



BOW HUNTING APPLICATION

GEORGE AND SUE LANE PRESERVE



"The mission of the Little Forks Conservancy is to permanently protect and improve natural environments in mid-Michigan by leading and inspiring actions that conserve vital habitats and waterways for the benefit of our entire community."



George and Sue Lane Preserve Bow Hunting Application 2024

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

George and Sue Lane Preserve Hunting Plan

In accordance with wise land management practices, the Little Forks Conservancy stewardship values and the wishes of George Lane for the George and Sue Lane Preserve (Lane Preserve), hunting will be allowed on the condition that it is completed in a way that upholds the conservation values of the property and is consistent with the property's management plan.

2024 Deer Season Protocol

Method of Hunting: Deer only, Bow hunting only: 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. The Department of Natural Resources Hunting Access Program (HAP) rule of thumb is 1 hunter for every 10 acres of forested land and 1 for every 20 acres of open grass/cropland. Using all of the space available **twelve** hunters maximum will be allowed to hunt on the property at a time. As the schedule is currently set up this allows for 6 hunters and 6 apprentice hunters per session. **Each hunter is allowed one tree stand OR blind.**

Bow Hunting Schedule:

The 2024 Deer Hunting Season will be split into **month** increments resulting in three distinct hunting **sessions**. When hunters sign up, they will indicate preferred sessions; this should be submitted by **September 13th**. After that date, the Preserve and Volunteer Steward will randomly draw applicants and assign the available session based on their preferences as ranked on the application. Each monthly session can have up to 6 hunters and 6 apprentice hunters. **There are no zone designations in 2024.**

Session 1: Oct 1st -31st (BOW ONLY)

Session 2: Nov 1st- 30th (BOW ONLY)

Session 3: Dec 1 – Jan 1 (BOW ONLY)

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 number of hunters within a single monthly session 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. This person can hold an apprentice license for two years before taking hunter safety and must be accompanied by an adult 21 years and older. 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. While the Conservancy 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 Bow Hunter Application for 2024 Deer Hunting – all hunters must complete this section:

Name:

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

Hunter Information

E-mail:

Phone:

Vehicle information (make/model/year):

Address:

Hunting Session Preferences (no zones in 2024)

Rank Preferred Hunting Sessions (please rank your preferred month 1-3; 1 being most desirable):

October ____; November ____; December __

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

Would you bring an apprentice hunter? If so, how many?

How often would you be hunting?

Due to the nature of this hunt season your name and email will be shared in a group email where you can then exchange phone numbers or ask questions to people in the same month as you. Please let us know if you would like to opt out.



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; a permit or a note stating you are hunting **must be displayed on the dashboard.** If parking along the Schmidt Road entrance, be sure not to block the driveway.
2. Be aware of trails, neighbors, other hunters and other preserve users. No hunting within 100 feet of a trail, parking area, bench, sign, or other recreational feature, or 150 yards (450 feet) from a structure or residence, or shooting towards any of these items is allowed. A map is provided below, but every hunter must also follow this rule for any of these items that are not included on the map.
3. No cutting *native* vegetation for shooting lanes or any other purposes. No bait piles.
4. Be respectful of other hunters especially when tracking a deer. Be alert of other hunters when tracking, as there are no zones. If possible, communicate with other hunters on the property before tracking. Seek approval of neighboring landowner before tracking any deer off the Lane Preserve.
5. Hunters must comply with all federal, state and local hunting laws. (A Hunter's Digest will be provided if needed)
6. Permits are nontransferable.
7. ORV use is not permitted.
8. Only temporary tree stands are allowed, i.e. with no nails or screws into the trees.
 - a. All hunting structures/blinds **must be labeled with name and contact information.** **Only one blind OR tree stand per hunter. No trail cameras allowed on the trail.**
 - 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 session, all stands and any flagging must be removed by January 17th at the latest.
9. **Report harvest data (male/female and date harvested) to Little Forks by January 17th** via email to info@littleforks.org or by phone at 989-835-4886.








I _____ understand the above rules and violation of these rules can be grounds for revocation of Little Forks Conservancy Bow Hunting Permit for the George and Sue Lane Preserve.

Signature: _____



GEORGE AND SUE LANE PRESERVE BOW HUNTING MAP

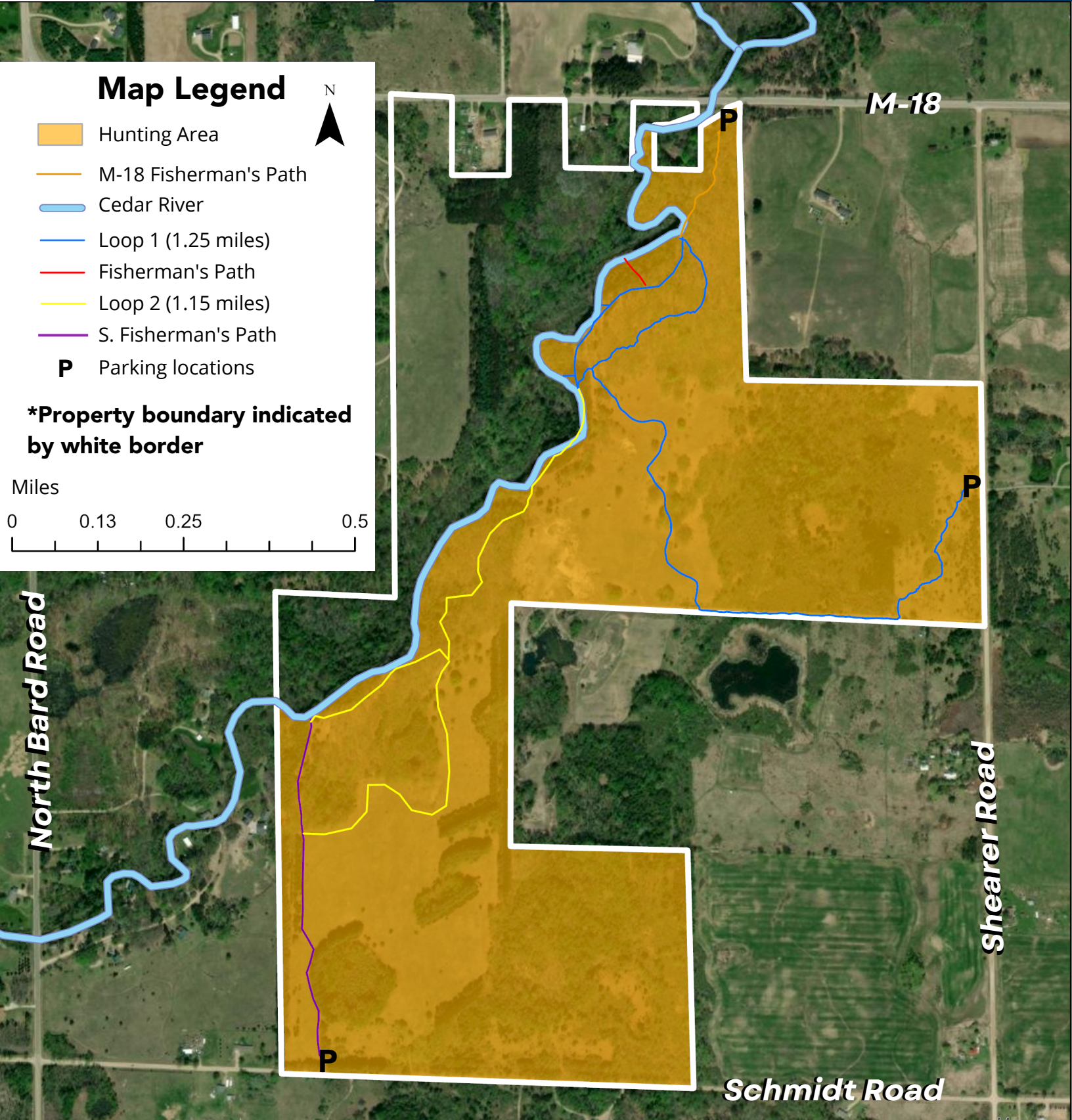
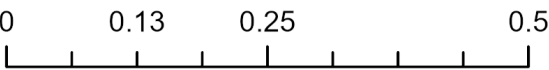
Map Legend

-  Hunting Area
-  M-18 Fisherman's Path
-  Cedar River
-  Loop 1 (1.25 miles)
-  Fisherman's Path
-  Loop 2 (1.15 miles)
-  S. Fisherman's Path
- P** Parking locations



***Property boundary indicated
by white border**

Miles



North Bard Road

M-18

Shearer Road

Schmidt Road