

PUBLIC NOTICE
2017 City of Hoyt Lakes Special Archery Deer Hunt

Hunt Plan:

- The City of Hoyt Lakes will implement its' third archery deer hunt for 2017.
- Focus will be antlerless deer harvest to continue reduction of the local population.
- The archery hunt was approved by the City Council on March 27, 2017.
- Hunt area = Approximately 2,198 acres.
- 90-day special archery deer hunt running concurrently with northeast Minnesota's 2017 archery season.
- Dates for 2017 will be September 16 to December 31.
- Up to 25 archery hunters (Drawing if necessary); \$15.00 fee if chosen.
- Crossbows will be allowed consistent with state-wide regulations.
- Bag Limit – One buck state-wide, regardless of method or where you hunt and four (4) additional antlerless deer in managed harvest permit area to decrease population.
- A proficiency test will be required.
- Hunt boundaries are the City of Hoyt Lakes city limits (Map and further information available at City Hall).
- Some areas closed for safety concerns.
- Private property - need landowner permission.

Reasons:

- Implement a cost-effective, safe strategy to reduce deer population for the long term.
- Reduce the potential for disease due to over population.
- Increase hunting pressure on antlerless deer to decrease reproduction.
- Reduce vehicle collisions and property damage.
- Reduce garden, tree and shrub damage.
- Disperse deer concentrations within the Hoyt Lakes City limits.
- Reduce the "Refuge Effect"-Movement of deer into town during firearms season.
- 'Managed' designation to focus on additional antlerless harvest.

The 2017 Minnesota Hunting & Trapping Regulations can be found at mndnr.gov and/or [facebook.com/mnwildlife](https://www.facebook.com/mnwildlife). Thank you.

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City Clerk

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