

COUNTY PARK SYSTEM HUNTING SURVEY

September, 2014

County	Park system acres	Hunting allowed?	Hunting acres?		Notes/Other
Allegan County Parks & Rec	730	NO			50,000 acres of state game area in county
Barry County Parks & Charlton Park	25	NO			
Berrien County Parks & Rec Commission	400	YES	285	Management of deer, shotgun and archery	Two parks open on limited basis - 1 shotgun by permit, 1 archery hunt by permit
Branch County Parks & Rec	127	NO			
Calhoun County	400	NO			2 parks, 1 preserve
Cass County Parks	880	YES	820	Firearm/bow deer, small game, waterfowl	Deer, small game, and waterfowl hunting in its largest park for 30 years. Hunting is offered through a lottery system and hunters pay a fee when chosen. 20 bow hunters, 40 gun hunters, 20 small game hunters and 10 waterfowl hunters. Hunters have to sign in and sign out each time they enter the park. Only fall hunting is allowed and all hunting stops January
Clinton County Green Space Commission	315	NO			Currently considering opening some areas to hunting
Eaton County Parks	367	NO			1120 state game acres in county
Genesee County Parks & Rec Commission	12,000	YES	600	Firearm/bow	2 waterfowl lotteries 15 hunters on one lake, other lake is unlimited 1 lottery site archery for 7 days, park closed

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Grand Traverse County Parks & Rec	1,389	YES	200		Maple Bay- half open to shotgun and archery deer hunting only
Gratiot County Parks	210	NO			
Hillsdale County	SMALL	NO			
Huron County Parks		NO			6 campgrounds
Ingham County Parks	1,400	YES	530		One park open to a archery managed hunt-trails are open, hunters take workshop, required bow inspection and target test hunting Oct-Dec, hunters keep first deer, all others donated to food bank
Ionia County - Bertha Brock Park	320	NO			
Isabella County Parks & Rec	1,000	NO			
Jackson County Parks	900	NO			
Kalamazoo County Parks	1,056	YES	100	Waterfowl only	Waterfowl at one site – no other hunting opportunities in park system. Hunting zones posted on map at boat launch. Hunting provided both to offer hunting opportunities and for control of goose population on park beach.
Kent County Parks	6,772	YES	1,051	Archery only-deer and turkey	3 parks with lottery 2 parks - 15 hunters, 1 park - 4 hunters
Lapeer County Parks	160	NO			2 water parks
Leelanau County Parks & Rec	242	NO			3 parks
Macomb County Parks & Rec	100	NO			
Mecosta County Park Commission	500	NO			
Midland County Parks & Rec	1,130	YES	325		Hunting offered at one DNR owned site managed by the county

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Monroe County Parks & Rec		NO			4 parks, a 60 acre native park (CREP), 1 downtown pavilion
Muskegon County Parks & Rec	431	NO			
Newaygo County Parks & Rec	1,000	YES	650	DNR	All park property is DNR hunting unless within city limits or DNR safety zones
Oakland & County Parks	6,800	YES	5,319	<p>Managed archery and shotgun</p> <p>Open archery bow/crossbow at 6 sites</p> <p>Shotgun and muzzleloader at 6 closed parks</p>	<p>Deer hunting allowed for population management using a combination of archery and shotgun:</p> <p>Open archery hunting by DNR regulation is allowed at 6 parks – bow/ crossbow only – stands or blinds; OCP maintains marked safety zones in the field. 2 of the 6 parks also host 6 closed-park, volunteer-based lottery, controlled hunts – shotgun and muzzleloader - per year.</p> <p>Goal of hunts is managing deer herd density to DNR/MNFI recommended levels for ecosystem health. May add turkey hunting since species numbers is nearing nuisance levels.</p>
Osceola County Parks		NO			2 campgrounds

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Ottawa County Parks	6,395	YES	3,818	Some sites open to all hunting; some archery only, and 3 lottery sites	2 archery lottery sites 1 managed firearm site 7 archery sites 6 sites open to hunt per DNR rules
Saginaw County Parks & Rec Commission	553	NO			
St. Clair County Parks & Rec Commission	792	YES	393	DNR	1 site
St. Joseph County Parks & Rec	400	NO			
Shiawassee County	60	NO			
Washtenaw County Parks	5,000	NO			25 preserves, 12 parks; staff interested in exploring hunting
Wayne County Parks	5,500	NO			

Summary Information:

- 36 counties were surveyed including most counties with active park programs.
- 24 counties offer no hunting opportunities and 12 indicated they offer some type of hunting opportunities in their system.
- 57,354 acres of park land were represented in the survey; 14,091 acres or 25% of the acreage offered some form of hunting opportunities.
- 10,180 acres of the 14,091 (or 72% of hunt-able lands) are open to primarily deer hunting only.
- A small percentage of hunt-able properties are open to a full range of hunting opportunities: Just 1,795 acres were open to a full range of hunting opportunities (i.e. as per DNR rules) out of the total 14,091 acres (13% of total) which offer some form of hunting.