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VILLAGE OF LAC LA BELLE

Hunting Policy



Permit criteria



Volunteer Liability Waiver

September 2026

HUNTING BY ANY MEANS FOR ANY ANIMAL IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LAC LABELLE LIMITS - INCLUDING PRIVATE LANDS, VILLAGE OWNED LANDS OR LANDS ENTRUSTED TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION - WITHOUT A CURRENT VILLAGE OF LACLABELLE HUNTING PERMIT.

Hunting Policy Overview

The basic initiative of creating a permit process for hunting within the Village limits is to extend this privilege to hunters who will “cull deer or other nuisance game animals”. Many Village residences experience damage to bushes, flowers and shrubs created by the overabundance of deer, turkeys, and other “game” animals in our Village. It will be the responsibility of the Culling Administrator to issue permits, record areas being hunted by permit holders, as well as track and record each deer harvested. Many hunters in the past have taken advantage of this privilege and only chose to harvest antlered deer, thus circumventing the spirit of the opportunity. Does, fawns and bucks all cause damage that the Village is trying to abate. It is important that every permit holder understands the responsibility that they accept when asking for the privilege to hunt on Village or environmental foundation (Tall Pines Conservancy) owned land. Therefore, an assessment will be made for individuals who are awarded a permit to hunt on Village or environmental foundation-owned land each year as to whether they have fulfilled the spirit of the initiative as well as adhered to the criteria outlined herein.

The right to accept or refuse a permit to anyone is the sole responsibility of the Culling Administrator. No promise is made regarding whether the Village will hold a hunt on any given year or that all areas will be open to hunting. A quality hunt is the goal of the permitting process. The Culling Administrators will be selected by the Village President and approved by the Village Board of Trustees.

For the 2026 – 2027 hunting season, the Culling Administrator, selected by the Village President, and approved by the Board of Village Trustees is **Kris Vanden Boom**.

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Hunting Permit Criteria

Selected Village of Lac La Belle residents are eligible to receive a permit to hunt designated culling zones within the Village and will be issued a permit assuming the following criteria are met. A limited number of permits will be available to ensure effective herd management, safety, and a quality culling effort for the organized participants. Permits are valid from September 12 to January 31st, 2027.

Zero tolerance policy: Should any of the permit rules be violated, it will be considered cause for an immediate revocation of the hunting permit privilege for a period of no less than 3 years.

- I. Hold a valid Wisconsin hunting license for the game being harvested.
- II. Sign and agree to the waiver included below.
- III. Cooperate and communicate with the Culling Administrator and other permit holders to coordinate culling activities and optimize the success of the program.
- IV. Agree that this is not a recreational hunting club; it is an organized culling operation that is sanctioned by the Village of Lac La Belle, and regulated by the Wisconsin DNR.
- V. Be available to meet with other permit holders prior to any season start to review and comment regarding the privilege to hunt that is being extended.
- VI. Hunt during the legal season as determined by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), unless the DNR has granted nuisance abatement exceptions.
- VII. Hunt only using a bow and arrow or crossbow and bolt in the Old Village of Lac La Belle. No firearm discharge is allowed by ordinance in this territory.
- VIII. Hunt only where authorized by private landowners and the Culling Administrator.
- IX. No ATV or other vehicular traffic is permitted on Village or environmental foundation lands at any time without permission, except when necessary to recover game.
- X. No creation of shooting lanes or clearing land of vegetation is permitted on Village or Tall Pines (TPC) owned property, without explicit permission from the landowner.

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- XI.** Always follow the criteria as set by the DNR for archery hunting in Wisconsin and use common sense hunter safety rules “TABK”.
- i. T – Treat every firearm or bow as if it is loaded.
 - ii. A – Always point the muzzle, arrow, or bolt in a safe direction.
 - iii. B – Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
 - iv. K – Keep your finger off the trigger or behind the release until ready to shoot.
- XII.** Always take harvest opportunities that will insure a quick clean kill.
- i. All harvested deer carcasses must be removed within 6 hours of the kill, with as little public attention as possible, preferably at dark.
 - ii. The meat shall be utilized by the hunter or donation recipients/agencies.
 - iii. Should a wounded deer be found on private property, permission must be received from the property owner to recover the animal.
 - iv. Remove “gut piles” and dispose of them properly.
- XIII.** A permit holder will receive seasonal bonus Nuisance DNR Antlerless Deer tags from the Culling Administrator, authorizing their culling activities in the Village. Tags are not transferable. Tags may only be issued by the Culling Administrator.
- i. All deer kills must be reported to the Village-assigned Culling Administrator within 24 hours of the harvest date. As is required for any game harvest, kills must also be registered through the Go Wild GameReg Harvest Report system.
 - ii. If a bonus Nuisance DNR Antlerless Deer tag is used, it must be reported in accordance with the DNR bonus antlerless tag reporting rules.
 - iii. For program record keeping, send a picture the bonus Nuisance DNR Antlerless Deer tag to admin@vllbdeercull.org, completed with the DNR customer number.
 - iv. If the hunter uses their personal antlerless issued tag, the site of the harvest recovery location must also be reported to the Culling Administrator admin@vllbdeercull.org, with a picture of the completed tag.
 - v. Bonus tags are not available from the Village Clerk at the Village Hall.
- XIV.** Promptly report suspected program violations to the Culling Administrator and the Village Clerk, whether they concern known permit holders or members of the public.
- XV.** The police force that serves the Village will be tasked with the responsibility to enforce the criteria above.

General Information for the 2026 Archery Hunting Year

Approved by the Village Board on August 17, 2026.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources specified bow hunting season is starting on September 12, 2026 and will be ongoing through January 31, 2027. Hunters have obtained a permit from the Village of Lac La Belle (the Village) and have completed a DNR hunting safety class. Hunters have obtained their individual tags from the DNR and will be issued additional nuisance antlerless deer tags, provided by the DNR for the current hunting season, per the Culling Administrator. Hunting is restricted to zones or areas as specified by the Village Permitting process. Hunters can only use a bow or crossbow in the designated culling zones; use of rifles or shotguns is not allowed in the Old Village of Lac La Belle. Hunters may only use deer stands with structural and safety specifications that satisfy ASTM F3249-20 standards. Possession or use of alcohol is prohibited while hunting in the Village.

Hunting Permit Application



First and Last Name



Residential Address



Mobile Phone



Email



DNR Customer Number



Emergency Contact(s)

Volunteer Liability Waiver

READ THIS FORM CAREFULLY. THIS FORM IS NOT NEGOTIABLE.

By signing this permit application which includes this Volunteer Liability Waiver ("Waiver") without modification, you are agreeing not to hold the Village of Lac Labelle or any of its officers, employees, or agents responsible for many (but not all) of the physical or other injuries that you might experience as a direct or indirect result of your participation in this volunteer activity.

The Municipality seeks to provide engaging and meaningful volunteer opportunities to civic-minded individuals. However, these opportunities can often involve at least some risk to participants. To ensure that the Municipality can offer the greatest number and variety of volunteer opportunities, the Municipality asks that volunteer participants agree to share in the responsibility of minimizing these risks. This Waiver seeks to provide volunteers with detailed information about the activity. In return, the Municipality expects volunteers to use this information to prevent injury to themselves and their property. By signing this Waiver, volunteers agree to this arrangement by waiving their right to seek compensation from the Municipality for certain physical or other injuries that might result from participating in the below-described activity.

I, _____ (First and Last Name), in consideration of the opportunity to participate in this volunteer activity, I agree to release and fully discharge the Village of Lac Labelle and its officers, employees, and agents (collectively, the “Municipal Releases”) from any liability for injury to either myself or my property that are either directly or indirectly caused by any negligent act or omission of any Municipal Release with respect to the volunteer activities described below, except for those injuries that I have specifically excluded in this Waiver. I also agree to release and fully discharge the Municipal Releases from any liability for injury to either myself or my property that is either directly or indirectly caused by actions undertaken by Municipal Releases other than police fire and EMS in attempting to respond to any emergency situation, medical or otherwise, that may occur while participating in the below described volunteer activities.

I accept full responsibility for any personal injury which may result from my participation in the below described volunteer activities, and I hereby hold harmless the Municipal Releases for any personal injury sustained by me, including death, caused by the negligence of any Municipal Release while participating in the volunteer activities. I agree not to bring any action or lawsuit against any Municipal Release for any personal injury caused by the negligence of any Municipal Release.

I do NOT waive any claim for injuries that are the result of reckless or intentional acts and nothing in this waiver should be construed as waiving any claim I may have for reckless or intentional acts on the part of any Municipal Release.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

As stated in items I-XV in the above listed Hunting Permit Criteria to include hunting in the boundaries of the “Old Village of Lac Labelle” as detailed prior to the merger with the Town of Oconomowoc on or about January 1, 2025, I understand that any other property that was within the Town of Oconomowoc boundaries prior to January 1, 2025 is not included in the property covered in this agreement.

For clarity, the entire area is now called The Village of Lac Labelle, but not all the lands are included in this hunting permit. My approved activities will include the opportunity to harvest white tailed deer, with landowner or culling manager permission, using a bow and arrow or crossbow and bolt. Harvesting activities will be conducted from the ground, from a Village of Lac Labelle elevated deer stand, or from a personal deer stand on private property meeting ASTM F3249-20 standards. I agree to abide by the hunting criteria as outlined in items I-XV above.

ACTIVITY TIME DESCRIPTION

The undersigned will be participating in this volunteer activity during the DNR established archery deer hunting season to include a one-month scouting activity prior to the start of the archery deer hunting season. I also agree that the use of the Village-owned stands will be delegated by the Culling Administrator and are used only with special authorization any only by individuals with a non-transferable hunting permit. I understand that no private stands may be installed on property owned by Tall Pines Conservatory or the Village of Lac Labelle. Private stands can be placed on privately owned property with the owner's permission and that hunting in these stands is not the responsibility of the Village of Lac Labelle. I also understand that I may not hunt by ordinance in the "Old Village of Lac Labelle" which includes all private lands without a valid hunting permit.

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to understand the boundaries where permit holders can carry on hunting activity. This contract to hunt in the Old Village of Lac Labelle cannot be modified without authorization of the Trustees of the Village of Lac Labelle.

CULLING ADMINISTRATOR

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VILLAGE CLERK

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Without exception, I agree to all the terms and conditions as outlined above.

SIGNATURE

DATE