law violations.

Hunting shall be by bow(s) that are in compliance with the ODNR’s “Allowable Deer Hunting Equipment” and “Legal Definitions” included in the Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2013 – 2014.

For the purpose of safety, all hunting shall be conducted from tree stands – no ground or blind hunting will be permitted. Tree stands must bear the participant’s name, address, and phone number, and be clearly visible on the stand. No permanent or screw-type stands will be permitted. All stands must be removed by end of hunting on December 1, 2013, unless the Program is extended by the City Manager.

All deer must be harvested according Ohio hunting rules and regulations. For the purpose of deer management, Oxford will only permit the taking of antlerless deer as defined by the ODNR, with the exception of the “3-2-1” Program as described above.

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All hunting will occur within City-designated areas. All hunting times and areas will be scheduled with the City Manager including the date, location, and time of hunting.

All participants are required to inform Oxford upon the taking of a deer and provide the City with the State Tag number, name of hunter, sex of deer, a photo or image of the deer, and date it was harvested.

For the purpose of safety, all participants must wear at least 50% hunter orange while hunting. Hunters must be visibly wearing a vest, coat, jacket, or coveralls that are either solid hunter orange or camouflage hunter orange. Examples of acceptable and non-acceptable vests are shown below (adapted from the ODNR Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2013 -2014).



All field-dressing waste must be taken with the hunter and disposed of at a location to be determined by the City Manager.

The first deer taken by each hunter must be donated to the Community Meal Center, the sole recipient of the established venison donation associated with the Program (two deer for inclusion in the “3-2-1” Program). Donated deer must be submitted for processing either at:

H & M PROCESSING
7532 Cincinnati-Brookville Road
Okeana, Ohio 45053
(513) 907 – 7367

Or

SCHAEFER’S DEER PROCESSING
5024 Jacksonburg Road
Trenton, Ohio 45067
(513) 726-5307

For every deer taken after the first deer, donation will be at the discretion of the hunter. All deer must be legally tagged and checked at a certified checking station, or by utilizing the automated game check and tagging process as described in the ODNR Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2013 - 2014.

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In order to be eligible for hunting tag reimbursement, the deer must be donated and all other rules and regulations must be followed including the submission of the deer tag number.

New for 2013-2014: At Oxford-designated properties adjacent to Miami University (MU) property: if a struck deer leaves the Oxford property and enters into lands owned by MU, Mr. Jim Reid, MU Field Manager, Natural Trails, is to be notified immediately (telephone number 593- 0323).

Brief Overview of Ohio Rules and Regulations for Archery Deer Hunting

Archery Season Longbow: minimum draw weight 40 lbs.

Crossbow: stock of at least 25 inches, and having a working safety: draw weight not less than 75 lbs. The arrow tip shall have a minimum of two cutting edges which may be exposed or unexposed, with a minimum 3/4 inch width. Expandable and mechanical broad heads are legal. Poisoned or explosive arrows are illegal.

Tree Stands: 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 public hunting lands. It is also unlawful to make any of these changes to trees on private property without first obtaining the permission of the landowner or the landowner's authorized agent.

Deer Checking: only the person who kills the deer can present it to the check station. All deer must be checked in the county of harvest or an adjacent county, or by utilizing ODNR's automated game check and tagging process.

It is unlawful to attach a temporary tag to a deer taken by another person.

Check Stations in proximity to Oxford:

WAL-MART #2275
5720 College Corner Pike
Oxford, Ohio 45056
(513) 524-4122

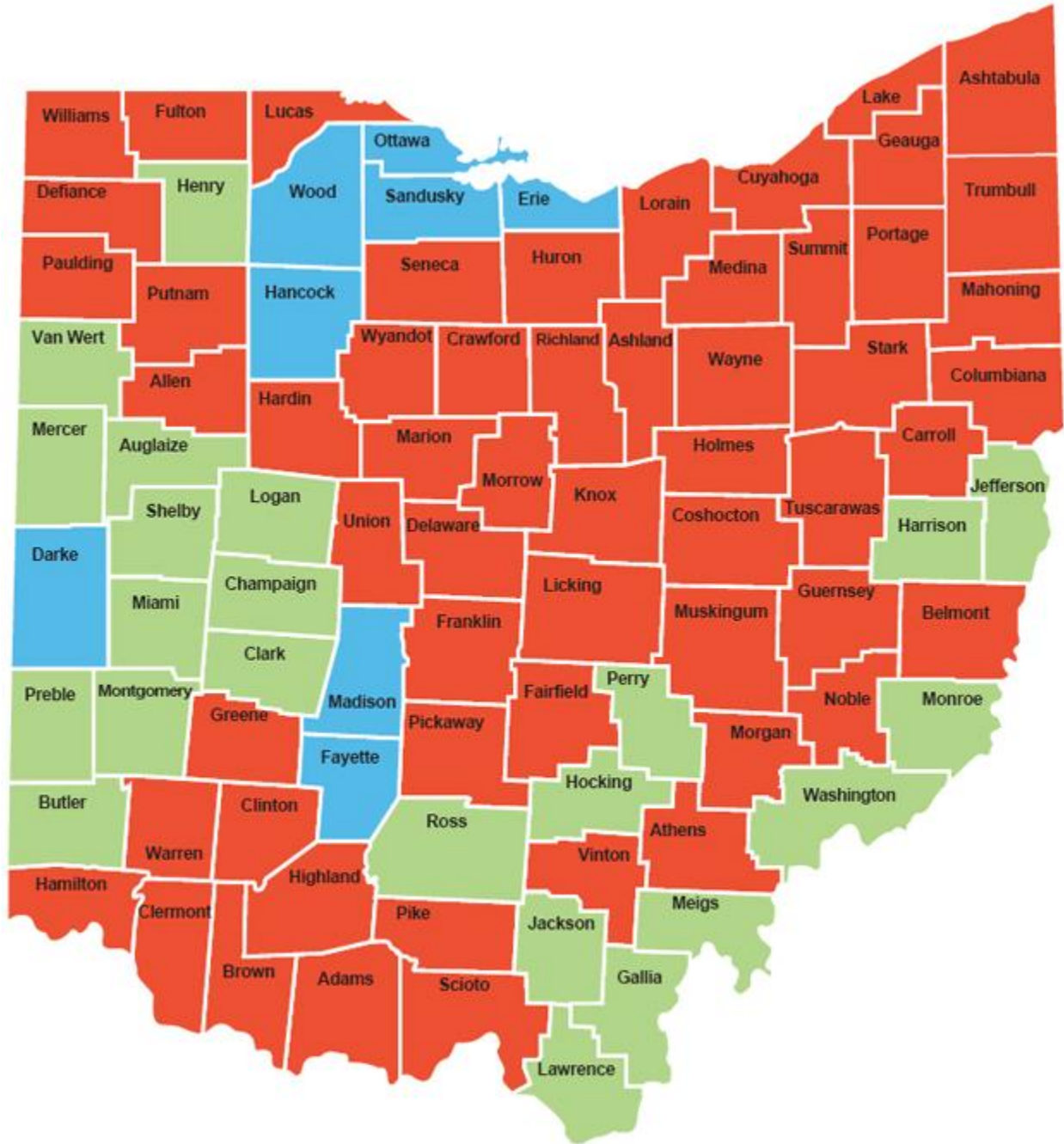
DAN'S SPORT SHOP
238 South Lafayette Street
Camden, Ohio 45311
(937) 452-7236

BAKER HARDWARE
6550 Hamilton-Scipio Road (S. R. 129)
Reily Township, Ohio 45053
(513) 756-9700

ALL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING AND COMPLYING WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

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Deer Hunting Bag Limit Map



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- A Deer Permit (\$24) must be purchased by all licensed hunters in order to legally hunt deer.
- Antlerless Deer Permits (\$15) will not be valid after December 1, 2013.
- Hunters are not required to buy a Deer Permit before purchasing any Antlerless Deer Permits.
- All deer hunters must possess a valid Ohio Hunting License.

2-Deer Counties	3-Deer Counties	4-Deer Counties
One (1) either-sex permit and one (1) antlerless permit	Two (2) either-r sex permits and one (1) antlerless permit	Three (3) either-sex permits and one (1) antlerless permit
A hunter may kill no more than two (2) deer in a 2-deer county during the 2013 - 2014 season.	A hunter may kill no more than three (3) deer in a 3-deer county during the 2013 - 2014 season.	A hunter may kill no more than four (4) deer in a 4-deer county during the 2013 – 2014 season.
No more than one (1) with an either-sex permit and no more than one (1) with an antlerless permit.	No more than two (2) with an either-sex permit and no more than one (1) with an antlerless permit.	No more than three (3) with an either-sex permit and no more than one (1) with an antlerless permit.

Antlerless Deer Permit & Either-sex Deer Permit Use by County 2013-2014							
Dates	Either- sex Deer Permit			Antlerless Deer Permit			Total Bag Limit 9
	Opening Date	Closing Date	Limit	Opening Date	Closing Date	Limit	
2-Deer	Sept 28, 2013	Feb 2, 2014	1 per county	Sept 28, 2013	Dec1, 2013	1 per county	2
3-Deer	Sept 28, 2013	Feb 2, 2014	2 per county	Sept 28, 2013	Dec 1, 2013	1 per county	3
4-Deer	Sept 28, 2013	Feb 2, 2014	3 per county	Sept 28, 2013	Dec 1, 2013	1 per county	4

(Pages 5 and 6 are adapted from the Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2013 – 2014, published by the ODNR).

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