

**Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation  
2021 Cowbane Prairie Natural Area Preserve  
Lottery Deer Hunt Information and Application**

The Department of Conservation and Recreation is offering a lottery hunt for white-tailed deer at Cowbane Prairie Natural Area Preserve (NAP) in Augusta County. Each selected hunter will be assigned four consecutive (Wednesday-Saturday) hunting days.

- There will be three hunts at Cowbane Prairie during Early Muzzleloader season (Oct. 6-9, Oct. 20-23 and Nov. 3-6).
- There will be five hunts during General Firearms Season on Nov. 17-20, Dec. 1-4, Dec. 8-11, Dec. 15-18 and Dec. 29-Jan. 1. These hunts are restricted to shotgun or muzzleloader ONLY.
- This is an *Earn-a-Buck* hunting program. Each hunting party is REQUIRED to harvest four antlerless deer before an antlered deer may be taken.

To participate in the hunt, individuals MUST meet the following requirements:

- Render a \$60 non-refundable Natural Area Preserve hunting fee for each permit requested – up to a total of four (\$240).
- Abide by and meet all rules and regulations for the hunt, including but not limited to weapon and ammunition restrictions/specifications, blaze orange requirements, and have all necessary state licenses.
- Each hunter must show proof of successfully completing a Hunter Education Course (contact VDWR at 804-367-1000 or at [www.dwr.virginia.gov](http://www.dwr.virginia.gov)) for course information, dates and locations.
- Be 16 years of age by the date of the hunt; or, if 12-15 years of age on the date of the hunt, be under the direct supervision of a hunting adult.
- Possess issued permit (successful applicants will receive these in the mail; permits will bear the name of the selected applicant (Chief-of-Party) and are to be assigned to each hunter in the party – up to a maximum of four).

To apply for the lottery, simply complete the application and return it along with the \$5 non-refundable application fee to the **Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation – Division of Natural Heritage** (see address at the bottom of this form). Personal check is the only acceptable method of payment. Successful applicants will be notified by phone and mail within two weeks of the drawing. **Applications must be received by 5 PM, Friday, September 17, 2021. Only one application per person – duplicates will be rejected.**

Each applicant selected in the lottery will be randomly assigned one (1) four-day hunting period. Successful applicants will have the option of purchasing from one (1) up to a total of four (4) permits for their hunt, allowing each hunter to form a party consisting of themselves and up to three (3) other hunters. The applicant (Chief-of-Party) will be responsible for all payments to DCR and will distribute permits to each hunt party member. **The \$60 per hunter Natural Area Preserve permit fee is good for the four-day period assigned and must be received by Friday, October 1, 2021.** If payment is not received by this date, your hunt will be forfeited and will be offered to other hunters on a stand-by list. Payment for hunting permits must be in the form of a personal check payable to *Natural Area Preservation Fund*. Checks should be mailed to:

**Attention: Cowbane Prairie Deer Hunt  
DCR – Division of Natural Heritage  
600 East Main Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219**

After payment is received, each Chief-of-Party will be sent an information packet including maps and hunting permits. Before hunting, each hunter must sign in at the preserve Check-in Station. For more details, call 540-784-0788 or 540-487-9939.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
first m.i. last

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street or PO box

\_\_\_\_\_ city state zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
daytime evening month date year

**2021 hunt dates:** Muzzleloader ONLY hunts are October 6-9, October 20-23 and November 3-6.  
Shotgun or muzzleloader hunts are November 17-20, December 1-4, 8-11, 15-18 and Dec. 29-January 1.

**You must include a \$5.00 check with this application, payable to *Natural Area Preservation Fund*. Return application by September 17, 2021 to: Cowbane Prairie Deer Hunt, DCR – Division of Natural Heritage, 600 East Main Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, Richmond, VA 23219.**

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