FRONEK FARM RECREATION AREA

Property Use Policy

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The purpose of this policy is to establish a limited, permit-only hunting opportunity at the Fronek Farm Recreation Area to provide access to individuals who may have limited opportunity to hunt on other lands, including youth, seniors, individuals with mobility-limiting disabilities, and Veterans. This policy further serves to recognize these groups while protecting wildlife populations and limiting hunting pressure on the limited acreage of the property.

This policy shall be administered and enforced under Chapter 16 – Forestry, Parks and Recreation of the Langlade County Code of Ordinances.

ELIGIBILITY

Hunting permits at the Fronek Farm Recreation Area shall be issued only to individuals who meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria at the time of application:

1. The applicant is under sixteen years of age.
2. The applicant is sixty-five years of age or older.
3. The applicant has a disability that substantially limits mobility.
4. The applicant is a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces and provides proof of Veteran status.

All permittees must possess valid State of Wisconsin hunting licenses and tags as required by law prior to issuance of a county permit.

PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Hunting at the Fronek Farm Recreation Area shall be allowed by County-issued permit only. Each permit shall specify the assigned hunting blind, authorized access route, and the dates and times during which the permit is valid. Permits are non-transferable and valid only for the individual named on the permit.

The permittee must be the individual who harvests any animal taken under authority of the permit.

HUNTING BLINDS AND WEEKLY LIMITS

The Fronek Farm Recreation Area contains three designated hunting blinds. No more than three permits shall be issued per permit period for deer season, corresponding to the number of blinds available, and one per period for turkey season. Each permittee shall be assigned to a specific blind and may hunt only from that assigned blind during the authorized period.

DEER HUNTING

Deer hunting permits may be issued beginning at the opening weekend of the State of Wisconsin archery deer season and continuing through the last weekend in December. Up to three permits may be issued per week, subject to blind availability.

Each permit shall be valid for one seven-day permit period**,** corresponding to the assigned hunting blind and dates specified on the permit.

Permit periods shall begin on Saturday and conclude on the following Friday, until the last season, in which it will conclude on that last Sunday.

An individual may receive one deer hunting permit at a time**.** After the permittee's assigned week has concluded, the individual may apply for an additional permit for a later week if permits remain available**.** Additional permits shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis and may not be reserved in advance of the completion of the permittee's previously assigned week.

Only one deer may be harvested from the Fronek Farm Recreation Area by a permittee per calendar year. All hunting activities must comply with current State of Wisconsin hunting laws and regulations.

TURKEY HUNTING

Turkey hunting permits may be issued for each Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources spring turkey hunting period**.** No more than one permit may be issued during any approved hunting period. Only one turkey may be harvested per permit. All hunting activities must comply with current State hunting laws and regulations.

ASSISTANTS

One assistant may accompany the permittee. The assistant is permitted to enter and remain inside the assigned hunting blind with the permittee but may not possess or use a weapon. The assistant must comply with all access restrictions and remain within the assigned blind or designated access route. Youth hunters must comply with all State-required supervision regulations.

ACCESS AND VEHICLE USE

Motor vehicle, ATV, UTV, and other recreational vehicle access shall be limited to routes identified on the permit. Off-route vehicle travel is prohibited. Access during hunting periods is restricted to the assigned blind and designated travel corridor specified on the permit.

HARVEST LIMIT AND REPORTING

Only one deer or one turkey may be harvested per permit. The permittee must be the individual harvesting the animal. Permittees must report harvested animals to the Department and may submit a photograph of the permittee with the harvested animal.

NON-MOTORIZED RECREATION

Non-motorized recreational activities, including hiking, wildlife observation, berry and mushroom collection, skiing, snowshoeing, and other pedestrian uses, are permitted only during the periods of January 1 through March 14 and June 1 through August 31. Non-motorized recreation is not permitted during active deer or turkey hunting periods.

ADMINISTRATION

Permits shall be issued by the Langlade County Forestry, Parks and Recreation Department on a first-come, first-served basis, unless the Department implements the application and scoring system described in the Future Use section due to demand exceeding available permits. Permits shall be issued beginning July 1, subject to blind availability. Applicants must provide proof of eligibility and proof of a valid State hunting license prior to permit issuance. The Department reserves the right to deny, revoke, or suspend a permit for violation of this policy or applicable laws.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Individuals participating in hunting activities at the Fronek Farm Recreation Area assume all risks associated with hunting and outdoor recreation.

Langlade County assumes no responsibility for personal injury, property damage, or loss occurring as a result of participation in hunting activities on County property.

All participants must comply with applicable State of Wisconsin hunting laws and safe firearm handling practices.

FUTURE OPTION

If demand for hunting opportunities at the Fronek Farm Recreation Area increases beyond available permit capacity, the Langlade County Forestry, Parks and Recreation Department may implement an application and scoring system to fairly allocate permits.

Under such a system, hunting permit applications would be accepted annually by the Department until March 1, each year**.** Applications would be reviewed, scored, and ranked by the Department using the following point system:

- Referral of application by the Children's Miracle Network (100 points)
- Referral by action of a Veteran's Organization (VFW, American Legion) (50 points)
- Demonstrated mobility disability (wheelchair, lost lower limb) (20 points)
- Resident of Langlade County greater than 65 years of age (15 points)
- Confirmed Veteran Status (military credential provided) (10 points)
- Not a resident of Langlade County greater than 65 years of age (5 points)

Points on each verified application will be totaled. Permitted area numbers will be drawn in order 1 through 3. Highest totals will receive permits for the hunting times and dates as assigned. In the event of a tie score, a random drawing conducted by the Department shall determine the order of permit issuance.

If selected, permittee must provide a copy of a valid hunting license to receive a permit.