



NOTICE

Deer Herd Reduction at Rondeau Provincial Park

A deer herd reduction will be conducted by the Delaware Nation of Moraviantown at Rondeau Provincial Park.

The deer herd reduction will occur on November 9, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 29, and 30 and December 7. The November 12-30 herd reduction dates are half days from one half hour before sunrise until 12 noon. The November 9 and December 7 herd reductions are full days from one half-hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset.

Deer are a natural and valued part of the park's ecosystem and it is recognized that deer must always be present in Rondeau Provincial Park. However, Rondeau's current high deer population is having major undesirable effects on the park's vegetation and other valued wildlife species.

Provisions for wildlife management activities, such as deer herd reductions, are provided for in the park management plan that was developed through public consultation.

In the interest of public safety, the park will be closed to the general public for the duration of the deer herd reduction. Access points will be monitored, and public entry will be prohibited.

Public safety is the primary concern of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and several other safety measures have been put in place including:

- Only rifles will be used to conduct the DHR.
- Members of the Delaware Nation will be stationary using ground blinds and tree stands.
- Park staff will be on site during the deer herd reduction.
- Notices will be posted at the park entrances.

All Delaware Nation members participating in the deer herd reduction will be made aware of the mandatory safety protocols to make every effort to ensure a safe and humane harvest of the deer.

For safety reasons, during the deer herd reduction, we ask that you do not enter the park and to comply with all posted notices.

If you require additional information on this First Nation harvest, please contact Brad Connor, Park Superintendent at (519) 674-1760.