



Block Island State Land (Black Rock/Rodman's Hollow) Lottery Deer Hunt Application Information



Summary

The deer management objective on Block Island is to reduce the deer population. The Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) maintains a lengthy deer season and unlimited antlerless deer bag limit in Zone 4 aimed at achieving this management objective. There are four separate, four-daylong (Tuesday-Friday) segments open to deer hunting on the Black Rock/Rodman's Hollow parcel from late January through February. Given the size (119 acres) and shape of the parcel, each segment allows no more than six hunters. We are currently seeking to reduce the deer populations and the goal is to fill all 24 permits.

All applications will be submitted online through the licensing website <https://rio.ri.gov/> or at DEM Licensing office at 235 Promenade Street, Providence. Applications cannot be submitted at license vendors such as Walmart or via paper copy mailed to the office.

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1. Hunters must have a current valid hunting license and active email to apply.
 - a. Hunters will be notified of lottery results via email.
2. Deer hunting only allowed; no hunting for any other species and/or no other activities permitted. Hunters must follow deer hunting seasons and regulations for Zone 4, including the purchase of zone 4 deer permits, and any additional requirements of the permit.
3. The only state land parcels included in this hunt are the Black Rock/Rodman's Hollow state lands.
4. Hunters are required to have their hunting license, their BI lottery permit, and zone 4 deer permits listed on it and a photo ID in their possession at all times while hunting.
5. Hunters are required to fill out a daily hunting record log for the entire segment. The daily hunting record must be completed at the conclusion of the season (by March 1st). **Failure to complete hunting records to the Division of Fish & Wildlife will result in your disqualification from the next year's hunt.**
6. Any hunter failing to comply with any provision of this cooperative will result in loss of permit.

Note: As most hunters that apply to hunt are from off island, there are logistical challenges. Given these logistic required to hunt Block Island, groups of hunters often apply together to help reduce the individual cost of transportation and lodging. In an attempt to fill all 24 slots available to hunters, a preference will be given to group applications. If you are selected in the lottery, but cannot hunt for any reason at anytime, please notify dylan.ferreira@dem.ri.gov.

Definitions

1. Application: Groups and individuals will submit applications online to obtain a permit to hunt Black Rock/Rodman Hollow State property.
2. Segment: A four-day time period in which a hunter or group of hunters can apply to hunt. There are four segments in total.
3. Permit: There are six permits available within each four-day segment. There are 24 total permits available. Each hunter can only obtain one permit.
4. Individual: One hunter
5. Groups: Two-six hunters

6. Group leader: The hunter whose Customer ID will be used as the group number.
7. Group member: Completes an entire application. They must enter their group number to join the group.
8. Group number: This number is the group leader's Customer ID. It is to be used for group members to join groups.

2024 Dates

- January 23rd – 26th, 2024
- January 30th – February 2nd, 2024
 - February 6th – 9th, 2024
 - February 13th – 16th, 2024

Group Application Instructions

1. Groups must identify one group leader. The group leader's Customer ID will be the group number.
2. If you are the group leader select "I am the Group Leader".
 - a. This will automatically populate the group number text box with your Customer ID.
3. If you are a group member, to join a group, enter the group number (the Group Leader Customer ID) to join the group. Continue to segment choices.
4. All group members must submit one application to join their group.
 - a. I.e., if there are four members of the group, all four members must submit their own application to the group.
5. Select your group's first choice four-day segment. This is your group's most desired four-day segment.
6. If that is the only four-day segment your group is willing to hunt, proceed to finish and submit your application.
7. If your group is willing to hunt in one of the other four-day segments if your group's first choice was not available, select up to three additional four-day segments your group would be willing to hunt.
 - a. This will greatly increase your group's odds of being selected to hunt.
 - b. All group choices must be the same amongst the group.
8. Individuals of groups may also submit one individual application in addition to their one group application to be selected to hunt as an individual if their group is not selected.

Individual Application Instructions

1. Individuals shall only submit one application.
2. Leave group number blank.
3. Select your first choice four-day segment. This is your most desired four-day segment.
4. If that is the only four-day segment you are willing to hunt, proceed to finish and submit your application.
5. If you are willing to hunt in one of the other four-day segments if your first choice was not available, select up to three additional four-day segments you would be willing to hunt.
 - a. This will greatly increase your odds of being selected to hunt.

Lottery Operation

1. The lottery will attempt to fill all segments in this order via random drawing,
 1. Groups
 2. Individuals without a group application
 3. Individuals who also submitted group applications, but their group was not selected.

If you have additional questions, please contact Dylan Ferreira at dylan.ferreira@dem.ri.gov.