

Dane County Parks: 2021 archery limited access permits application process now open

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MADISON, WI - July 19, 2021 - Archers interested in applying for an opportunity to receive a 2021 Dane County Parks Archery Limited Access Permit may apply now through Tuesday, August 16, 2021 at 11:59 PM. The program provides opportunities for archers to hunt deer and fall turkey on specific county lands with the required State licenses.

The program includes approximately 6,100 acres of county lands:

- Archery Permit Lottery
Webpage: <https://www.danecountyparks.com/recreation/hunting/archery>
- Overview
Map: <https://www.danecountyparks.com/documents/PDFs/archery/AllArcheryProperties2021.pdf>
- Individual Park Property
Maps: www.danecountyparks.com/Parks-Recreation/Hunting/Archery-Information#Properties

This year, 204 Limited Access Archery Permits will be available. Youths 15-years of age and younger may accompany and hunt under the direction of a valid permit holder. Participants 16 years of age and older are limited to one permit, non transferable, for one property for the fall hunting season. Archers who would like to participate in the archery program will have until midnight, Tuesday, August 16, 2021 to apply online at <https://www.danecountyparks.com/recreation/hunting/archery>. The fee for the online application is \$3. Winners will be selected through a random computer

drawing on Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

Winners will be notified via email with a link to purchase the permit for the property won. Permits must be purchased online by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Once purchased, a plastic permit will be mailed which must be carried and visibly displayed (on person) by the permit holder while hunting. The cost of the permit remains at \$14 and helps offset the program administration costs.

“This has been a tremendously popular program,” stated Joleen Stinson, Interim Parks Director for Dane County. “The Dane County Parks Commission introduced the management program in 2002 to help curb deer numbers within the county’s public lands.” Stinson says it’s an opportunity for the archer to have a quality hunting experience while helping the county manage its lands. Interest in the program has stayed steady over the years with over 500 annual applicants seeking approximately 200 permits.

Dane County also offers hunting opportunities that require no access permit. Since 2007, the Park Commission has designated specific lands as County Wildlife Areas, similar to State Wildlife Areas. Dane County has approximately 4,000 acres designated as Wildlife Areas and is working on plans for additional properties. To find out more information on the County Wildlife Areas and all public lands open to hunting within Dane County, please check the Hunting Opportunities page of the Parks website at www.danecountyparks.com/Parks-Recreation/Hunting or contact Dane County Parks at (608) 224-3730.

About Dane County Parks

Dane County Parks offers a variety of recreational opportunities for the outdoor enthusiast and natural environments for quiet getaways or special events. Dane County Parks takes an active role to enhance and preserve the county’s finest natural resources.