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## St Croix County Parks 2021-2022 Hunting Plan ★

The St Croix County Hunting Plan allows hunters to make informed decisions about upcoming seasons and hunting areas in county parks. The Hunting Plan provides current season/ unit information. Information provided includes hunting area options and special rules that apply to a species/ season. No person may take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, or pursue any wild animal or bird in any county park, forest, or recreation area that is not open to hunting or trapping and in-season. All hunters must check in at the respective Park Office and provide name, address, driver's license number, vehicle license plate number, and type of hunting planned at each park. Any vehicles or hunters not preregistered, on park property, will be asked to leave. If they return without registering, they will be cited.

Possession of uncased or loaded firearms, bows, crossbows, or air guns while on foot and in route to a designated park area is permitted in areas where hunting is authorized. Not allowed or permitted is the discharge of a firearm, bow, crossbow, air gun, slingshot, or spring-loaded device from across park areas where hunting is not authorized.

The use of a firearm for the purposes of killing an animal lawfully trapped in a county park, recreation area, or forest is authorized.

Additional closure of designated use areas may also be established by posted notice. Hunting and trapping closures may be limited to certain species and seasons.

Hunters are responsible for informing themselves of all State of Wisconsin deer/ small game hunting and trapping regulations and those must be adhered to in addition to the following:

1. Deer hunting in future years will be dependent upon a favorable experience in 2021 and subject to annual review by the St Croix County Parks Administrator. SCC Parks has received complaints from neighbors that trespassing has occurred on private property. If further incidents occur, hunting and trapping may be restricted and/ or curtailed on park property.
2. Off-road vehicle traffic is prohibited. Vehicles must remain on roads and parking lots. No ATV's, dirt bikes, or snowmobiles are allowed during any hunting or trapping season.
3. No camping is allowed (outside of designated sites at Glen Hills Park).
4. No permanent tree-stands or blinds are allowed.
5. Portable tree-stands and blinds must be completely removed daily at the end of hunting hours.
6. No screw-in tree steps or hardware are allowed in trees.
7. No cutting of living trees or limbs larger than 1" in diameter is allowed.
8. No baiting is allowed.

9. Hunting will only be allowed in the gold shaded areas on the attached maps. Hunting is not allowed in the 20-foot buffer areas shaded red on the attached maps. Please note that the day-use areas and the campgrounds are closed to hunting. Hunting in closed areas will be treated as trespassing.
10. Respect private lands—do not trespass on neighboring lands, obtain permission from the respective landowner before entering, crossing, or shooting in that direction.
11. Hunting violations, trespassing and/ or damage to private property (i.e. buildings, land, facilities, or anything on it are grounds for cancellation of all future hunting privileges at St Croix County parks.
12. If a wounded deer enters an area closed to hunting, you cannot take your firearm or bow into the closed area. One or two members of the hunting party will be allowed to track and retrieve the carcass from the closed area.

### **Deer Hunting Seasons**

During 2021-2022, deer hunting will be allowed in county parks during the following seasons:

\*Archery / November 1 – January 9, 2022                      Muzzleloader / November 29 – December 8

\*Crossbow / November 1 – January 9, 2022                      Gun / November 20 – November 28

Antlerless Only / December 9 – December 12

Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt / December 24 – January 1, 2022

Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt + either-sex Archery / Crossbow through January 31, 2022

\* Homestead-Parklands, NOT including the NW40, will be open for archery/ crossbow only beginning September 18

(Glen Hills Park is in the Central Farmland Zone. Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags are required for the Antlerless Hunt December 9 – December 12)

**Wildlife and Hunting** - Per Chapter 30, SCC Parks Ordinance (Additional Rules Apply):

**Disturbing Wildlife** - It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue or otherwise disturb any wild animals or birds in any county parks, boat landings, trails, forest lands or any campground, except during hunting seasons established by the Parks Administrator.

**Hunting or Trapping** - The Parks Administrator may authorize hunting or trapping if it is deemed necessary to control over population, disease, nuisance, or pest problems or to prevent damage to structures or facilities. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the removal of any fish lawfully taken by hook and line.

**Baiting and Feeding** - Baiting and feeding wildlife, including deer, waterfowl, turkeys, and small game is prohibited.

**Hunting** - Hunting seasons for deer and waterfowl are established by the Parks Administrator at Glen Hills and Homestead parks. These County parks are open solely at the discretion of the Parks Administrator. The Wildwood Trail, Apple River Property and the Kinnickinnic and Stanton County Forests are open for public hunting. All state hunting regulations and license requirements apply.

**Damaging Property** - It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, molest or deface any natural growth or natural features or any county buildings or property in the county park system. Permanent stands or blinds are prohibited. Screw-in steps are not allowed. Portable tree stands are allowed but must be removed at the end of each hunting day. Stands must be labeled with the owner's name and address. The cutting of shooting lanes is prohibited. Additional rules in Chapter 30, St Croix County Parks Ordinance apply.

**PENALTY** - Per Parks Ordinance (30.09), any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, forfeit not more than \$200 and costs of prosecution for each violation and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County jail until payment thereof, but not exceeding thirty (30) days.

Hunting and trapping are authorized by the department pursuant to the rules and season structure in Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 29 and Administrative Code Natural Resources (NR) 10. All Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource rules and regulations apply. SCC park properties that are open to deer hunting include:

**KINNICKINNIC AND STANTON COUNTY FORESTS:** Designated areas are open for hunting from September 18 through January 9 and April 15 through May 31 and open year-round for small game hunting and trapping.

**ORF FAMILY OVERLOOK ON BASS LAKE AND APPLE RIVER PROPERTY:** Designated areas are open for hunting from November 1 through January 31 and April 1 through the last Tuesday in April and open year-round for small game hunting and trapping.

**GLEN HILLS PARK ON GLEN LAKE:** Designated areas shaded in gold, see map below, are open for hunting from November 1 through the first Sunday in January and April 1 through the last Tuesday in April. The 20-Foot No Hunting Buffer Area, shaded in red, see map below, is not open for hunting.

**HOMESTEAD-PARKLANDS ON PERCH LAKE,** not including the NW-40: Designated areas shaded in gold, see map below, are open for hunting from September 18 through January 31 and April 1 through the last Tuesday in April. The 20-Foot No Hunting Buffer Area, shaded in red, see map below, is NOT open for hunting.

**NW 40 ACRES AT HOMESTEAD-PARKLANDS AND ECKERT-RICHARDS BLUFFLANDS PARK PROPERTY ON THE ST CROIX:** Open for hunting and trapping year-round, subject to Wisconsin DNR Hunting Regulations.

Additional hunting and trapping may be authorized by the Parks Administrator.

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By authority of the St Croix County Parks Administrator.

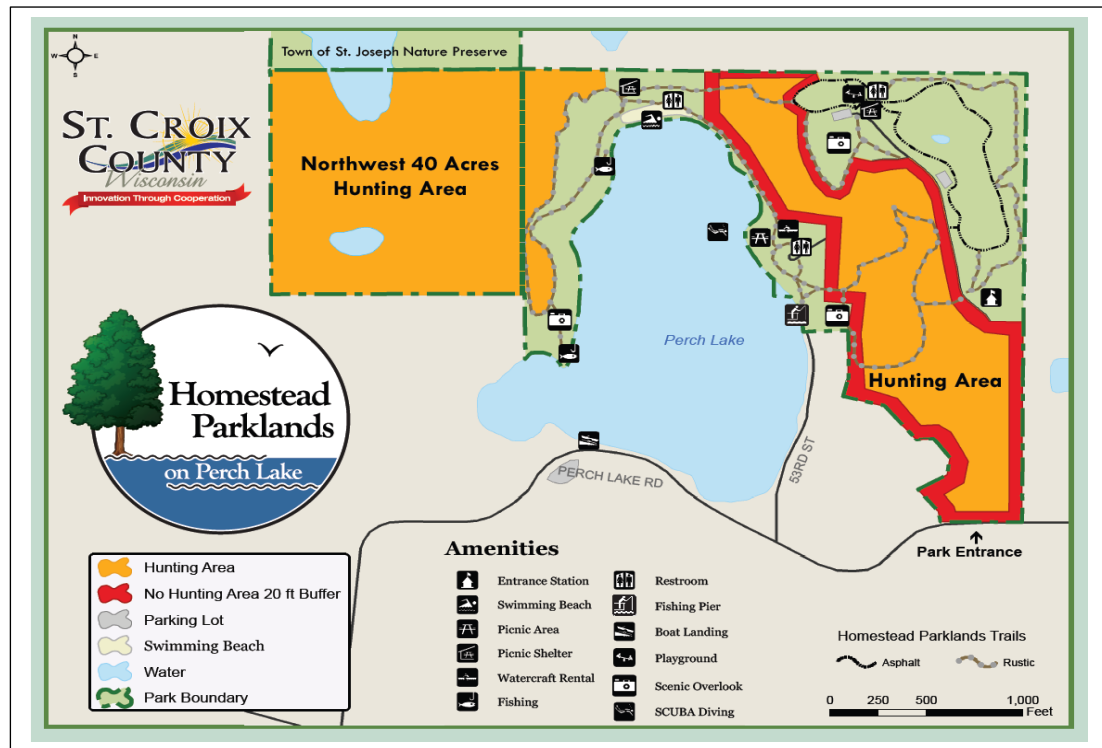
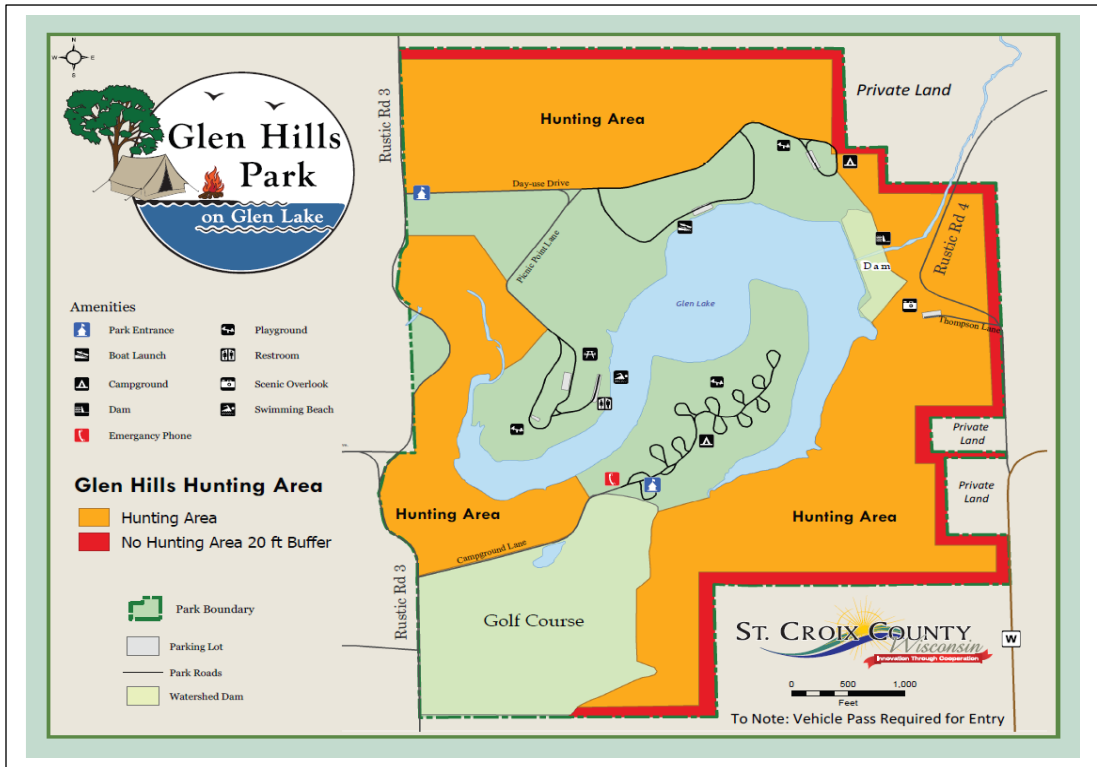
For further information contact the St Croix County Community Development Department/ Parks Division:

Glen Hills Park Office: 715 381-4440

Homestead-Parklands Office 715 381-4437

Park Administrator's Office: 715 381-4436

# PARK MAPS





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## Hunter Registration Form

Complete this form and leave with staff in main office or email to [cdd@sccwi.gov](mailto:cdd@sccwi.gov) . A printed copy must also be placed on the dash of your vehicle while hunting.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Description \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle License Plate Number \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Hunting Planned \_\_\_\_\_

Property Hunting On \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree to the [SCC Privacy Policy](#).