

## HOW DO I FIND HUNTERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE HUNTER REFERRAL PROGRAM?

Contact the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks addresses or phone numbers listed in this brochure to receive information about hunters looking for a place to hunt in your area. After reviewing the information, you may want to schedule a pre-season meeting with your prospective hunters before making your final decision. This meeting gives you the opportunity to get to know the hunters and to explain exactly when and where hunting is allowed.

## WHAT ARE THE HUNTERS' RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE HUNTING ON MY LAND?

Hunters must abide by the guidelines and ground rules established by the landowner. They must be properly licensed and adhere to all appropriate hunting regulations. They must conduct themselves safely and ethically at all times by always clearly identifying their target and what's behind it, leaving gates as they find them, watching out for livestock, and packing out their litter. It is their job to be good-will ambassadors for all hunters. All hunters in the program should keep in mind that their safe and ethical behavior enhances their chances of being invited back to hunt next season.

## HOW DO HUNTERS SIGN UP FOR THE HUNTER REFERRAL PROGRAM?

Hunters can register by accessing the KDWP website – [www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us) – and filling out the online referral application form. Hunters may also call any of the Kansas Wildlife & Parks offices listed on this brochure and register, or they may receive a postcard application that they can complete and mail back to the address on the back of the postcard.

Hunters then wait to be contacted by a landowner who is seeking hunters. Referral applications will be on file for a single season only, so hunters will need to complete a new referral application if they want to be considered for the following year. Submitting a referral application does not guarantee that a hunter will be contacted or offered a place to hunt.

## HOW DO LANDOWNERS SIGN UP FOR THE PROGRAM?

For the opportunity to find hunters to help you manage deer populations on your land, contact the nearest Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks office listed below.

Kansas Wildlife & Parks  
512 SE 25th Ave.  
Pratt, KS 67124  
(620) 672-5911

Kansas Wildlife & Parks  
1426 Hwy. 183 Alt.  
Hays, KS 67601  
(785) 628-8614

Kansas Wildlife & Parks  
300 SW Wanamaker  
Topeka, KS 66606  
(785) 273-6740

Kansas Wildlife & Parks  
1001 W. McArtor  
Dodge City, KS 67801  
(620) 227-8609

Kansas Wildlife & Parks  
6232 E. 29th St. North  
Wichita, KS 67220  
(316) 683-8069

Kansas Wildlife & Parks  
1500 W. 7Th  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-0380

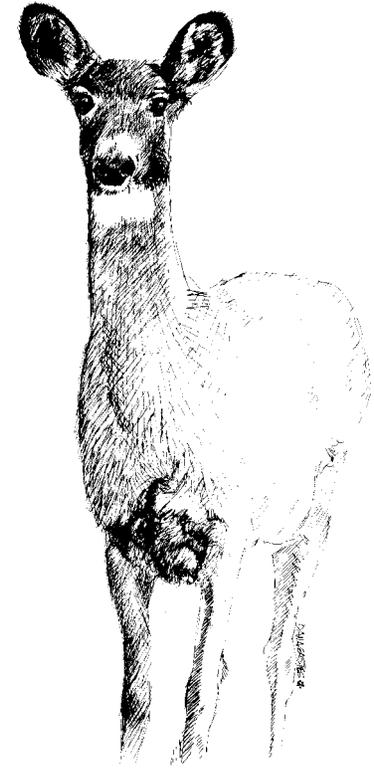
Kansas Wildlife & Parks  
1830 Merchant  
Emporia, KS 66801  
(620) 342-0658

Kansas Wildlife & Parks  
14639 W. 95th  
Lenexa, KS 66215  
(913) 894-9113



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# Hunter Referral Program



**Bringing HUNTERS and LANDOWNERS together to help manage deer populations on private land**

## **WHAT IS THE HUNTER REFERRAL PROGRAM?**

The Hunter Referral Program is intended to help landowners manage deer numbers on their property by increasing deer harvest. Deer populations are above desired levels in some parts of Kansas, and some landowners are seeking ways to reduce deer numbers. The referral program puts landowners in contact with hunters who are looking for a place to hunt.

## **WHEN WILL THE PROGRAM BEGIN AND WHERE WILL IT BE IN EFFECT?**

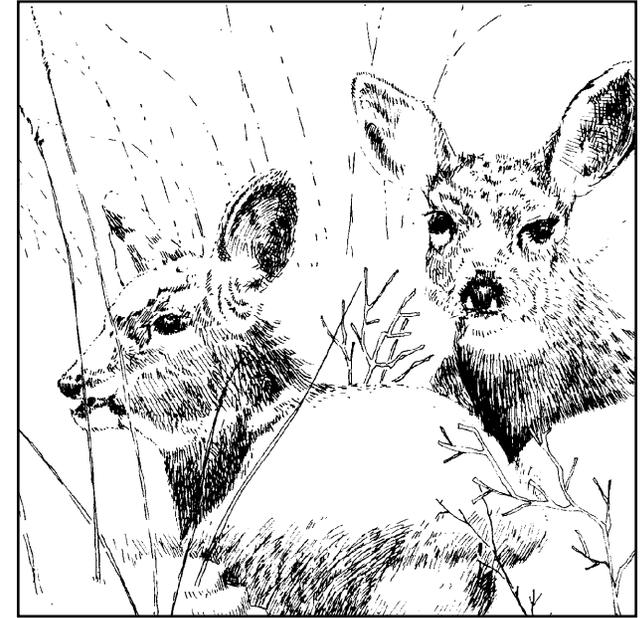
The program will be in effect for all deer hunting seasons (archery, muzzleloader, regular firearm, and the January white-tailed antlerless season). Many landowners and their families hunt during the established deer seasons, but sometimes not enough deer are taken to control populations. The Hunter Referral Program provides an opportunity for landowners to increase deer harvest on their land by inviting selected hunters to take additional deer.

## **AS A LANDOWNER, HOW CAN I BENEFIT?**

Typically, hunting is the only significant source of mortality for white-tailed deer. Therefore, the harvest of deer on your property during the hunting season can influence the number of deer that are present. Because female deer add to next year's deer population, taking does is especially important in determining how well deer numbers are controlled on your property. Allowing hunters to harvest antlerless deer is the most effective way to reduce deer numbers now and in the future.

## **HOW MANY DOES SHOULD HUNTERS TAKE EACH YEAR ON MY LAND?**

There is no simple answer to this question. The number of does that should be taken depends on the size of your property, the quality of the habitat, and the amount of hunting pressure on surrounding properties. However, if you believe there are too many deer, then you should encourage hunters to take their limit of antlerless deer



## **WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS AS A LANDOWNER?**

As a landowner, your participation in the Hunter Referral Program is strictly voluntary. You alone decide whether to invite hunters on your land. In addition, you establish all the ground rules for any hunter you allow on your property. As landowner, you have complete control over when, where, and who gets to hunt.

## **WHAT IS MY LIABILITY IF I ALLOW HUNTERS ON MY LAND?**

Under Kansas law, a landowner who does not charge a fee for hunting privileges or other recreational use is not liable for injury to a hunter caused by any condition, structure, or personal property on the land. The landowner does not have to keep or ensure that the land is safe for hunting. However, this law does not pertain to the landowner's grossly negligent failure to warn against conditions the landowner should know to be dangerous.

