
Procedure 2-116
HUNTING AND TRAPPING IN WHITE RIVER COUNTY PARK

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2-116.01 Purpose. The purpose of this procedure is to establish a permitting process for hunting and trapping in the White River County Park (Park), which is governed by Walworth County Ordinance Chapter 42, Parks and Recreation, section 42.1(d), Rules for County Parks and Trails. Hunting and trapping are required to be permitted under the terms of a DNR Stewardship Grant awarded to the county to acquire the park in 2014.


2-116.02 Permits. No hunting or trapping shall be allowed without a permit.

A. Hunting permits

1. Permits will be issued between 7:00 and 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, at the Public Works Department, W4097 County Road NN, Elkhorn. The permit application may be viewed online, but interested hunters/trappers must apply in person. Applicants must furnish their identification and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) hunting licenses.
2. There is no fee for the permit.
3. Permits will only be issued for four specific days at a time, and are only valid for the dates listed on the permit.
4. The permit application, Form 2-116-A, is required to be submitted online or in person to the Public Works Department.
5. Using the WDNR recommended standard of two hunters per 40 acres, there will be a maximum of eight (8) permits issued per day during all open hunting season.
6. Permits must be carried at all times when hunting on Park property and shall be displayed if requested by a law enforcement officer.
7. All WDNR hunting rules apply, as well as Walworth County Park ordinances.

B. Trapping permits

1. Permits will be issued between 7:00 and 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, at the Public Works Department, W4097 County Road NN, Elkhorn. The permit application may be viewed online, but interested hunters/trappers must apply in person. Applicants must furnish their identification and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) trapping licenses.
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3. the permit application, Form 2-116-A, is required to be submitted online or in person to the Public Works Department.
4. Permits must be carried at all times when trapping on Park property and shall be displayed if requested by a law enforcement officer.
5. All WDNR trapping rules apply, as well as Walworth County Park ordinances.

2-116.03 Special Regulations.

A. Hunting

1. Only the permitted hunter is allowed to carry a firearm or bow for use in filling his/her tags. The shooting of game for others is prohibited. The hunter may be accompanied by one other person. The other person may not chase or drive animals during the hunt, but may supervise (Youth Hunt) or assist (Hunters with Disabilities Hunt), film the hunt or accompany the hunter as a spectator.
2. Hunters are to assume that hikers will be on the trails and boaters will be on the White River, regardless of posting.
3. Hunters may not hunt within 300 feet of a building, or 50 feet of the property line.
4. A map of the Park area will be attached to the permit. It is the hunter's responsibility to ensure that he/she does not trespass on private property.
5. Baiting for any reason is prohibited.
6. Tree stands/blinds may be used, but cannot be left up overnight. No nails, screws or any device that could damage trees are allowed. The cutting of tree limbs is prohibited.
7. The cutting of trails to hunting stands is prohibited.
8. ATVs and other motorized vehicles are prohibited unless for hunters with disabilities, as authorized by the Director of Central Services.
9. Target shooting is prohibited.
10. Permitted hunters are obligated to report any non-permitted hunters or illegal and restricted activities at the Park to the Walworth County Sheriff's Office.
11. Hunters are not allowed in the Park earlier than one hour before sunrise or later than one hour after sunset.
12. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
13. Camping and fires are not allowed.
14. Hunting shall be limited to shotgun, muzzle loader, pistol, bow and arrow or crossbow.

B. Trapping

1. The permit is only valid for the dates listed on the permit.
2. Trappers are to assume that hikers will be on the trails and boaters will be on the White River, regardless of posting.

3. A map of the Park area will be attached to the permit. It is the trapper's responsibility to ensure that he/she does not trespass on private property.
4. The cutting of trails to traps is prohibited.
5. ATVs and other motorized vehicles are prohibited unless for trappers with disabilities, as authorized by the Director of Central Services.
6. Permitted trappers are obligated to report any non-permitted trappers or illegal and restricted activities at the Park to the Walworth County Sheriff's Office.
7. Trappers are not allowed in the Park earlier than one hour before sunrise or later than one hour after sunset.
8. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
9. Camping and fires are not allowed.