



## Erie MetroParks Edison Woods Controlled Deer Hunt Lottery Drawing

A lottery drawing will be held for adults only for a deer gun hunt during a portion of the statewide deer gun season **November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**. The hunt will take place in sections of Edison Woods MetroPark in Berlin Heights, Ohio, **from ½ hour before sunrise to noon**.

Interested adult (18+) Ohio hunters may apply by mailing a piece of paper to:

**ATTN: Tara Kauffman  
Erie MetroParks  
3910 Perkins Ave.  
Huron, Ohio 44839**

Please include a \$5 application fee of either cash or check made out to **Erie MetroParks**. Applicants need to clearly print their name, address, phone number, birth date, email and note if your mobility impaired on a piece of paper with “Edison Woods Controlled Deer Hunt” labeled at the top. **The application must be postmarked by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and include a \$5 dollar application fee to qualify**. Six permits will be issued per day and each hunter may bring one licensed partner. **Chosen hunters will be notified by October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

The rules listed below must be followed:

1. All adult applicants must be an *Ohio resident* and possess a current Ohio hunting license and an **either-sex permit** to participate in the hunt. No more than **3 deer with three either-sex permits** may be taken from Erie County during the 2023-2024 deer hunting season. Only one deer taken during the hunting season may be antlered. The statewide bag limit is 6 deer.
2. Antlerless permits are not valid.
3. Harvesting a doe will help us meet the goal of reducing the deer herd.
4. You may apply multiple times, please write how many entries on your application if you're just filling out one application. You can include multiple entries in one envelope. Your name can only be drawn once, but you may hunt again as someone's partner.
5. Hunters must cease hunting at *noon*.
6. Upon harvest fill in the deer permit immediately with the date, time, and county of kill. Submitting through the Division of Wildlife's mobile application fulfills this requirement. The game must be tagged once the hunter leaves the animal unattended or arrives at a residence or temporary lodging. Hunter must complete the game check process by 12pm the day after the kill.

7. Selected applicants may bring one adult licensed partner with all the necessary permits.
8. **Please follow the Ohio Division of Wildlife's legal deer hunting equipment guidelines for deer gun season.**
9. One hunting zone is accessible for a mobility impaired hunter.
10. Only deer are legal during this controlled hunt.
11. All hunters must check in at the Edison Woods park office, 8111 Smokey Road, Berlin Heights, Ohio 44814, before beginning the hunt. Hunters will be transported to their designated hunting area (zone maps will be mailed after each applicant is drawn and scheduled).
12. Hunters must hunt within the designated area specified on the map. **No one is permitted to hunt outside of designated areas on the map.** If you wound a deer and it leaves your zone, contact Erie MetroPark staff. An attempt will be made to locate the deer if it is not near another hunting zone, otherwise tracking will resume at noon when the hunt is completed for the day.
13. Climber tree stands are permitted only during your scheduled hunt day.
14. All state of Ohio deer hunting laws apply.
15. Permits are **NOT** transferable. If you are not able to make the hunt please contact Tara Kauffman, 419.625.7783 ext. 236 or at [tkuffman@eriemetroparks.org](mailto:tkuffman@eriemetroparks.org) and an alternate will be selected in your place.
16. Hunters are responsible for field dressing their deer but must do so at least 50 feet away from the nearest road or trail. Hunters are responsible for transporting their deer from the field to the pickup area.

*Thanks for participating in this unique hunting opportunity and Good Luck!*