



Wood County Park District Hunting by Permit Program Baldwin Woods Preserve and Cricket Frog Cove 2021 - 2022

* Due to Covid 19 our main office is closed to the public until further notice.

All applications must be mailed with the appropriate fees and your permit placard will be mailed back to you.

**** Rifles and handguns are NOT permitted to be used for hunting at either Park District public hunting locations. (Shotguns and muzzleloaders are permitted)****

By special agreement with ODNR Division of Wildlife, hunting is permitted at **Baldwin Woods Preserve and Cricket Frog Cove for small game and deer**, under specific guidelines subject to annual changes. Hunting is used as a land management tool while providing recreation to the public. This program will be reviewed annually to determine if it is appropriate to continue, or if changes are needed for the following year. Hunters enter the property at their own risk. Some hazards such as deep animal holes, tree roots, barbed wire fencing, piles of debris, and fallen trees can be found throughout park properties. Caution should be exercised.

BALDWIN WOODS

Baldwin Woods consists of approximately 126 acres of property located at the corner of Range Line and Euler Roads. There are approximately 80 acres of wooded area and 40 acres of grassland. It is the desire of the Board of Park Commissioners and the Park District staff to keep this land natural for propagating wild areas and protecting threatened plant species. The Park District has entered into a Wetland Reserve agreement with the federal government involving approximately 50 acres of land at Baldwin Woods. An eight-acre wetland was constructed at Baldwin Woods in 2000 to enhance the wildlife population, create diversity, and provide a resting area for migrating waterfowl. Waterfowl hunting is NOT permitted on the property.

PARKING

- Parking is allowed anywhere along Euler Road. Restroom facilities are NOT provided.

CRICKET FROG COVE

The area consists of approximately 160 acres located between Cygnet Road and Freyman Road bordered by Mitchell Road to the west. There are approximately 90 acres of wooded area and 70 acres of grassland and old pasture field. The Park District is presently working on a long-term improvement plan for Cricket Frog Cove. During the transition time of planning and implementation of the park plan, the Board of Park Commissioners has opened the property for hunting small game and deer.

PARKING

- Use parking lot off of Freyman Road. Restroom facilities are provided (porta-john).
- The service drive from the parking lot to the pond is CLOSED to vehicular traffic.
- NO HUNTING OFF OF OBSERVATION DECK

ALL HUNTERS MUST:

- Display the Wood County Park District hunting permit on your rearview mirror or on dashboard of vehicle.
- Meet hunter orange requirement during all hunting seasons. ALL HUNTERS MUST WEAR HUNTER ORANGE AT ALL TIMES, INCLUDING IN STANDS. This includes a minimum of a vest, coat, jacket or coveralls. ALL STANDS MUST HAVE AN ORANGE FLAG OR MARKER THAT MAKES THE STAND VISIBLE FROM 360 DEGREES FROM THE GROUND.
- ONLY non-toxic shot is permitted during small game season (such as steel shot).
- Waterfowl hunting NOT PERMITTED during any open duck or goose season. Waterfowl IS NOT considered small game.
- Shotgun slugs and black powder rifles ARE permitted during appropriate deer gun seasons.
- **Rifles and handguns are NOT permitted to be used for hunting.**
- Hunters 17 and under must register and hunt with a responsible, registered ADULT (fee will be waived for juveniles).
- Permits may not be transferred to another hunter.
- Pushing or driving of property is NOT permitted for deer hunting.
- Baiting for deer on Park District property is prohibited.

HUNTING DAYS for the 2021-2022 season are as follows:

- September 2 through October 31 – Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays ONLY (No hunting on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday).
- November, December, January, February - Monday through Saturday ONLY (No hunting on Sundays).
- Our hunting season ends at the end of February to follow the State's hunting season.

RESERVING A DATE TO HUNT - (First come first served).

- During the open hunting dates, FOUR (4) spaces per day, per park are available to *registered* hunters. Each hunter may bring one (1) *registered* hunting partner EXCEPT during Deer Gun and Deer Muzzleloader Season.
- During Deer Gun and Deer Muzzleloader Season, hunters must sign up individually - only ONE HUNTER PER SPACE will be permitted. No partners.
- Reservations accepted by phone *NO EARLIER* than ONE WEEK PRIOR to the day you desire to hunt. Same day reservations can be made providing there is space available. The park office is open Mon. – Fri. (419) 353-1897
- NO MORE THAN TWO (2) reservation days per week, per hunter. You can register 2 slots in one park or 1 slot in each.
- You must speak to a Park District employee to make your reservation. Messages left on the voice mail system will **NOT** be accepted as a reservation.
- The Park District reserves the right to close an area to hunting as needed.
Dog training dates will occur from September 1 through March 31 annually. Dog training prohibited May 1 through August 31 annually. From May through August, Baldwin Woods and Cricket Frog Cove provide a resting area for migrating birds during the mating season.

TREE STANDS

- NO permanent tree stands or permanent blinds are permitted.
- Climbing-type tree stands generally used for deer hunting are allowed.
- Tree stands and blinds must have the owner's name and address attached to the stand or blind. Engraving the tree stand is recommended because stickers and tags can be removed.
- Any tree stands and blinds left after 14 days of the end of the season may be confiscated.
- Chaining and padlocking tree stands is permitted (suggested).
- No nails, spikes, or screw steps may be used on trees.
- HUNTER ORANGE FLAG OR MARKER VISIBLE 360 DEGREES REQUIRED ON ALL STANDS/BLINDS.

Fall Prescribed Burns

Please Note: During prescribed fire season (September-December), hunters permitted to an area may be notified the evening before a prescribed fire and must remain out of the prescribed fire area until the fire activities have ended. Once notified of the completion of fire activities, the hunters will be permitted into the area.

The exact dates of prescribed fire activity are dependent on weather conditions. Very specific weather parameters must be met before conducting a successful prescribed fire, making it very difficult to plan fire dates in advance.

Ecological prescribed fires are an efficient and effective method to reduce woody growth, maintain open areas, and enhance wildlife habitat. It is also great for nutrient recycling and can increase stability and seed production of many native plants. It is proven to be essential in effectively restoring oak woodlands.

Any questions on the prescribed fire season may be directed to Adrien Lowien, Stewardship Department, 419-575-7339.

All Park District Rules and Regulations, Ohio Revised Code laws, and ODNR Hunting Regulations will be enforced.

NOTE: Park District Officers and ODNR Wildlife Officers make frequent inspections of the property to check permits. The Park District reserves the right to deny any application for just cause. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Board of Park Commissioners. All appeals must be in writing.

The phone number to contact a Park District Officer is **(419) 354 - 9001**

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