

Little Forks Conservancy -- George and Sue Lane Preserve (44.060647, -84.579951)



2019 Deer Season Protocol

Method of Hunting: Bow hunting: Oct 1-Jan 1.

Number of hunters: Of the Lane Preserve's 270 acres of land open to the public, we believe 188 are suitable for hunting. Of those lands 45 acres are grassland and 143 acres are forested. As the schedule is currently set up 6 hunters and 6 apprentice hunters are allowed on the property at one time. 30 permits maximum.

Hunting Schedule:

The Hunting Season will be split into 15 day increments with the exception of December (full month) resulting in five hunting timeframes. When hunter's sign up they will indicate preferred allotted dates and zones; this should be done by August 20th. After August 20th, the Stewardship Coordinator will randomly draw applicants and assign the available zone and timeframe based on their preferences as ranked on the application. Little Forks will continue to accept new applications after August 20th if we do not fill all 24 zones. Each timeframe can have up to 6 Hunters and 6 apprentice hunters.

Oct 1 -15 (Yellow Permit); Oct 16 – 31 (Orange Permit);

Nov 1 –Nov 14 (Green Permit); Nov- 15-30 (Red Permit-BOW

ONLY) Dec 1 – Jan 1, 2020 (Blue Permit)

Determining Hunters:

The Stewardship Coordinator will meet with all hunters individually or as a group to discuss the rules and regulations. A meeting will be held August 23rd to meet the hunters, go over details of rules and answer any questions and hand out assigned permits so far. Hunters must show proof of a valid Michigan Hunting license. We hold the right to forbid a hunter if they cannot follow the rules and laws in place or violate the objectives of the George Lane Deed Restriction.

Encouraging the Next Generation to Hunt

Each Hunter who is granted a permit is allowed to bring 1-2 Apprentice Hunters (though the total across all zones is not to exceed 12) which is defined by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as a person who does not yet have a hunter safety certificate and is between the ages of 10-16 years. The permitted hunter is responsible for the safety of the apprentice hunter and to ensure they follow the rules listed. If the Apprentice hunter has violated these rules the *hunter's* permit will be revoked.

Payments

It is acknowledged that there are costs associated with maintaining a large property, however we will not require a payment to hunt on the property; Hunters are encouraged to make a donation to the organization or volunteer their time assisting with maintenance of the property or monitoring hunters during the season.

Little Forks Hunter Application – returning hunters can skip Hunter Information; if no changes are needed.

Name:

Attach copy of hunting license to application or show it before obtaining permit

Hunter Information

E-mail:

Phone:

Car Information (make/model):

Address:

Hunting Preferences

Rank Preferred Hunting Timeframes:

Rank Preferred Zones:

How did you hear about this opportunity? Are you familiar with Little Forks Conservancy?

Would you bring an Apprentice Hunter?

How often would you be hunting?

Can we share your name/phone # to other people hunting at the same time as you?

Other Comment/Questions?



The Little Forks Conservancy Hunting Waiver

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

This Release and Waiver of Liability (the "Release"), executed today (the date below), by "the Hunter" (signed below) in favor of The Little Forks Conservancy ("the Conservancy"), its directors, officers, employees and volunteers.

The Hunter does hereby freely, voluntarily, and without duress execute this release under the following terms:

- 1. Waiver and Release.** The Hunter does hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless the Conservancy and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from the Hunter's participation.
- 2. Assumption of the Risk.** The hunter hereby expressly and specifically assumes the risk of injury or harm in these activities and releases the Conservancy from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the activities of hunting.
- 3. Other.** The Hunter expressly agrees that this release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Michigan and that this release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan. The Hunter agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this release which shall continue to be enforceable.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the Hunter has executed this Release as of the day and year written below.

Month Day Year _____
Witness

Name (please print)

Signature of Hunter

Emergency Contact Name

Relation

Phone Number

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if Hunter is under 18)

These are the rules and regulations all hunters must follow as determined by Little Forks Conservancy staff and the Stewardship Committee.



1. Only park vehicles in designated locations with Car Permit visible from the road; Zone 1-3 Park on Schmidt Rd, Zones 4-5 park in Parking Lot, Zone 6 park off M-18 where old house used to be (5135 M-18) However, all hunters can park in Parking Lot if they prefer it. (See Map)
2. No bait piles.
3. No hunting within 100 feet of a trail or 150 yards (450 feet) from a structure or residence. LFC will provide hunters link to a map.
4. No cutting native vegetation for shooting lanes or any other purposes.
5. Be respectful of other hunters especially when tracking a deer into other zones - wait until prime hunting times are over before tracking. Seek approval of neighboring landowner before tracking deer off the Lane Preserve.
6. Hunters must comply with all federal, state and local hunting laws. (A Hunter's Digest will be provided if needed)
7. Permits are nontransferable.
8. ORV use is not permitted.
9. Only Temporary tree stands i.e. with no nails or screws into the trees.
 - a. All hunting structures must be labelled with name and contact information and only placed on property during the hunting timeframe.
 - b. If circumstances arise such as weather or other unforeseen issues where the hunter is unable to remove the stand by the end of their hunting timeframe all stands and any flagging must be removed by January 15th at the latest.
10. Report harvest data (male/female) to Little Forks by January 15th via email or phone. For bucks, look for 4 points on one side as recommended by QDMA.

I _____ understand the above rules and violation of these rules can be grounds for revocation of Little Forks Hunting Permit.

Signature: _____