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2023 Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Supplemental Regulations

The **2023 Sandy Neck Deer Hunt** will be as follows:

- Archery hunt will be November 20, 2023 – November 25, 2023 or until six (6) deer are taken, whichever comes first.
- Primitive firearms hunt will be December 11, 2023 – December 16, 2023 or until six (6) deer are taken, whichever comes first.

If six (6) deer are not taken during the week of the archery hunt, the remaining number will be added to the primitive firearms hunt. Thus, a total of twelve (12) deer could be harvested from Sandy Neck in 2023.

You **MUST** attend a night meeting. The archery meeting is Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Centerville Recreation Building, 524 Main Street, Centerville, MA. The primitive firearms meeting is Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Centerville Recreation Building, 524 Main Street, Centerville, MA. Please bring your valid hunting license to the meeting at which time you will be registered for the hunt. Participants for each hunt will be selected by lottery during their respective meetings. No exceptions will be made for failing to attend a meeting. In addition, no exceptions will be made if an individual is unable to participate in the hunt they are selected for.

Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Supplemental Regulations:

1. These regulations are issued in addition of the Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations §601-5 Hunting Regulations A, D, E & F. Other Sandy Neck regulations and all State hunting regulations remain in full force and effect.
2. In accordance with the provisions of Town of Barnstable Ordinances §177-2, all vehicles operating on Sandy Neck must have a valid Sandy Neck Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) permit. Permits must be purchased prior to the opening day of each individual's respective hunt. If an individual does not yet have a valid permit, they shall schedule an appointment with the Sandy Neck Gatehouse at least 24 hours in advance to purchase a permit.
3. All participants must attend a Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Meeting that will be held prior to each deer hunt. (Meetings - Archery, Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7pm and Primitive Firearms, Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7pm).
4. Hunt limited to successful participants in the special lottery held prior to the event. All hunters participating in the White Tailed Deer harvest must register at the Gatehouse prior to each hunting trip on Sandy Neck.
5. All deer taken must be reported at the Gatehouse. All deer "struck and lost" shall be reported to the Natural Resource Officer on duty. No deer shall be tracked outside of the designated deer hunting zone as defined below.
6. The specific zone, identified on Sandy Neck for the hunting of White Tailed Deer, shall be between the bounds of Trail 2 and Trail 5 only. During the open season as proscribed by the controlled hunt regulations, areas designated for deer hunting will be closed to other forms of hunting, and general public use will be limited.
7. Hunters participating in the deer hunt may enter the hunting grounds between the Thursday prior to their hunt and the Saturday prior to their hunt to erect blinds or tree stands to be used during their hunt. No blinds or tree stands shall be established or maintained prior to this window, or after either season established by the town. Only designated hunters are allowed off trail during each respective hunt.

8. Any hunter receiving any citations will be suspended from further participation in the harvest. In addition, a citation issued for a hunting violation may result in the suspension of the individual to hunt at Sandy Neck Beach.
9. Those regions of the front beach adjacent to deer hunting zones may be closed to the parking of off road vehicles, except those displaying a Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Parking Pass.
10. Access to the cross trails and Marsh Trail for the purposes of recovering harvested deer may be allowed BY SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE OFFICER ON DUTY ONLY. Hunters must contact the Gatehouse or Officer on duty prior to recovering any harvested deer.
11. All persons possessing primitive firearms and archery equipment within the bounds of Sandy Neck Beach Park must have a special permit issued from the Town of Barnstable in addition to all permits required by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.
12. No person shall carry a shotgun in the area of Sandy Neck designated for deer hunting, during the open deer season on Sandy Neck.
13. Deer may be hunted within the bounds of designated deer harvest areas on Sandy Neck by means of archery from November 20, 2023 – November 25, 2023 or until six (6) deer have been harvested, whichever comes first. And by means of blackpower (muzzleloader) from December 11, 2023 – December 16, 2023 or until six (6) deer have been harvested, which ever comes first. A total of twelve (12) deer could be harvested.
14. Hunting shall occur between ½ hour before sunrise and sunset only.
15. Access to the beach will be granted to deer hunters one hour before sunrise, as determined by the Sandy Neck tide chart, on each day that deer may be hunted on Sandy Neck. Hunters may not discharge any bow or firearm until ½ hour before sunrise.
16. No hunter may access the beach prior to one hour before sunrise. All hunters must be off the beach no later than one half hour after sunset.
17. All vehicles entering or leaving the controlled hunting area will be subject to search at the discretion of any Natural Resource Officer and/or staff at the Gatehouse.

18. Harassment of hunters or the obstruction, interference, or prevention of the lawful taking of fish or wildlife within the bounds of Sandy Neck is prohibited.
19. During the 2023 hunting season, the provisions of the Sandy Neck Regulations and the Sandy Neck Deer Harvest Supplemental Regulations may be enforced within the bounds of Sandy Neck Beach Park by Natural Resource Officers, and any employee of the Town of Barnstable appointed to serve as a police officer.
20. Bag limit: One deer may be harvested per hunter participating in the controlled harvest. Possession: No more than one deer in possession for each licensed and permitted participant. Once a deer has been harvested, hunters shall return their permit to the Gatehouse or Officer on duty for the remainder of the hunt.
21. This is a Deer hunt only. No other species of game other than White-Tailed Deer shall be harvested within the designated deer hunting zone by any means.
22. Hunters must return their own designated special deer hunt permit to the Gatehouse or Officer on duty at the end of each day or once a deer has been harvested, whichever comes first.
23. Hunting is prohibited on or from pre-existing blind structures, posted private or leased property, areas marked with symbolic fencing and red surveyors tape, within 150 feet of Access Trail and the front beach or within 500 feet of any dwelling in use or public building.
24. Patrol vehicle sirens shall signal a mandatory evacuation. All hunters must return to the front beach and/or their vehicles immediately after the evacuation siren is sounded, where they will await further instructions.
25. As stipulated in the Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations, the Marine and Environmental Affairs Department reserves the right to close the beach to hunting if weather conditions or other factors constitute a hazardous or unsafe environment.