

# Progress Report XXXI 2023-2024

Black Hawk County Deer Task Force March 19, 2024

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## **Summary**

The Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Evansdale and Elk Run Hts. Special Deer Management Zone was divided into 13 zones for the 2023-2024 seasons. George Wyth State Park was divided into zones A and B. Hartman Reserve Nature Center was zone C. Sherwood Park was added in 2014 for zone C-1. The southern end of Black Hawk Park was zone D. Leonard Katoski Greenbelt has zones E, F and G. Two zones, H and I were added in 2005-2006 to allow hunting in the University of Northern lowa Preserve System. Zone I was sold to a private individual so was removed in 2014. Hunting was stopped in Zone H in 2016-17 by the UNI Police Chief. Zones J & K were added in Evansdale. In 2013-14 Zone L was added in Elk Run Hts. Hunters hunted private ground adjacent to Hartman Reserve Nature Center, Katoski Greenbelt, Black Hawk Park & Evansdale. We also added buddy sites in 2007 to help young hunters or hunters with a disability. They would partner up with an experienced hunter who would assist them. We had one in 09-10 and had two in 08-09. This is something we will continue to try and improve on. Evansdale also joined in 2010-2011 hunting on private property only and added public zones in 2011-2012. Zone L, Casebeer Hts. became Zone K in 2012-13. Zone K was on the dike in town and turned out to not be a good fit at this time so it was removed. Big Woods Lake, Zone M and San Souci Island, Zone N were added in 2017-18.

Up to six hunters were assigned to each zone during each season. Hunters were allowed to hunt on private lands if they had written permission from the landowners and approved by DNR Conservation Officers and Police Depts. and passed all of the other requirements of the special deer management hunt (see page 14-15 for the rules.) The 2023-2024 hunt lasted 88 days from October 9, 2023 through January 10, 2024.

Bow hunters were required to purchase a special deer management zone hunting license for \$28.50. Hunters could purchase additional licenses for \$15, with \$1 from each license going to the HUSH Program that was started in 2006. The lowa DNR authorized 290 "antlerless", of whch 252 were sold. For 2023-2024 to qualify for an "any-sex" license hunters would have to harvest three(3) does and then would get an any-sex license at the start of 2024-2025 season. This opened it up for hunters in all areas to qualify for an any-sex license except for the Katoski Greenbelt which will remain doe only zones. Hunters that harvest three does here will work with the administrator to hunt another public zone to harvest a buck.

A total of 110 hunters qualified to hunt and 98 actually purchased a license. Table 1 on page 6 summarizes the 2023-2024 hunt by zone, season and park/private land.

A total of 164 deer were harvested, 138 does, 14 button bucks & 12 bucks in the urban area. Within Hartman/Wyth Complex including San Souci Island had 44 does, 3 button buck and 6 bucks harvested. Black Hawk

Park and adjacent private lands 16 does and 3 button buck were harvested.

Hunters removed 26 does, 3 button buck and 1 buck from the Leonard Katoski

Greenbelt and adjacent private lands. No deer were harvested on zone H on University of Northern lowa property. Evansdale had 10 does, 1 button buck and 0 buck harvested in their zones and private property. Elk Run Hts. had 0 doe harvested in their zone. Big Woo

in their zones and private property. Elk Run Hts. had 0 doe harvested in their zone. Big Woods and adjacent private ianu had 9 does, 0 button buck and 1 buck. Waterloo private property had 18 does, 2 button bucks and 4 bucks. Cedar Falls had 16 does, 2 button buck and 0 bucks harvested on private property.

## **Population Model**



Simulations of deer numbers in the Hartman/Wyth Complex have been calculated using the same computer model used for the statewide deer herd. It starts with an initial June 1 population, adds fawns from reproduction, subtracts deer first for natural mortality (summer & fall), for hunting losses and more natural mortality (winter & spring). The goal of this harvest is to keep the population to less than 30 deer/sq. mile within the Hartman/Wyth Complex.

## Impact on Population

A total of 44 does, 3 button bucks and 6 bucks were taken in the Hartman/Wyth Complex including San Souci Island, Zone N (added in 2017-18), during the 2023-2024 season. An average doe will give birth to two fawns, thus, 88 fawns will not be born. The 88 unborn fawns and the removal of the 53 adults reduce the population by 141. Since 1994 a total of 3,330 adult deer and unborn fawns have been removed from the Hartman/Wyth Complex by bowhunters. The 2013 aerial population survey was completed on Feb. 23, 2013 was the last aerial survey, due to the cost we are looking at other options for surveying since aerial surveys have become so expensive. We have now gone to spotlight surveys.

## **Park User Conflicts**

Hartman Reserve Nature Center, George Wyth State Park, Black Hawk Park, Leonard Katoski Greenbelt, UNI, Evansdale, Cedar Falls and Elk Run Hts. were open for normal winter recreational use during the 88 days of the controlled hunt. This included running, walking and hiking. The fall was in the 50-70's in Oct. and cooled into the 30's-60's in Nov. We got 1" of snow late Nov. Jan. 9 we got 12" of snow and Jan. 12 we got 12" of snow and cold temps. We are still in a drought and many of the lakes are 4'-8' low and little to no back water in many areas. No complaints were made to park officials in regard to hunters, hunting or wounded deer.

## **Comparison of Managed Hunts**

In 1994 the City of Waterloo approved bow hunting within the city limits. This approval was delayed until December due to a lengthy public debate.

The first hunt in 1994-1995 only lasted 24 days. Hunters were required to take the International Bowhunter Education Course to hunt and only 33 were able to qualify for the first hunt. During the 2023-2024 season 110 hunters qualified for an urban management tag, with 98 of them buying licenses.

In 1996 hunters were allowed to hunt during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. In 1998 hunting was allowed in October during the week, in the morning. These actions have lengthened the season from 52 to 80+ days.

Using a helicopter, the state deer biologist began counting deer in Hartman/Wyth Complex and Black Hawk Creek Greenbelt in 1992. The number of deer in the Hartman/Wyth Complex continued to increase until 1998 when the population peaked at 126 (50 deer/mile).

As the seasons grew longer and the number of hunters increased, the number of deer harvested also increased. The number harvested peaked at 135 in 2020-2021. In 2022-2023 is the second highest harvest with 121. IN 2023-24 we had the most harvested deer at 164. These trends for the Hartman/Wyth complex are shown in Table 3. Since we aren't doing surveys this chart has been removed from this report. Aerial surveys stopped in 2013 due to cost. Other options for deer counts are being considered such as spotlight surveys which has been used since the spring of 2018. We are also looking at the use of drones.



In 2003 and 2004 the population within the Hartman/ Wyth Complex climbed above the management goal of 30 deer/sq. mile. Mild winters and no spring flooding had reduced the stress on the adult does and allowed a higher number of fawns to survive. Hunter incentives were incorporated into management plan to increase the number of does harvested in the Hartman/Wyth complex. These incentives coupled with normal weather patterns have served to reduce the population below the management goal of 30/sq. mile.

In 2022-2023 an aerial survey was not done. Due to cost it will be done every 3-5 yrs. or as needed. The goal is 30 deer/sq. mile in Hartman/Wyth complex. For 2023-2024 we had no flooding for the second time in two years, and continued into the fall and winter dry. After 30 years we are in the management stage for the Black Hawk County Deer Management Hunt. In 2013 there were 3 cases of Hemorrhagic Disease (HD) deer found in Black Hawk County. It is caused by a midge that bites the deer and kills it. Does not spread from deer to deer.

In 2012 Cedar Falls changed their hunting ordinance requiring all deer hunting in city limits to go through Black Hawk County DMZ. Elk Run Hts. has also added an ordinance and will be a part of the Black Hawk County DMZ hunt starting in 2013-14. There were 2 new zones added in 2016-17. Big Woods Lake Park and San Souci Island giving a total of 14 public zones. Hunting has not take place in UNI's Zone H since the 2017-18 season when UNI removed the zone from the DMZ.

We have a board that represents all entities and the hunters.

## **Spotlight Survey**

The cost of the survey is now the responsibility of the entities. It was decided in 2013 that the need for the aerial survey was most likely not needed every year and voted to go to every 3-5 yrs. or as needed. We are discussing the possibility of using drones to do the aerial survey. We started using spotlight surveys to get numbers in the different zones. We are also looking into drones and other aerial options.

Spotlight Survey 2023

114 Deer

48 Racoons

3 Opossums

1 skunk



| Table 1        |  | De | er Man | agement Hur    | n1 2023-20 | 124 |           |                   |    |                      |               |               |     |     |    |     |     |
|----------------|--|----|--------|----------------|------------|-----|-----------|-------------------|----|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| Park/Zone      | Season 1         Season           Oct. 9 Oct. 31         Nov. 1-Nov. |    |        | n 2 Season 3   |            |     | Seasoi    | ason 4 Total Does |    | Total Bucks          | Total 2023-24 | Total 2022-23 |     |     |    |     |     |
|                |  |    |        | Nov. 1-Nov. 12 |            |     | Nov. 13-E | Nov. 13-Dec. 3    |    | Dec. 4-Jan. 10, 2024 |               |               |     |     |    |     |     |
|                | doe  | bb | b      | doe            | bb         | b   | doe       | bb                | b  | doe                  | bb            | b             |     | bb  | b  |     |     |
| Geo. Wyth- A   | 2  | 0  | 0      | 9              | 0          | 2   | 2         | 0                 | 0  | 2                    | 0             | 0             | 15  | 0   | 2  | 17  | 13  |
| Geo. Wyth- B   | 1  | 0  | 0      | 2              | 0          | 2   | 2         | 0                 | 0  | 5                    | 0             | 0             | 10  | 0   | 2  | 12  | 11  |
| San Souci-N    | 0  | 0  | 0      | 2              | 1          | 0   | 1         | 1                 | 0  | 1                    | 0             | 0             | 4   | 2   | 0  | 6   | 2   |
| Subtotal       | 3  | 0  | 0      | 13             | 1          | 4   | 5         | 1                 | 0  | 8                    | 0             | 0             | 29  | 2   | 4  | 35  | 26  |
| added 2016-17  |  |    |        |                |            |     |           |                   |    |                      |               |               |     |     |    |     |     |
| Hartman-C      | 1  | 0  | 0      | 4              | 1          | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0  | 1                    | 0             | 0             | 6   | 1   | 0  | 7   | 4   |
| Sherwood-C1    | 0  | 0  | 0      | 3              | 0          | 1   | 3         | 0                 | 0  | 0                    | 0             | 0             | 6   | 0   | 1  | 7   | 2   |
| Private        | 1  | 0  | 0      | 2              | 0          | 1   | 0         | 0                 | 0  | 0                    | 0             | 0             | 3   | 0   | 1  | 4   | 3   |
| Subtotal       | 2  | 0  | 0      | 9              | 1          | 2   | 3         | 0                 | 0  | 1                    | 0             | 0             | 15  | 1   | 2  | 18  | 9   |
| Hart./Geo. W   |  |    |        |                |            |     |           |                   |    |                      |               |               |     |     |    |     |     |
| Subtotal       | 5  | 0  | 0      | 22             | 2          | 6   | 8         | 1                 | 0  | 9                    | 0             | 0             | 44  | 3   | 6  | 53  | 35  |
| Black Hawk-D   | 2  | 0  | 0      | 8              | 1          | 0   | 1         | 0                 | 0  | 4                    | 2             | 0             | 15  | 3   | 0  | 18  | 11  |
| Private        | 0  | 0  | 0      | 0              | 0          | 0   | 1         | 0                 | 0  | 0                    | 0             | 0             | 1   | 0   | 0  | 1   | 0   |
| Subtotal       | 2  | 0  | 0      | 8              | 1          | 0   | 2         | 0                 | 0  | 4                    | 2             | 0             | 16  | 3   | 0  | 19  | 11  |
| Green Belt-E   | 3  | 0  | 0      | 2              | 2          | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0  | 1                    | 0             | 0             | 6   | 2   | 0  | 8   | 10  |
| Green Belt-F   | 0  | 0  | 0      | 0              | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0  | 4                    | 0             | 0             | 4   | 0   | 0  | 4   | 0   |
| Green Belt-G   | 0  | 0  | 0      | 5              | 0          | 0   | 2         | 1                 | 0  | 1                    | 0             | 0             | 8   | 1   | 0  | 9   | 8   |
| Private        | 6  | 0  | 0      | 1              | 0          | 0   | 1         | 0                 | 0  | 0                    | 0             | 1             | 8   | 0   | 1  | 9   | 12  |
| Subtotal       | 9  | 0  | 0      | 8              | 2          | 0   | 3         | 1                 | 0  | 6                    | 0             | 1             | 26  | 3   | 1  | 30  | 30  |
| UNI-H          | N/A  | N  | /A     | N/A            | N/.        | Α   | N/A       | N <sub>i</sub>    | /A | N/A                  | N/            | /A            | N/A | N/a | Ą  | N/A | N/A |
| Subtotal       | N/A  | N  | /A     | N/A            | N/.        | A   | N/A       | N.                | /A | N/A                  | N/            | /A            | N/A | N/a | Ą  | N/A | WA  |
| Evansdale-J    | 0  | 0  | 0      | 1              | 0          | 0   | 3         | 1                 | 0  | 0                    | 0             | 0             | 4   | 1   | 0  | 5   | 3   |
| Evansdale-K    | 0  | 0  | 0      | 0              | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0  | 0                    | 0             | 0             | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| Private        | 1  | 0  | 0      | 2              | 0          | 0   | 2         | 0                 | 0  | 1                    | 0             | 0             | 6   | 0   | 0  | 6   | 10  |
| Subtotal       | 1  | 0  | 0      | 3              | 0          | 0   | 5         | 1                 | 0  | 1                    | 0             | 0             | 10  | 1   | 0  | 11  | 10  |
| Elk Run HtsL   | 0  | 0  | 0      | 0              | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0  | 0                    | 0             | 0             | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| Private        | 0  | 0  | 0      | 0              | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0  | 0                    | 0             | 0             | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| Subtotal       | 0  | 0  | 0      | 0              | 0          | 0   | 0         | 0                 | 0  | 0                    | 0             | 0             | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| Big Woods-M    | 1  | 0  | 0      | 1              | 0          | 0   | 1         | 0                 | 1  | 6                    | 0             | 0             | 9   | 0   | 1  | 10  | 10  |
| Subtotal       | 1  | 0  | 0      | 1              | 0          | 0   | 1         | 0                 | 1  | 6                    | 0             | 0             | 9   | 0   | 1  | 10  | 10  |
| added 2016-17  |  |    |        |                |            |     |           |                   |    |                      |               |               |     |     |    |     |     |
| Waterloo Priva | 5  | 0  |        | 3              | 1          | 1   | 4         | 0                 | 0  | 6                    | 1             | 2             | 18  | 2   | 4  | 24  | 18  |
| Cedar Falls Pr | 5  | 1  | 0      | 5              | 0          | 0   | 2         | 0                 | 0  | 4                    | 1             | 0             | 16  | 2   | 0  | 17  | 7   |
| Subtotal       | 10   | 1  | 1      | 8              | 1          | 1   | 6         | 0                 | 0  | 10                   | 2             | 2             | 34  | 4   | 4  | 41  | 25  |
| Grand Total    | 28   | 1  | 1      | 50             | 6          | 7   | 25        | 3                 | 1  | 35                   | 4             | 3             | 138 | 14  | 12 | 164 | 121 |

#### Plans for 2024-2025

The Black Hawk County Deer Management Board will have members from the cities of Waterloo, Cedar Falls, Evansdale, Elk Run Hts., UNI, Deer hunter representative Black Hawk County Conservation Board and Iowa DNR/George Wyth. The board will hold meeting a meeting after the season to go over issues and changes for the upcoming year and look at private properties being requested to hunt within city limits.

In 2023-24, 20 hunters qualified for any any-sex licenses. There were 19 hunters that completed all qualifications to purchase their license and 12 bucks were harvested. Katoski Greenbelt will not be included for the any-sex licenses. Any hunter that qualifies in Katoski will work with Lori to be put in a zone to harvest a buck. For 2024-2025 29 hunters qualified for the any sex license. This puts us in line with the rest of the urban hunts in the State of lowa.

To achieve the management goal of maintaining a deer population at less than 30 deer per/sq. mile, the Board will continue to review comments and suggestions from the public, hunters, wildlife biologists, and the park managers to structure the hunt and set harvest goals for the 2024-2025 season.

## **Thank You**

The Black Hawk County DMZ Board wishes to thank Karl Kozak, Lynn Koch and Hartman Staff for helping check-in deer for the 2023-24 season.

Whitey (Dennis) Johnson, Gene Winter, Mike Twente and Jeff Galpin, Mike Bair and JOhn Lappe for putting on the Bow Hunter Education Course Field Day. Also to Karl Kozak, Lynn Koch Whitey Johnson, Jeff Galpin and Mike Twente that helped with the field portion of the Bow proficiency tests.

## **History**

#### **Black Hawk County Deer Task Force**

In the summer and fall of 1991 neighbors of Hartman Reserve Nature Center wrote a letter to the mayor of Cedar Falls complaining about the impact of urban deer. Park officials were also noticing an increase in the number of deer within the urban parks.

The Black Hawk County Deer Task Force was formed in the fall of 1991 to review the status of the urban deer herd within Hartman Reserve Nature Center, George Wyth State Park and Black Hawk Creek Greenbelt and make recommendations as to their management. This report is an update and continuation of the Deer Task Force's first Progress Report (Fall 1991-Winter 1994).



#### **Studies**

The task force consisted of individuals from over twenty different organizations and included citizens and public officials. The task force initiated three studies:

- 1. Annual aerial **population count** using a helicopter.
- 2. A **browse impact** study using three exclosures.
- 3. A **movement study** using radio telemetry.

#### **Urban Deer Research Project**

A total of 57 does were radio-collared from 1993 to 1995 in George Wyth State Park and Hartman Reserve Nature Center. An additional 54 bucks were ear-tagged during the same period. All radio collared deer were located about once every 2 weeks. Visual reports were also recorded for both collared does and tagged bucks. Despite the urban environment, the collared deer exhibited movement and dispersal patterns similar to other studies. About 30% of the juvenile does and 5% of the adult deer left the park during the summer. Roughly half of these only traveled to the edge of the city. Several of these deer returned to the Hartman/Wyth complex during the winter months. Deer that stayed within Hartman/Wyth Complex appeared to have a high level of fidelity to specific areas.

Deer were often located in the same general area within each park.

A summary of these studies is provided in the first progress report prepared by the task force. The task force determined that the ecological balance of the parks would be impacted if the deer population was allowed to exceed 30 per square mile.

#### **Alternatives**

The task force reviewed over 60 different non-lethal and lethal options to manage the urban deer herd. The following are the options given the most attention:



**Birth Control** Rejected, it is very labor intensive,

expensive and it has never been proven to be effective on a free ranging deer herd.

Capture & Relocated

Rejected, it is very labor intensive, expensive and up to 90% of the deer die within the first year. Relocating deer could spread disease.

Capture & Kill

Rejected, it is very labor intensive and expensive and would require approval of the lowa DNR.

Controlled Hunt/ Private Property Required approval of the Iowa DNR, and the city councils of both Cedar Falls and Waterloo.

Controlled Hunt/ Public Lands

Uses volunteers and is inexpensive. Required approval of the Iowa DNR and the Waterloo City Council.

## **Population Problem**

On February 9, 1994 an aerial survey counted 95 deer in a 2.5 square mile zone which includes Hartman Reserve Nature Center, George Wyth State Park and adjacent private property. The zone includes the open space area along the Cedar River from San Souci Island to Roosevelt Street in Cedar Falls and is bounded by Highway 57 on the North and the bluff line along the river on the south. A total of 95 deer in 2.5 square miles is 38 deer per square mile. On April 4, 1994 the Black Hawk County Deer Task Force declared there was a deer population problem in the urban area.

## **Management Goal**

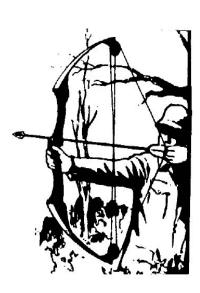
The Black Hawk County DMZ Board has set a goal of maintaining the deer herd in the Hartman/Wyth Complex at a maximum of 30 deer per square mile.

## **Management Plan**

To reduce the population, the task force recommended a controlled bowhunt within George Wyth State Park and Hartman Reserve Nature Center. To conduct this hunt it was necessary to create a Special Deer Management Zone. The Waterloo/Cedar Falls Special Deer Management Zone included most of Cedar Falls, Waterloo west of Highway 63, and Black Hawk Park north to County Road C-57. The Iowa DNR approved this request for the 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 seasons.

After a long public debate, the Waterloo City Council approved a modified request to allow bowhunting within Hartman Reserve Nature Center, George Wyth State Park and adjacent private lands included within the 2.5 square mile study area under a strict set of safety requirements in 1994 (see pages 15-16). A temporary exemption from their ordinance restricting the firing of "missiles" within the city limits was passed after 3 readings. The Waterloo City Council approved the same ordinance for the 1995-1996, and the 1996-1998 seasons. In 1997 the Waterloo Park Commission requested that the bowhunt be extended to the Leonard Katoski Greenbelt.

In 1998 the Waterloo City Council voted to remove the sunset date and approve the ordinance exemption. An existing Cedar Falls ordinance allowed bowhunting under specified conditions and provided for special use permits to be issued.



## The Black Hawk County Deer Management Team

The DMZ team is made up of public officials who represent a broad cross section of our community. The DMZ team meets one or two times a year to review the results of previous hunting seasons and to set policies and goals for the next hunting seasons. The DMZ team works in cooperation with the lowa DNR, local resource management agencies, and local government units in Black Hawk County.



# Rules, Procedures and Ethics Special Area Deer Management Zone Black Hawk County 2023-2024

- 1. George Wyth State Park, Hartman Reserve Nature Center, Black Hawk Park, Katoski Greenbelt, UNI, Evansdale and Elk Run Hts. have been divided into 14 zones. These zones are shown on available maps. The Special hunt in these zones has been separated into four seasons:
  - a. Oct. 9-Oct. 31 (weekdays until noon only)
  - b. November 1-November 12
  - c. November 13-December 3
  - d. December 4-January 10, 2024

All Antlerless Deer Management Zone Licenses will be sold through the Electronic Licensing System at George Wyth State Park Office beginning on September 20, 2024. (Hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone 232-5505)

- 2. Hunters must have completed an international BowHunter Education course ONCE.
- Hunters must pass the archery proficiency test. Hunters will shoot 5 arrows at each of the 4 stations and allowed only 1
  miss per station. Proficiency tests may be taken according to the attached schedule. Hunters must hunt with the same
  type of bow with which he/she qualified with.
- 4. If you wish to hunt on private lands within the Special Deer Management Zone, you must do the following:
  - a. Have official Landowner Permission Form letter filled out and signed by the landowner and hunter and a copy of an aerial map of the land with the boundaries shown. You must provide this map for approval even if you have hunted this area in previous years.

    https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?App=BlackHawkCountyIA&PageType=Search
  - b. Have approval of the site by an Iowa DNR Conservation Officer, Evansdale Police Chief, Cedar Falls PD and Elk Run Hts Mayor.
- 5. All hunters must attend one of the two informational meetings which have been set for Wednesday September 6 at 6 pm or Saturday September 16 at 10 at Black Hawk County Conservation office 1346 W. Airline Hwy Waterloo.
- 6. Hunters will be assigned to a season and zone within the Hartman/Wyth Complex, Black Hawk Park, Katoski Greenbelt, <del>UNI,</del> Evansdale & Elk Run Hts. If you do not fill your tag before the end of your season, contact the Zone Manager of the area you want to hunt. You may be able to continue hunting in another empty slot.
- 7. For 2024-25 hunters that harvest three (3) does in any of the public zones and approved private property will qualify for an any-sex license that will be used during the 2025-2026 season. The Katoski Greenbelt zones will not have bucks harvested there. These zones remain doe only. If you harvested three does you will work with Lori to go to a zone to harvest a buck. Wherever the hunter harvested the most does is where the hunter will be assigned to harvest their buck, EXCEPT Katoski Greenbelt. There will be no roaming.
- 8. All bows must be cased while in transit to the stand. No bow may be carried or displayed within 600 feet of any residence without the permission of the landowner (Waterloo City Ordinance).
- No driving or stalking of deer. The hunter must shoot from a stand (ground or tree) and be
   at least 25 yards from all designated trails, roads and public buildings. Hunters cannot shoot
   across a

road or trail. Katoski Greenbelt hunters cannot hunt within 75 yards of Greenbelt Lake. Evansdale hunters must be in elevated stand and 200 yards from residence/building

- 10. Shots limited to 20 yards or less.
- 11. Identify your target as an **antierless** deer before taking your shot.
- 12. Take only high percentage shots-Avoid Wounding Deer!
- 13. Know what is down range of your stand and make every effort to retrieve arrows.
- 14. The hunter shall report to the **check station at George Wyth State Park**, or make arrangements with Conservation Officers, Lori Eberhard or Karl Kozak for alternative locations with the deer within 24 hours after a deer has been harvested. If the hunter is unable to locate a wounded deer he/she should contact the manager in that zone, within 12 hours.
- 15. Hunters shall follow all state and county hunting laws including, but not limited to, **no screw-in tree steps**, **pins or nails** & no cutting of natural vegetation. **No baiting!**
- 16. If you take a deer and wish to continue hunting, contact George Wyth for an additional tag during normal business hours. Hunters may purchase up to three tags at first and are eligible to buy an additional tag for each deer they check-in.
- 17. Use proper field dressing techniques. Do not leave entrails in a conspicuous location.
- 18. Respect private property! Trespassing will **NOT** be tolerated. Locate park boundaries and stay on the public side.
- 19. Remove yourself from any harassment situation and immediately report the incident to a DNR Conservation Officer or a Zone Manager.
- 20. All tree stands used by DMZ hunters will display a tag on the platform (bottom of seat if no platform) & visible from the ground. Hunters can get extra tags if they have multiple stands. Any stands found without the tag will be removed from the area.
- 21. Report violators to the DNR conservation officers. Hunters charged with violations in the DMZ or other hunting related offenses will lose their hunting privileges in the DMZ hunt and could lose statewide hunting privileges as well.

#### Important Telephone Numbers (all 319 area code except where noted)

| lowa DNR Conservation Officers     |                          |                                    |                 |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Lynn Koch                          | 240-5034                 |                                    |                 |  |  |  |  |
| •                                  | George Wyth-Lori Eberhar | rd cell 269-6705                   | Black Hawk Park |  |  |  |  |
| Ranger – Karl Kozak 507-272-9783   | •                        |                                    |                 |  |  |  |  |
| George Wyth State Park-Office      | 232-5505                 |                                    |                 |  |  |  |  |
| George Wyth Chase Burtness         | (515)336-3300            | Nature Center Director-Amy Davison | 277-2187        |  |  |  |  |
| UNI Preserves Billie Hemmer        | <del>273-4427</del>      | Big Woods-Ben Rindels              |                 |  |  |  |  |
| City of Waterloo Leisure Services- |                          |                                    |                 |  |  |  |  |
| Todd Derifield                     | 291-4370                 | Evansdale Police Chief-Mike Dean   | 232-6682        |  |  |  |  |
| Cedar Falls- Kevin Cross           | 273-8629                 | Elk Run Hts. Mayor-                | 232-0020        |  |  |  |  |
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# Mark your calendars for the upcoming Black Hawk County Deer Management Hunt 2024-2025.

# International Bow Hunter Education Class

**Special instructions for All Students** 

This is a required field day for the Black Hawk County Deer Management Hunt.

1.Contact Lori Eberhard @ 319-269-6705 to receive a Bow Education book & bring the completed chapter reviews to the class

You have to register for the Bow Ed. Field Day
To register go to the following link
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If you have already taken this class you don't need it again

August 10, 2024 8:00-Noon Saturday Field Day
At Black Hawk Park

# **Proficiency Tests**

Wednesday September 11, 2024 4 pm-6 pm Wednesday September 11, 2024 6-7 Crossbows Saturday September 14, 2024 11:30 am-2 pm Saturday September 14, 2024 2 pm-3 pm Crossbows

at Black Hawk Park archery range.

You must pass one of these to participate.

Applications for 2024-25 will be available the 1st week of Aug. and the 2023-2024 Progress report can be found at: <a href="https://www.blackhawkcountyparks.com">www.blackhawkcountyparks.com</a>

Emails can be sent to:Lori.eberhard@dnr.iowa.gov

Informational Meetings For 2024 Wednesday September 4, 2024 6:00 pm Saturday September 14, 2024 10:00 am

at

Black Hawk County Conservation office 1346 W Airline Hwy You must attend one of these to participate in the DMZ hunt.



# **For More Information**

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