

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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## **Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park is opened for limited youth deer archer hunting**

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park is holding a limited youth deer archery hunting beginning Nov. 9, 2015 and running through Jan. 3, 2016, according to FALSP manager Dan Schelske.

“This is one management tool to control the deer population in the park and by having a limited hunt we can provide youth a way to learn how to become safe, ethical and successful hunters and sportsmen,” Schelske says.

Hunters must be age 17 years or younger and may have one non-hunting partner with them. Those under age 16 are required to have a parent or legal guardian present. Special park permits will be issued and are good for up to ten days with the option to renew. Permits are required and be in possession. There is no charge for the permit and they are available on a first come first serve basis. They will be issued during park business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning Nov. 9 or when staff are available.

Each hunter is assigned a special hunting unit and a valid state park entrance permit is required. Valid North Dakota Game and Fish deer archery tags and license must be in possession. Any antlerless deer are permitted, no other hunting is allowed. The park hunting season can be suspended at any time by the Park Manager.

### **Rules**

All motorized vehicles are restricted to open roads and parking areas. This includes retrieving and transporting the harvested deer.

1. All North Dakota Parks and Recreation, Game and Fish, State or Federal provisions, laws, rules and regulations apply. Any violation of will result in immediate loss of privileges and enforcement action taken.
2. Best effort must be made to recover all arrows.
3. Driving, pushing or hazing deer is not permitted.
4. Hunters with physical limitations may request assistance for harvested deer retrieval from park staff prior to hunting.
5. Portable hanging or ladder stands and blinds are permissible. Park enforcement staff will inspect and approve prior to use.

6. Each hunter will be allowed 1 (one) stand or blind and must have the hunters name and phone number attached. All stands or blinds must be immediately removed at the expiration of special park permit or conclusion of archery season.
7. Permanent stands, steps, blinds or the use of nails, screws or staples are not allowed. Any violation will result in loss of privileges, removal and confiscation of equipment.
8. The park has four blinds set up and available for use.
9. It is illegal to use and hunt over bait.
10. Orange clothing is required for deer bow hunters during deer gun and muzzleloader season.
11. Hunter must make reasonable attempt to recover harvested or wounded deer.
12. Field dressing of deer is not allowed in groomed areas of the park or campground.
13. Use of horses, mules or pack animal is not permitted.
14. Hunters are required to provide harvest information within 3 days of the conclusion of their hunt or permit expiration. Completed permits with harvest information can be deposited in self registration box at the park entrance station or mailed.

This year four blinds are being made available through the generous donations from: Todd, Shirley, Matthew and Jordan Porter; NISHU Bowmen; Petroleum Council Foundation; and the Dakota Chapter Pheasant Forever.

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