

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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For more information, contact Fort Stevenson State Park, (337-5576),

Grahams Island State Park (766-4015) or Fort Ransom State Park (973-4331)

Hunting allowed in select state parks

Limited deer hunting is taking place in three North Dakota state parks in 2011 -- Fort Stevenson State Park near Garrison, Grahams Island State Park, southwest of Devils Lake and Fort Ransom State Park in the Sheyenne River Valley.

Beginning Oct. 1, bow hunting for antlered or antlerless deer will be permitted at **Fort Stevenson State Park**. Bow hunters wishing to hunt at the park must apply for a special park permit, available at the park office during regular business hours from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Hunters must present a valid North Dakota bow license and unused tag to receive the special park permit. There is no charge for the special permits, which will be issued on a first come, first serve basis, but hunters must display a current park entrance permit on their vehicles while on park land. For further information, contact Fort Stevenson State Park at 337-5576.

Hunters can harvest deer at **Grahams Island State Park** during the bow, gun and muzzleloader seasons. Grahams Island will also be open for turkey hunting beginning Oct. 8. Again, hunters must have the appropriate licenses, a park entrance permit on their vehicle, and a special park hunting permit to hunt in the park.

The permits, issued on a first-come, first-served basis, are available at the park office during regular business hours from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. A special park hunting permit is not necessary to hunt deer or turkey in a 275 acre tract, Unit 7, located on the west edge of Grahams Island State Park.

Grahams Island State Park will be closed to all visitors except hunters during the deer gun season from Nov. 4 through Nov. 20. For further information, contact Grahams Island State Park at 766-4015.

Fort Ransom State Park allows deer hunting during the regular deer gun season beginning Nov. 4 and concluding Nov. 20.

Hunters must have tags for Unit 2 G1 along with a special park hunting permit which is issued by Fort Ransom State Park staff. The area of the park open to hunting will be the northern two-thirds of the park. Hunters have to pay the park entrance fee, unless they have an annual state park permit. ATVs are prohibited along with deer stands or off-road travel by any motorized travel.

After deer gun season, the entire park is open to hunting deer with a bow. A valid bow license from North Dakota Game and Fish is required. Bow hunters must get a special park deer hunting permit from park staff prior to hunting in the park. The vehicle entrance fee is required.

For more information about Fort Ransom State Park contact the park at 701-973-4331.

Hunting is not permitted in any other state parks. State parks with year-round staff are open for late season camping, with reduced services. More information about North Dakota State Parks can be found at www.parkrec.nd.gov.