

WELCOME TO THE TREASURE LAKE WILDLIFE COMMITTEE PAGE

Hunting

Hunting is available in the Pennsylvania State Game Lands, adjacent to Treasure Lake.

Wildlife Management Program

The Wildlife Committee was formed to address wildlife concerns and the overpopulation of the deer herd in our suburban community. Treasure Lake property had not been hunted for some 40 years and, as a result, the deer herd grew out of control. Deer overpopulation caused extensive property damage in addition to severe degradation of the forest that surrounds our property. Regeneration of trees and other plant life was nonexistent. The deer themselves also suffered. Many deer died of starvation in the harsh winter months because no food was present. Property owners' shrubbery became the target of starving deer.

In the fall of 2006, the first archery management program was conducted in Treasure Lake with the approval of the Treasure Lake Board of Directors. This was the first step in controlling the deer herd within our community.

In 2009, the Board of Directors approved an additional management program allowing flintlock primitive firearms. Because of the overpopulation problem, Treasure Lake falls under the PA Game Commission's DMAP program for herd control. An additional number of antlerless permits are available based on the management plan to control the deer herd.

The Wildlife Management Committee enlists the help of Penn State University's Cooperative Extension Service to perform a pellet count and browse study every other year. This study projects herd size and area density, which directs us in our harvest planning. This study is also a measurement of the effectiveness of the management hunts.

Even though our goal is to control the deer herd, our primary concern is for the safety of the residents in Treasure Lake. Both management programs take place in pre-determined areas of Treasure Lake. The flintlock program takes place in the most remote, secluded 1200 acres in the Lake. Specific participant rules are in place to ensure there are no hunter/resident conflicts. The Committee takes this responsibility very seriously.

Management programs such as this require yearly participation and monitoring. This is the most cost effective and scientifically proven means to control an overpopulation problem. The Committee is proud to say the cost to Treasure Lake residents is zero. With the support of the Treasure Lake Board of Directors and the residents of Treasure Lake, we will continue to control the deer herd in our community.

In addition to facilitating the management programs, the Wildlife Committee also assists the Treasure Lake Board of Directors with other concerns where wildlife is involved. If you have any questions concerning the Wildlife Committee or the management program, you may email questions to gencon4@hotmail.com

The Committee would also like to remind residents that feeding deer and other wild animals in Treasure Lake is against the bylaws set forth. Feeders, salt blocks, mineral licks and similar

feeding stations are not permitted and subject to a fine. These types of devices draw deer, bear, and other animals to the residential areas.

NEW AND PRIOR YEAR PARTICIPANTS (Treasure Lake Property Owners) Complete the application below. Copy and paste the completed application in an email and send it to this address: gencon4@hotmail.com You may participate in both management programs. Applications MUST be received by June 30th in order to participate. See requirements below.

NEW APPLICANTS (Non Property Owners) The flintlock program is closed to non-residents. There are a limited number of spots available in the archery program. To be considered for a spot, please email your name, address, phone number, and a brief statement of your archery background, years archery hunting, etc. You will be contacted if a spot is available. Email to: gencon4@hotmail.com See requirements below.

FOR PRIOR YEAR NON RESIDENT PARTICIPANTS: You will be contacted to complete an application. Participation in the program will be determined.

PRIOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS: Below you will find the end of the year survey. You are required to complete the survey and return it via email by the end of March. The survey is required to participate the following year. The information helps direct us in our planning for the following year. Email to:gencon4@hotmail.com

Requirements to participate (Archery) 1) You must have completed a Bow Hunter Education program in PA or other state, and be in possession of the BHE card. 2) You must complete a broadhead proficiency test prior to participation. 3) You must attend an annual pre-hunt orientation to review the specific rules, approved areas, and obtain DMAP applications. 4) You must be a resident in good standing if you are a TL property owner. Nonresidents must have a property owner (in good standing) sign his/her application each year.

Requirements to participate (Flintlock) 1) You must be a Treasure Lake property owner in good standing. 2) You must be a member, or join the Treasure Lake Sportsman's Club, and complete the range safety course. (This is required to take the marksmanship exam) 3) You must complete a flintlock marksmanship exam. 4) You must attend an annual pre hunt orientation.

You are required to complete the following survey at the end of each year. This survey is for both management hunts in Treasure Lake. Answer questions pertaining to your participation. Once you have completed the survey, attach and email it to gencon4@hotmail.com The survey MUST be completed and received by March 31st. This is a REQUIREMENT for participation the following year.

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