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Special Bow Hunt Approved for Spring Lake Regional Park

There will be a special bow hunt for deer conducted by the Scott County Natural Resources Department within Spring Lake Regional Park property tentatively scheduled for the following dates:

- Sept. 25 – Oct. 4
- Oct. 22 – Nov. 5
- Nov. 27- Dec. 6

Scott County works cooperatively with the Metro Bowhunters Resource Base which organizes the archers, ensuring proper training and experience. The hunt is operated according to State hunting statute and City of Prior Lake ordinance.

Scott County posts signs throughout the park at key access points to inform visitors of the hunt and hunt periods. In addition, notification letters are sent to property owners adjacent to the regional park and city land. As a safety buffer, no shooting is allowed within 25 yards (75 feet) of property boundaries.

In recent years, four to eight animals have been killed during the hunt program. Deer can be destructive to adjacent properties if their numbers result in too much competition for food; moreover, they can constitute a hazard for motor vehicles and their occupants.

The deer population of this area has ranged by count from 17 – 44. In 2009, eight animals were counted.