



July 31, 2020

James Bode
St. Paul Regional Water Services
1900 N. Rice St.
Saint Paul, MN 55113-6810

Dear James:

Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department requests permission to hold a special archery hunt at Vadnais-Sucker Regional Park on **Oct 26-28 and Nov 16-18, 2020**. This hunt is part of a deer herd reduction effort outlined in the Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department 2020 deer management program. The hunt is cooperative effort to keep the deer herd at a safe and healthy level.

The attached proposed hunt document details the conditions under which the requested hunt will be conducted.

Please contact me at (651) 748-2500 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Goodnature", enclosed within a large, loopy oval flourish.

Michael Goodnature
Natural Resources Manager

Attachments: 2020 Vadnais/Sucker Lake Park hunt details and map
2020 Ramsey County Cooperative Deer Management Program

Vadnais Lake Regional Park - Special Archery Hunt 2020

Vadnais Lake Regional Park's deer herd count in 2020 was 43 deer, which was slightly more than the previous survey of 41 conducted in 2019. The population still exceeds the carrying capacity of the land which is set at 18 deer. Ramsey County Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Regional Water authority and the City of Vadnais Heights would use a special permit archery hunt to maintain the deer herd in Vadnais Lake Park and surrounding area.

Details of the hunt would be:

1. The hunt will take place for two 3-day periods. The hunt dates would be **Oct 26-28 and Nov 16-18 which are on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays for both periods.**
2. Portions of the park will be closed during the hunts and the access points would be posted.
3. Notice of the hunt will be sent to the local papers and mailed to residents within 350 feet of the park boundary.
4. Archers will be required to have the DNR Archery Safety Class and take a proficiency test.
5. Archers will be selected through the Metro Bowhunters Resource Base (MBRB).
6. There will be 20 archers during each hunt period. Each archer can participate in both hunt periods.
7. Archers will be required to attend safety orientation and abide by all special rules.
8. Archers will be required to carry a signed Special Hunt permit and park in designated areas.
9. Archers will be required to stay within the hunt boundary, which is at least 300 feet away from adjacent homes and businesses. Map attached.
10. Archers must follow all state laws.

