

## **Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department 2010 Deer Hunt Summary**

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department's 11<sup>th</sup> year of special permit archery hunts have ended for 2010. Between October 15 and December 19, 2010, there was 30 days of hunting, with multiple hunts on most days. Nine different county sites, one Maplewood site at the Priory Neighborhood Preserve and one St. Paul site at Crosby Farms Regional Park were included in this year's program. Five different municipalities partnered with Ramsey County. The Bald Eagle site was hunted for the first time this year. The Pig's Eye site was not hunted this year because of anticipated construction of a new sewer line. This work was postponed until 2011, but the delay was too late allow time to plan a hunt.

A total of 122 deer were harvested, of those were 21 antlered. This appears to be a slight increase from the 101 in 2009, but there were more locations than in 2010. The antlerless harvest rate was 83%. The antlerless rate was higher than 2009 and above the state average for archery. The overall success rate for the special hunts was over 75%; state average for archery is 25%.

The weather this year was cold and snowy during the November hunt periods, which reduced the days archers were in the woods.

The number of hunt periods per location was set at two. In past years a number of the parks had four hunt periods. The reduction in hunt dates reduced the number of hunters used, but did not affect the harvest.

Minnesota Bowhunters Resource Base (MBRB) was used to provide archers. We used 140 archers for this year's hunts. MBRB also provided 11 volunteer hunt coordinators who did an excellent job running the hunts.

No Safety problems were reported during any of the hunts. Some park users continued to use the park trails during the hunts, even with "park closed" signage. This is an annual occurrence and archers have adapted to the potential of having hikers in the hunt areas. There were no reports of deliberate hunter harassment.

The Cities of Little Canada, Vadnais Heights, and Shoreview had special hunts on private property. The National Guard opened AHATS to special hunts by National Guard Soldiers. The totals for these hunts are not available at this time.

Site	Hunting Period		total (#of antlered)
	1	2	
<b>Otter Lake</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2(1)</b>	<b>9(1)</b>
<b>Poplar</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3(1)</b>	<b>9(1)</b>
<b>Bald Eagle</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2(1)</b>	<b>12(1)</b>
<b>Fish Creek</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5(3)</b>	<b>8(3)</b>
<b>Grass/Snail Lake</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7(4)</b>	<b>8(4)</b>
<b>Tamarack</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6(3)</b>	<b>8(3)</b>
<b>Vadnais</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22(2)</b>	<b>25(2)</b>
<b>Battle Creek</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9(6)</b>	<b>14(6)</b>
<b>Turtle Creek/Shoreview</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Period Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>58(21)</b>	<b>96(21)</b>
<b>Non- Ramsey County Hunts</b>			
Priory (Maplewood)	6	7	13
Crosby (St. Paul)	12	1	13
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>66(21)</b>	<b>122(21)</b>