

Kingwood Township – Horseshoe Bend Park: Wildlife Management Guidelines

Kingwood Township – Horseshoe Bend Park owned by the Township as well as State owned lands in the vicinity of Horseshoe Bend Park known as Horseshoe Bend LLC, Flagg and Kirkland, which are managed by the Township, have several areas that are open to the public and suitable for deer hunting. Enjoyment of the land and the safety of our visitors is a primary concern of Kingwood Township. The Kingwood Township – Parks and Recreation Commission allows deer hunting in Horseshoe Bend Park in order to provide for better land management. Kingwood Township hopes to enter into a long term relationship with the hunting community in order to be able to restore damaged ecosystems without fear that excessive deer browse will make it impossible for native plants to return to Horseshoe Bend Park.

In exchange for deer hunting privileges the individual(s) will:

1. Each hunter will be required to sign the “hold harmless” statement below and return an original signed copy to Kingwood Township. Each hunter must also be familiar with the terms below.
2. Each hunter must carry a minimum of \$1,000,000 in liability insurance. Copies of the insurance certificates are to be provided to Kingwood Township and it will be kept on file. Hunters must be licensed and meet all federal, state, county and municipal laws governing their actions.
3. Each hunter will provide to Kingwood Township – Parks and Recreation Commission the make and model of his or her vehicle, and the license plate number.
4. Kingwood Township – Parks and Recreation Commission provides access to hunters in order to address wildlife management by reducing the number of deer on the property at Horseshoe Bend Park. The individual hunter will report the results of his or her hunting efforts on or before April 1st. Reporting shall include the tag number(s) of the harvested deer.
5. In addition to the annual fee, (which will be determined annually by the Kingwood Township) Kingwood Township – Parks and Recreation Commission requires all hunters to attend a mandatory meeting to discuss hunting in the park and assist in posting the property. The right to hunt may be cancelled if the hunter fails to attend the meeting and participate in posting the property.
6. All State deer hunting regulations apply. Specific season dates and bag limits for deer management zone 11 also apply. Kingwood Township – Parks and Recreation Commission encourages hunters on our properties to harvest three antlerless deer for every buck.

7. Special regulations:
 - a. Hunting must be from portable tree stands. No permanent or fixed tree stands may be installed. Each stand must clearly display the name, address, telephone number and hunting license number of the hunter. The hunting stands must be removed or moved if requested by Kingwood Township.
 - b. All motorized vehicles are restricted to public roads and designated parking areas and must clearly display the Kingwood Township – Parks and Recreation Commission – Horseshoe Bend Park permit. Deer are not to be removed from the property by motorized vehicles except on public roads.
 - c. Target practice is prohibited.
 - d. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while on the property is prohibited.
 - e. Violation of any conditions herein or any applicable state law or regulation will result in loss of hunting privileges on the property. If this occurs there will be no refund of any fees paid by the hunter. A violation by any individual hunter within a group may result in loss of hunting privileges for the entire group.

8. By completing an application all applicants agree to verification of their status as a licensed hunter of the State of New Jersey in good standing.

9. All application and permit fees are non-refundable.

This agreement must be formally renewed each year and can be cancelled without cause by Kingwood Township. Kingwood Township – Parks and Recreation Commission is, however, committed to maintaining a stable, long-term relationship with the hunting community.

HOLD HARMLESS STATEMENT:

In consideration for the opportunity to hunt on land owned and managed by Kingwood Township, I agree to abide by the terms listed above. Further, I hereby release and hold harmless Kingwood Township, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all loss, costs, and damages to person or property as a result of my hunting and related activities at Horseshoe Bend Park.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Print Name _____