



2022 Refuge and Public Land Restrictions for Deer Permits

Antlerless Only Season Choice Permit and Bonus Tag Restrictions

- **Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest, Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest and Valentine National Wildlife Refuge:** These areas are closed to the use of antlerless permits and antlerless bonus tags and closed to the harvest of mule deer does on November firearm permits (Calamus West and/or Sandhills).
- **Frenchman, Frenchman North, Frenchman South and Frenchman West Antlerless Only Season Choice permits:** These permits are not valid on Enders, Medicine Creek, Red Willow and Swanson SRAs/WMAAs.
- **Frenchman MDCA:** Bonus tags are not valid on Enders, Medicine Creek, Red Willow and Swanson SRAs/WMAAs.
- **Republican Antlerless Only Season Choice:** Permits are not valid on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land in Harlan County.
- **River Antlerless Private Land Only:** Not valid on state and federal public land.

Antlerless Mule Deer Harvest Restrictions

- **Pine Ridge Unit:** No harvest of antlerless mule deer on state or federal public lands.
- **Upper Platte Unit:** No harvest of antlerless mule deer on all federal and state-owned lands open to public hunting and The Nature Conservancy, Carter Canyon (PRBE), Montz Point (PRBE) and Bead Mountain (PRBE) areas open to public hunting north of NE Hwy. 88 within the Upper Platte Unit.
- **Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Closed to harvest of antlerless mule deer.

Permit Restrictions

- **Restricted Statewide Buck and Statewide Muzzleloader:** Not valid for Mule Deer in the Mule Deer Conservation Area (Buffalo, Frenchman, Pine Ridge, Platte and Republican Deer Management Units)
- **Nonresident Restricted Youth:** Not valid in the Frenchman and Platte Deer Management Units.

National Wildlife Refuges:

- **Fort Niobrara Wildlife Refuge:** Archery and Muzzleloader deer hunting allowed. A special access permit is required for muzzleloader hunting during the November Firearm season and the December Muzzleloader season. Applications period for lottery drawing is Aug. 15-Sept. 15. Contact the Refuge for details at 402-376-3789.
- **DeSoto Bend National Wildlife Refuge:** Access permit required from DeSoto Bend NWR. Contact refuge at 712-388-4803 for 712-388-4800 for details.
- **Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge:** Access permit required from DeSoto Bend NWR. Contact refuge at 712-388-4803 for 712-388-4800 for details.

Statutory Refuges

- **Garden County Refuge:** Those portions of Garden County within 110 yards of the banks of the North Platte River are open to archery deer hunting from Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 with landowner permission, except: 1) that portion within the Clear Creek Refuge portion of the Clear Creek WMA west of the Garden County line is open to deer hunting during all established deer seasons from Sept. 1 through the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Landowner permission is required.
- **Dodge-Saunders County Refuge:** Open to all deer hunting. Landowner permission is required.
- **Boyd-Holt County Refuge:** Open to all deer hunting. Landowner permission is required.
- **Lincoln County Refuge:** Open to all deer hunting. Landowner permission is required.