

ARCHERY DEER HUNT 2023-2024

Sept. 8 - Oct. 18, Oct. 23 – Nov. 24, Dec. 11 – 15,
Jan. 1 - 4, & Jan. 8 – 31

Welcome to Wye Island Natural Resources Management Area

The following rules and regulations are in effect for this program:

All archery hunters **must sign in and out** at the check-in station (maximum 25 hunters/at a time). Permits are issued on a *first-come, first-served* basis. Failure to sign-in or out is a violation of the hunt permit.

All federal and state laws must be followed. Refer to your *Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland 2023-2024*.

Notice: Follow the Region “B” White-tailed Deer Bow Season Bag Limit. Archery hunters are encouraged to harvest at least one antlerless deer at Wye Island NRMA. Refer to your *Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland 2023-2024*.

Deer hunting is closed on Sundays at Wye Island NRMA. Hunting hours are ½-hour before sunrise to ½-hour after sunset. Refer to *Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland 2023-2024*.

All deer harvested are part of the statewide archery bag limit for Region “B”. **All deer harvested must be checked-in.** Refer to the *Guide to Hunting and Trapping in Maryland 2023-2024* for details.

Tree stands are allowed but must be a portable type and must be removed daily. **Screw-in type steps are prohibited.**

Avoid trespassing on private property. Contact the DNR staff if you need assistance. Note the "No Hunting Areas" on the map.

Areas open for bow hunting are indicated on the map.. The special sections 1-5 are part of the bow hunting area.

All vehicles must be parked in designated areas; no driving of vehicles in or around any fields. **Do not drive past stop sign at Wye Hall Drive & Granary Creek Drive to access special sections.** You must walk or bicycle to these areas.

If you need assistance please contact the DNR Communication Center at **410-260-8888**.

For your safety, please remember you are required to sign out at the check-in station when finished hunting for the day.

Special Note: There will be two field trials running concurrently with the archery deer hunt from Nov. 1-19, 2023. Archery hunters should use caution and avoid interrupting the field trials. During the field trials the shooting of blank pistols will take place as part of the event.

December 11-29, 2023: Fox chasing will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dec. 15 - Jan. 30, 2024: Canada goose hunting will take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from sunrise to 1 p.m. Archery hunters should avoid interfering with these activities.

January 3,5,7,8, 2024: Rabbit chasing will take place on Wednesday, Friday, Sunday and Monday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wye Island NRMA is managed by the Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Park Service.

If you have an emergency please call 410-260-8888 or 911 immediately. The address for Wye Island NRMA is 632 Wye Island Rd., Queenstown, MD 21658.

Thank you for your cooperation.