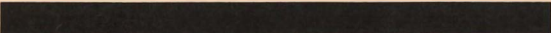




# **Hunter's Guide to Polk County Controlled Bowhunts 2021-2022**

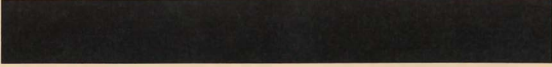
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First time hunters planning  
to hunt in the Polk-Dallas  
archery deer management  
zone hunt in 2021

Those hunters that have  
completed the on-line bow  
Hunter Safety Course will  
need to make an appointment  
at Archery Field and Sports to  
take the required proficiency  
test.

A brief presentation will be  
given to better inform the new  
urban hunter about the rules  
and ethics associated with this  
hunt.





**Only** antlerless deer may be harvested unless you have been granted a buck tag from a participating agency.

**Call** the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to report all harvested deer (phone number on transportation tag).


**Report** Deer Tag, Confirmation numbers and 3 photos to the Polk County reporting system.  
<https://apps.polkcountyiowa.gov/deerharvest>

**Check-in** deer with a verifying official if requested by the agency for the area in which you are hunting. Hunters shall remove 2" off the tip of either ear of all antlerless deer in the presence of the verifying official or provide proof in the three photos sent to the reporting system

**There** will be no driving or stalking of deer.

**All** bows must be cased while traveling to and from the site of the hunting stand.

**All** shots must be taken from elevated stands. All stands must be portable with no permanent stands erected or screw-in steps used (no nails/lag screws driven into trees). Strap-on steps, a ladder, or a climbing stand are allowed. **Stands shall also visibly display a tag issued by the agency coordinator.**



# Controlled Bowhunt Guidelines

*All stands must be located at the proper distance from any structure or trail according to the individual agency's ordinance.*

**Hunters** must know their effective shooting range and not shoot beyond that range. Shots shall not exceed 25 yards.

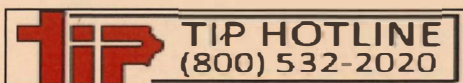
**Be sure** to identify your target as an antlerless deer (unless hunter has a Buck Incentive Tag for that area), focusing on adult does.


**Be aware** of what is downrange of your hunting stand and attempt to retrieve all arrows.

**Contact** the local agency contact person and/or a local Conservation Officer from the Iowa DNR within 12 hours if you are unable to locate a wounded deer.

**Use proper field dressing techniques.** Don't leave entrails in a noticeable location. Carcass disposal is the responsibility of the hunter.

**Report** violators of any rules or regulations to the agency contact person or Iowa DNR Conservation Officer.





**Remove** yourself immediately from any harassment situation with another hunter or citizen, and report the incident to the agency or Iowa DNR Conservation Officer.


**Only Deer Management Zone (DMZ)** specific licenses are valid within the urban deer zone.

**Have** in your possession at all times while bowhunting a valid Iowa Hunting license, wildlife habitat stamp (if required), Bow Hunter Safety Course Certification, Proficiency Test Certification and special use permit from the agency for the area in which you are hunting.

**Be** aware that seasons as well as rules and regulations for the controlled bowhunt may vary from one area to another. It is the bowhunter's responsibility to know the rules, regulations and boundaries for the area in which they are hunting.

**Respect** private property.

**NOTE:** Hunters found in violation of any of these guidelines or rules and regulations may immediately have their special use permit revoked by the issuing agency.



# Information

## Agency Contacts

### *City of Johnston*

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### *City of Pleasant Hill*

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### *City of Urbandale*

Holly Pickett

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### *Clive Parks & Recreation*

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### *West Des Moines Parks & Recreation*

Dave Sadler

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**Thomas Mitchell Park / Mally's Park / Four Mile  
Creek Greenbelt** Zach Deutmeyer 515-249-1753

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### **Browns Woods / Easter Lake**

Brad Janssen

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515-249-1543

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### **Jester Park / Sycamore Trail**

David Weidt

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### **Yellow Banks Park**

Charlie Finch

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### *Walnut Woods State Park*

Josh Shipman

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### *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Saylorville Lake*

Coty Thompson

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## Iowa Conservation Officers

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515- 883-0228

Nate Anderson (Polk)

515-238-4849

Angie Jansen (Polk)

515-238-5006

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## Proficiency Test Administrator

### *Archery Field & Sports*

3725 NE 56th Street Altoona, IA

515-265-6500

## DMZ License Vendors

### *Archery Field & Sports*

515-265-  
6500

### *Scheels All Sports*

515-727-4065

### *Bass Pro Shops*

515-957-5500

### *Sportsman's Warehouse*

515-963-3500

## 2021 Polk-Dallas Urban Bow Season

This year the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will allow participating entities to use September 18th, 2021 through January 30th, 2022, for the Polk County Deer Management Zone bow-hunting season.

Verify start and end hunting dates with local entity.

\*\* A 2022 General Hunting License must be purchased before January 10, 2022 to be able to hunt through January 30, 2022\*\*

# How to Participate

- 1. Pass a one-time approved International Bowhunter Education Foundation (I.B.E.F.) bowhunter safety education course. On-line classes available at: [www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/HunterSafetyEducation/BowHunterEducation.aspx](http://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/HunterSafetyEducation/BowHunterEducation.aspx)**
- 2. Pass an annual National Field Archery Association (N.F.A.A.) archery proficiency test using your hunting weapon. This test will consist of shooting 20 arrows -- 10 from 20 yards and 10 from 15 yards -- at a full-sized 3-D deer target. A 24 centimeter (9.5 inch) diameter circle may be substituted for the vital target area. Hunters must score 80% or better in the vital target area to pass.**
- 3. Apply for a special use permit from the agency that manages the public or private property in which you desire to hunt. Contact the individual agency to obtain a map of the special deer management zones within that area and for information on procedures for participating. Failure to obtain permission or to follow all rules specific to each agency may result in loss of hunting privileges.**  
Urban Deer Management Zone Maps are available at [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov)
- 4. Only Deer Management Zone (DMZ) licenses are valid in urban DMZ designated areas.**