Selected/notified hunters may buy their managed deer hunting permit from any permit vendor, through the MO Hunting app or online. Only a Managed Deer Hunting Permit is valid; no other deer hunting permit of any type can be used to participate in this hunt. Deer taken at this hunt do not count toward the hunter’s season bag limit.

CAPE GIRARDEAU CITY
Archery without Atlatl - Managed Deer Hunt

This archery deer hunt is a joint effort of Cape Girardeau City and the Missouri Department of Conservation to provide hunting opportunity through sound wildlife management. The number of hunters is restricted to maintain quality yet allow adequate harvest of deer. Your cooperation in making this hunt a unique and pleasant experience will be appreciated. Cape Girardeau City is located approximately 119 miles south of St. Louis on Interstate 55. A map of the hunt site can be viewed at Managed Deer Hunt - City of Cape Girardeau.

1. Legal methods to harvest deer include only recurve bow, longbow, compound bow or crossbow. Please refer to 3 CSR 10-7.432 regarding conceal and carry regulations, this can be found on page 59 of the 2023 Deer & Turkey Leaflet.

2. Hunters must purchase a Managed Deer Hunting Permit to participate in this hunt. No other deer hunting permit of any type can be used at this hunt.

3. Participants must complete an approved hunter or bowhunter education course to participate in this hunt.

4. Included in this mailing/email, is a parking display card which must be filled out and placed in the windshield of his/her vehicle for identification while hunting in the area.

5. Hunters are required to attend a mandatory pre-hunt orientation. The orientation will be held Saturday, October 7, 2023, at the Osage Center at 10am. A map will be provided at this time once your hunting location is selected.

6. Hunters must be 18 years of age or older to participate in this hunt.

7. Hunters are not required to check in or out for this hunt. All the materials and information you need to participate in this hunt are enclosed except for the Managed Deer Hunting Permit.

8. Hunting is not allowed within 50 yards of park boundary. Do not place stands within 50 yards of the park boundary.

9. Hunters are required to hunt from an elevated stand. Portable tree stands may be placed on the first eligible day of the hunting period. Stands must be labeled with the hunter’s conservation number and hunt number, so they are visible by the viewer from the ground. Stands must be removed on or prior to the last eligible day of the hunting period. Attachment by use of nails or any materials that would damage trees is prohibited. In addition, all arrows taken to the field must be labeled with the hunter’s conservation number on the shaft.

10. Hunters are required to wear hunter orange during the managed hunt. This includes a hat and shirt, vest, or coat.

11. Legal shooting hours are from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. Hunters may take up to three (3) deer, but only one (1) antlered. Hunters must take and telecheck one (1) antlerless deer before taking an antlered deer. Your permit must be notched immediately after the harvest.

12. If you stay with your harvested deer, you don’t need to attach your notched permit to the animal, but you must keep your permit on hand. If you leave your harvest at any time, you must attach your permit to the leg of your deer.

13. By 10:00p.m. on the day of harvest all hunters must check deer using one of the telecheck methods, either by calling 800-314-6828 or mdc.mo.gov or using the MO Hunting App. Deer carcasses must be covered with a blanket or tarp, out of public view when transported from harvest location to vehicle and while the deer is in the vehicle.

14. All motor vehicles, including motorcycles, are restricted to maintained roads and parking lots. Parking is permitted only in designated parking lots or locations where vehicles will not obstruct traffic. The use of ATV’s is strictly prohibited.

15. Overnight parking or camping is not permitted.

16. If, for any reason, you will be unable to participate in this hunt or have additional questions contact Ty Metzger at 573-335-6621 ext. 1196.

ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES, STATUTORY LAW OR OTHER WILDLIFE REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF HUNTING PRIVILEGES AND REMOVAL FROM THE AREA.