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**DLNR ANNOUNCES 2023 BLACK-TAILED DEER SEASON ON KAUA'I**

LIHU'E -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) announces the opening of the black-tailed deer hunting season on the island of Kaua'i. Rules and conditions regulating game mammal hunting in Title 13, Chapter 123 will be in effect. For hunt details go to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife website at <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/>

HUNTERS MAY APPLY FOR ALL THREE (3) HUNTS:

Hunting Season	Unit(s) Open to Hunting	Season Duration	Season Bag Limit
Archery	Hunting Unit F	September thru December; Daily	One deer of either sex per archery tag hunter per license year
	Hunting Units J, and K	September 2 to December 31, 2023; Saturday, Sunday, and State Holidays	
	Hunting Unit D (Archery only)	June through August; weekends and State holidays	
	Hunting Unit D (Regular pig hunting season)	September through December; weekends and State holidays	
	Hunting Unit L	July 1 <sup>st</sup> - August 27, 2023; Saturday and Sunday ONLY	
Muzzle-load Rifles Only	Hunting Unit A	September 2-3, 2023	One deer per muzzle-load hunter/license year. Unit A: one antlered buck, fork-horn or better. Units B; one deer of either sex Units L; one deer of either sex
	Hunting Unit B (Regular pig hunting season)		
	Hunting Unit L		
Regular Rifle	Hunting Unit A	Seven (7) consecutive weekends; lottery; <u>Unit A &amp; L</u> September 16 <sup>th</sup> to October 29, 2023, Saturday and Sunday ONLY <u>Unit B</u> September 15 <sup>th</sup> to October 30, 2023, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Mondays	One deer per rifle tag hunter per license year. <b>Unit A:</b> one antlered buck, fork-horn or better. <b>Units B;</b> one deer of either sex <b>Units L;</b> one deer of either sex
	Hunting Unit B		
	Hunting Unit L (Muzzleload ONLY)		
	Hunting Units E1, and H	Year Round, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and State Holidays	*Annual permit required See Chapter 123, Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting for more details
	Hunting Unit E2	Year Round; Daily	

All archery and muzzleload permits may be purchased online at <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov/public/tags> or in person at 3060 Eiwa Street Ste.306 Lihue, HI 96766. For more information on the access, please call the Kauai Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) office at 274-3433

**Unit L (WAIMEA HEIGHTS HUNTING AREA)**

Unit L will be open to archery and muzzleload hunting of black-tailed deer and feral pig. Maps showing the hunting area boundaries and hunter checking stations are available in the Lihue DOFAW office and west Kauai hunter checking stations. Access into the area will be by foot or horseback. Hunters hunting in Unit L may check-in either at Waimea Heights or Mango Tree hunter checking stations (HCS). Vehicles shall not enter the hunting area, except when used for official business by the department or the landowner.

**ARCHERY ONLY SEASON:** Resident archers interested in hunting in Units D, F, J, K and L for black-tailed deer will be charged \$5.00 for their deer archery tag (\$25.00 non-resident hunter). The deer archery season will be in Hunting Unit F, from September 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31, 2023, daily. Archery hunting in Unit J and K is from

September 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 31, 2023 on Saturday, Sundays and state holidays only. Unit L archery season will start on July 2<sup>nd</sup> thru August 27, 2023 on Saturday and Sundays ONLY. Hunters may either check-in at the Waimea Heights, Mango Tree or Koke'e hunter check-in stations. The bag limit will be one deer of either sex per archer per season.

A successful bow-hunter who has bagged a deer will have filled their deer archery bag limit; however, archers may continue to take pig and goat through the duration of the deer archery only season. The bag limit will be one pig and one goat per archer per hunting day. The use of dogs is prohibited during the deer archery only seasons.

**MUZZLELOADER ONLY SEASON:** The deer muzzleloader tag season will be in Hunting Units A, B and L on September 2-3, 2023. Permits will be \$5.00 for resident and \$25.00 for non-residents.

The bag limit in Units B and L will be one (1) deer of either sex per muzzle-load hunter per license year. The bag limit in Unit A will be one (1) antlered deer, fork horn or better per hunter per license year. Feral pig hunting in Unit A during the deer season is **closed** for hunting. Feral Pig is **open** for hunting in Unit B and L during the deer season.

Unit A hunters must check-in at the Koke'e, Puu Opae or Mana Tunnels hunter check-in stations. A successful muzzleloader hunter who has bagged a deer will have filled their deer season bag limit but may accompany their hunting group without a firearm for the duration of the muzzleloader season. The use of dogs is prohibited during the deer muzzleloader only season.

**REGULAR RIFLE SEASON:** The regular rifle tag season for deer will be in Hunting Units A, and Unit L for seven (7) consecutive weekends beginning on September 16<sup>th</sup> and ending October 29, 2023. Unit B regular rifle tag season for deer will be in seven (7) consecutive weekends beginning on September 15<sup>th</sup> and ending October 30, 2023. Applications are available at various Kauai vendors, all hunter check stations and online at: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/files/2023/07/DEER-rifle-app-23.pdf>. Each Hawai'i resident hunter will be charged \$15.00 which includes processing the lottery application and rifle tag (\$30.00 for non-resident hunter). Each hunter applicant will be drawn for two (2) weekends; one weekend in Unit A or Unit L and one weekend in Unit B.

The bag limit In Unit A will be one (1) antlered deer, fork horn or better per hunter per license year. Feral pig hunting will be closed in Unit A during the deer season. Unit A hunters must check-in at the Koke'e hunter check-in stations. A successful hunter who has bagged a deer will have filled their season bag limit but may accompany their hunting group without a firearm for the duration of the season. The use of dogs is prohibited during the deer rifle season.

Hunters hunting Unit L will be limited to muzzleload rifles ONLY. Hunters wishing to hunt deer in Unit L will be allowed to take one deer of either sex and one feral pig. Maps showing the hunting boundary and check-in station locations are available at the Lihu'e DOFAW office and west Kaua'i hunter check-in stations.

The bag limit in Unit B will be one (1) deer of either sex per hunter per license year. Feral pig hunting will be open in Unit B during the deer season. Dogs are permitted in Unit B while hunting. Unit B hunters must check-in at Koke'e hunter check-in stations. De-boning of deer will be allowed ONLY for hunters hunting in the Mokihana ridge section of Unit B. All hunters are required to preserve their game in a condition that will enable the identification of sex and species.

**Hunting Units E-1, E-2 and H:** Permits may be purchased online at <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov/public/tags> or in person at 3060 Eiwa Street Ste.306 Lihue, HI 96766. The permit allows the taking of deer of either sex, feral pig and feral goat. There is a \$10.00 annual fee for resident hunters and \$25.00 for non-resident hunters.

**The application deadline for the regular deer rifle tag season is 3:30 p.m. Friday, August 4, 2023.** The public drawing will be held at the Lihu'e State office building, second floor conference room 209 on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Lottery results will not be given over the telephone. Hunters are encouraged to attend the public drawing to determine the results or wait for their validated tags to be mailed to them. The Lihu'e Division of Forestry and Wildlife office will post the results after the public drawing.

All deer hunters (archery, muzzle-loader and regular rifle) are required to carry their deer tag(s) and valid hunting license on their person at all times while in the hunting area. Deer tags are non-transferable between hunters. There will be no make-up weekends or standby permits. Deer tag(s) must be fastened to the carcass immediately after taking a deer. Successful deer hunters are to bring their animal carcass to the Koke'e or

Pu'u 'Opae hunter check station for weighing and examination. All hunters are required to preserve their game in a condition that will enable the identification of sex and species. **No skinning or de-boning of deer carcasses will be permitted in hunting area.** However, hunters will be allowed to halve or quarter their animal.

All other requirements contained in Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting" apply to the Kaua'i deer hunting season. **For more information, please call the nearest Division of Forestry and Wildlife office on your island:**

Kaua'i 274-3433	O'ahu 587-0166	Maui 984-8100	Moloka'i 533-1745
Lana'i 565-7916	Hilo 933-4221	Kamuela 887-6063	