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Dear Hunter,

Thank you for choosing to participate in the Claytor Lake State Park Deer Hunt. Enclosed in this packet you'll find the following information:

- A non-transferrable reservation confirmation email
- Terms and Conditions
- A required items list
- Hunt map and Avenza instructions

Please carefully review all the documents in this packet. Each hunter will need to sign the Terms and Conditions sheet to confirm they have read, understood, and will abide by the stated conditions. Hunters under the age of 18 must also have a parent/guardian's signature.

We encourage you to visit the park during normal park hours (6:00 a.m. to 10:00pm) to familiarize yourself with your stand location. During your pre-hunt scouting trip, please park in parking lots and not along roadsides. Normal parking fees apply.

The park will open for hunter check-in at 5:00 a.m. All hunters must check-in at the maintenance shop by 5:30 a.m. Late arrivals will forfeit their reservation to stand-by hunters. A mandatory pre-hunt safety briefing will take place at the check station at 6:00 a.m. Hunters must checkout at the maintenance shop by 6:00 p.m. Stand-by slots will be awarded in order of arrival. A stand-by drawing will be held at 5:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to fill vacant slots. You are welcome to come any or all days of the hunt, to hunt stand-by.

Pulaski County is now part of the CWD special management zone 3. Any deer taken during the hunt cannot be transported out of the DMA without being quartered and or de-boned. Stations will be setup to assist with preparing carcasses for transport if needed. The current disease management zone includes Montgomery, Floyd, Carroll and Pulaski counties.

If you have any questions prior to the hunt, please contact the park office at 540 643-2500.

Sincerely,  
Brody Havens  
Park Manager

# Claytor Lake State Park Managed Deer Hunt Permit

## *2025-2026 Terms and Conditions*

The following information, terms and conditions apply to the managed deer hunts in Virginia State Parks. Any violation will result in revocation of permit and elimination of your participation in any hunting programs sponsored by the Division of State Parks and possible criminal charges.

1. The special deer hunt will be held on January 9 and 10, 2026.
  - Twenty positions will be available to hunt twenty individual stands.
  - Hunters will be assigned their daily hunt stand location the morning of the hunt through a random drawing process. Specific stand numbers will not be available except for handicap stands that may be assigned by the hunt manager.
2. Check in will be between 5:00 A.M. and 5:30 A.M. A mandatory pre-hunt briefing will be conducted at 6:00 A.M. at the check station (See enclosed map). All hunters that have made reservations and have not checked in by 5:30 a.m. will forfeit their reservation and join the stand-by hunters. A stand-by drawing will be conducted daily at 5:30 a.m. to fill vacant positions. If there are open positions, hunters with reservations have the option of changing stands prior to the standby drawing.
  - The park is closed to the public during the hunt. Hunters will be allowed to leave the park between the hours of 12pm -1pm to obtain lunch. Hunters will not be allowed to re-enter the park after 1pm.
  - Re-assignment of stand locations will occur at 1pm when stands are available.
3. Hunters must checkout by 6:00 P.M. Failure to checkout will result in forfeiting future hunting privileges.
4. Participants must be at least 16 years of age, or if 12-15, accompanied by a responsible adult who has a hunter education certificate. The adult will not be allowed to hunt.
5. All hunters will attend a mandatory pre-hunt briefing the morning of each hunt. Hunters who do not attend the briefing will not be allowed to hunt.
6. Hunters are encouraged to scout their hunting area prior to the hunt and during normal park hours. Normal parking fees apply.
7. All required Virginia hunting licenses apply and will be checked prior to hunting.
8. Hunters will be required to have taken and passed a hunter safety course. Proof of hunter safety certification must be presented on the day of the hunt. No hunter will be allowed to hunt without proof of having completed a hunter safety course.
9. Every hunter or person accompanying a hunter shall wear either blaze orange or blaze pink hat and upper body clothing visible from 360 degrees.
10. Only muzzleloaders and shotguns will be permitted. No weapons of any other type will be allowed. Scopes are permitted. Weapons will not be loaded or primed prior to arrival at the hunting area (stand) and will be unloaded or cap removed before leaving. Buckshot is not allowed. Slugs only for shotgun hunters.
11. There will be no shooting from or across roads, across water, or across park boundaries.
12. In accordance with state hunting laws, hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
13. Each hunter will be assigned a stand. The stands will be clearly marked. Weapons must be unloaded at all times when outside of the hunter's assigned hunting area.
  - Hunt stands and allowable parking locations are indicated on the map provided. Stand entry locations are identified by a reflective yellow sign with the stand number. The path to the stand is marked with flagging tape. Stands are identified with yellow caution tape around a tree. Hunters may hunt in any direction within 25 paces of their assigned stand.
14. Only deer may be harvested in accordance with the Code of Virginia. No other game species may be harvested during this hunt.

- This hunt is located within Disease Management Area 3 (DMA3) for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Whole deer carcasses and carcass parts containing brain and spinal cord tissue from deer harvested in DMA3 can ONLY be transported within the counties in DMA3. Areas will be setup to assist with preparing carcasses for transport if needed. For more information on which counties are in DMAs and CWD in general, please visit the Dept. of Wildlife Resources website: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/cwd/>.
15. Bag limit is two antlerless deer and one antlered deer per day. Hunters must use their Big Game Tag on any antlered deer harvested.
    - Earn-a-buck guidelines apply. Hunters must harvest an antlerless deer before harvesting an antlered deer.
  16. Deer will be field dressed no less than 100 feet from hiking trails, structures, and roads. All deer must be checked by park staff at the deer check station. Information will be collected on each deer, including removal of a jawbone.
  17. Hunters may track and recover their deer while they are within their assigned stand area. Hunters must request assistance from the hunt manager to track and recover any deer that has traveled into another stand area that the hunter has not been assigned.
  18. Hunters will be allowed to use portable tree stands at approved locations. We highly encourage hunters to follow manufacturer's guidelines regarding the use of safety harnesses. Screw peg steps will not be allowed. Trimming of trees for shooting lanes or to secure stands is prohibited.
  19. If using a ground blind, blaze orange or blaze pink is required to be visible on the blind from 360 degrees, in addition to the blaze orange or blaze pink worn by the hunter.
  20. Baiting is prohibited. Artificial deer lure is permissible.
  21. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.
  22. No drugs or alcoholic beverages.
  23. Direct any questions concerning the hunt to: Brody Havens, Park Manager Claytor Lake State Park, (540) 643-2500.
  24. The Division of State Parks reserves the right to close the managed hunt or to close any zone in the event that the number of deer taken exceeds that which is needed for herd control.
  25. All Federal and Virginia Hunting Laws and Regulations, as well as Virginia State Parks Regulations, are applicable during this hunt. Hunters who violate any of the above regulations will be subject to removal from the park and/or if the hunter is in violation of the Code of Virginia the hunter may be subjected to a Virginia Uniform Summons.

*“I have read and understand the above terms and conditions for participating in this controlled deer hunt. I understand that a violation of any of these terms and conditions is a violation of Virginia Administrative Code 4VAC5-30-40 and may result in the revocation of my hunting permit for this hunt, and the elimination of my participation in any hunting program sponsored by Virginia State Parks for the remainder of this season and subsequent years. Any fees paid to date for such programs will be forfeited.”*

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Signature

Printed Name

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature (If under 18)

Printed Name

Date

## Required Items Checklist

Please bring the following items with you on the day of the hunt:

- Reservation confirmation letter.
- Terms and conditions sheet.
- A valid hunter safety certificate or legible photocopy.
- A valid Virginia hunting license and Big Game license.
- A blaze orange or blaze pink hat and upper body clothing visible from 360 degrees.
- If using a portable tree stand, a safety harness per manufacturer's guidelines.
- If using a ground blind, blaze orange or blaze pink that is visible on the blind from 360 degrees.

## **Avenza Maps Instructions**

To fully utilize the benefits of the digital copy of the map, hunters should download the free app named Avenza Maps. This app is available for both Android and iOS. This app will allow you to use the hunt map in a similar manner to Google Maps or other mapping software. You will be able to geo-locate yourself on the hunt map, as well as drop point markers and even attach photos for later reference. This will allow you to better locate your stand as well as mark any areas of interest you may want to revisit if you are attending a zone hunt. One of the great benefits of this app is you do not need phone service. The map is saved onto your phone and all you need to navigate is a GPS signal.

1. Visit your app store (Google Play or Apple's App Store) and search for Avenza Maps.
2. Download and install the app.
3. There are two ways to open the hunt map with Avenza: Either download the map directly and open the map with Avenza OR visit the in-app Avenza store and search for the park in which you are hunting. (For example, typing in "Caledon State Park" in the Avenza store will bring up the Caledon Hunt Stand map). You can then download the map, for free, within Avenza.
4. When you're in the park, open the Avenza app, and choose the appropriate map. You will show up as a small blue dot within the map.
  - a. Don't forget you can turn 3G/4G and phone service off so you don't waste your battery or data.

For more information you can visit the website below:

<https://www.avenza.com/avenza-maps/>

# CLAYTOR LAKE STATE PARK HUNTING



### Legend

- Park Boundary
- Trails
- Hunt Check Stations
- VSP Deer Hunting Areas**
  - Stand