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**Press Release**

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**2024 lottery deer hunt at Chester Woods Park**

**ROCHESTER, Minn.** – The Olmsted County Parks department will open Chester Woods Regional Park to a limited number of deer hunters during the shotgun season of November 23, 2024 – December 1, 2024. The purpose of the hunt is to harvest enough animals to keep the herd healthy and manageable. Forty hunters will be selected by lottery, and each will be required to obtain at least one disease management harvest tag allowing the taking of additional antlerless deer.

The lottery drawing will be held on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 8 a.m. Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by mail or email.

Registration forms for the drawing are available on the official Olmsted County website at: [2024 Deer Hunt Lottery Registration form](https://www.olmstedcounty.gov/residents/parks-recreation/recreation/controlled-hunting-opportunities) or by calling 507-328-7070. Applications must be received by the Parks department no later than 5 p.m. on September 20, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact the Olmsted County Parks department at 507-328-7070.

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**About Olmsted County**

Olmsted County is the seventh largest county in the state of Minnesota with eight cities (Rochester being the largest), 18 townships, and approximately 163,440 residents. The county is governed by seven individuals elected to serve on the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners, and county services are supported by approximately 1,300 Olmsted County government employees working to build a sustainable foundation for a safe, healthy, and welcoming community through public service excellence. For more information, visit [www.olmstedcounty.gov](http://www.olmstedcounty.gov/).