

# ***BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL CITY OF BEMIDJI***

## **NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTIONS 13D.04 AND 13D.021**

### **NOTICE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Bemidji will hold its Work Session on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Bemidji City Hall.

In accordance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. Sections 13D.04 and 13D.021, Mayor Rita C. Albrecht, has determined that an in person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic and Peace Time State of Emergency, declared under Chapter 12 of the Minnesota Statutes.

Because of the health pandemic and Peace Time State of Emergency, it has been determined that attendance at the regular meeting location by members of the public is not feasible.

Because of the health pandemic and Peace Time State of Emergency, it has been determined that the physical presence at the regular meeting location by at least one member of the body, chief legal counsel or chief administrative officer is not feasible.

Therefore, some or all of the City Council members may be participating by telephone or other electronic means.

**To join by video conference, go to Cisco Webex website ([www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com)), click on “join” in the upper right corner and enter information below (access will open at 5:15 p.m.):**



- **Enter meeting number: 126 303 3881**
- **Enter meeting password: VaTi3PYTs32 (82843798 from phones & video systems)**
  - **Click Join Meeting**

**To join by phone, dial: +1-408-418-9388. Enter meeting number (access will open at 5:15 p.m.):**

- **126 303 3881 #**
- **Press # for no attendee ID number**

# ***BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL***

## ***Work Session Agenda***

**Monday, July 27, 2020**

**City Hall  
5:30 P.M.**



1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
2. DEER COMMITTEE/RIFLE HUNTING DISCUSSION
3. ADJOURNMENT



City Manager's Office

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Albrecht and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Nate Mathews, City Manager *Nate*  
**DATE:** July 23, 2020  
**RE:** July 27 Worksession discussion on rifle hunting in the City limits

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The City Council discussed a request to allow rifle hunting in newly annexed (Phase 3) city limits at the Regular June 15 City Council meeting. The consensus of the Council was to schedule a special worksession to further study the issue in concert with the City Deer Management Committee.

On Monday, members of the Deer Management Committee have been invited to attend/participate and I hope they can provide feedback, historical perspectives, suggestions for the City Council, as well as answer questions that you may have regarding firearms and the City deer hunt they oversee. As you will see from this material, it is very problematical to allow rifle hunting within the Bemidji Game Refuge.

To prepare for this discussion, attached are the following:

1. A copy of the Bemidji City Code pertaining to firearms, bows and hunting.
2. Archery hunt information (managed by the Deer Committee)
3. Game Refuge maps (both from DNR and City)
4. MN Rules pertaining to Game Refuges
5. Quick fact sheet regarding the Bemidji State Game Refuge

Sec. 18-103. - Firearms, bows and hunting.

- (a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Arrow* means a slender shaft, pointed at one end, or designed to have a pointed head or tip attached, and feathered at the other end.

*Bow* means a flexible, curved strip of wood, metal, fiberglass, plastic, or other material, with a cord connecting the two ends, designed to shoot arrows. This definition includes a device popularly known as a crossbow.

*Firearm* means any cannon, shotgun, rifle, handgun or other firearm of any description, and any airgun, air rifle or other similar device commonly referred to as a "BB gun."

*Wild game* means any game bird, including but not limited to migratory waterfowl, pheasant, rough grouse, sharp-tail grouse, coots, gallinules, rails, American woodcock, and common snipe; and big and small game animals, including deer, moose, bear, grey squirrel, fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, raccoon, lynx, bobcat, fox, fisher, pine martin, opossum, badger, cougar, wolverine, muskrat, mink, otter and beaver. This definition also includes protected birds and wild animals.

- (b) *Unlawful acts.* It shall be unlawful for any individual to:

- (1) Fire or discharge a firearm of any description or any form of explosive, including firecrackers, skyrockets or other fireworks, while in the city limits.
- (2) Shoot an arrow from a bow while in the city limits or shoot an arrow from a bow so that the arrow will fly into the city limits.
- (3) Hunt or pursue wild game at any time while in the city limits or shoot or discharge a firearm of any description, a bow and arrow, or any other form of weapon, potentially inimical to wildlife and dangerous to human safety, into the city limits from outside the city limits.

- (c) *Exceptions.* Exceptions to this section are as follows:

- (1) Notwithstanding subsection (b)(2) of this section, an individual may shoot an arrow from a bow while in the city limits:
  - a. When the shooter and the target are within the same building.
  - b.

When the arrow is fired at a target backstopped by an impenetrable wall extending at least two feet on each side of the target and from the target to the ground and at least two feet above the target.

- c. Subsections (c)(1)a. and (c)(1)b. of this section apply only if on private property and with the permission of the property owner.
- (2) Trapping pursuant to established regulations and seasons shall be permitted.
- (3) Notwithstanding subd. (1)(a). and subd. (1)(c)., an individual may discharge a firearm or shoot an arrow from a bow while in the city limits if express written permission is granted by the city manager. Such written permission by the city manager shall be granted only in the event of endangerment to life and safety.

(Code 1986, § 10.02; Ord. No. 218, 2nd series, 11-3-1997)

# Special White-Tailed Deer Archery Hunts

The City of Bemidji will soon be accepting applications for permits to participate in any of **three (3) special white-tailed deer archery hunts** within the City. The hunts will follow the regular Minnesota deer archery season, which runs **September 19 through December 31, 2020**.

- The **Bemidji Regional Airport** hunt will take place on airport property (outside the fenced areas). Hunting will be allowed by City permit and only 20 permits will be issued.
- The **Ward 5 – Northeast Lake Bemidji** hunt will take place in designated areas situated in the northeast section of Bemidji (Ward 5) on private and public property.
- The **Ward 4 – West Bemidji** hunt will take place in designated areas situated in west and southwest sections of Bemidji (Ward 4) on private and public property.

**New for 2020** - Hunters must indicate an order of preference for a public location (Airport, Ward 5 or Ward 4). Hunters will be granted a permit for **ONE** public site only, however hunters may apply to hunt both private and public land if they have been granted permission from private property owner. A lottery drawing will be held to determine location and site assignment for public permits, site requests will not be allowed.

**Since these are all considered special archery hunts, the State will allow participants to harvest up to five (5) deer.** Hunt participants are responsible for purchasing the appropriate State Hunting Licenses and permit(s) to participate in the hunt. Note: Statewide bag limits apply so if you harvest a buck in this hunt, you have reached your buck limit (1) Statewide.

All State hunting and trespass regulations and laws, City ordinances, and special hunt regulations will apply. Hunters must be of legal hunting age, pass a criminal background check and successfully complete an archery proficiency test. Hunters who have participated in previous City of Bemidji archery hunts must reapply each year. Hunters who have passed an archery proficiency test in the past three years are not required to be tested this year, but must still submit an application and be approved to hunt. Hunters who have not passed a proficiency test must be tested and provide such documentation to the City. Hunters must schedule their own archery proficiency test by calling John's Bow Shop (218-444-2046) or other approved facility.

All applicants are required to pay a \$10.00 non-refundable application fee. **All applications and fees must be received at City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2020.**

[2020 Archery Hunt Application, Rules and Regulations](#)

[Hunt Areas](#)

[Ward 4 & Ward 5 Site Locations](#)

[Airport Map](#)

# APPLICATION FOR ARCHERY PERMIT TO HUNT WITHIN THE CITY OF BEMIDJI (AIRPORT, WARD 4 – WEST BEMIDJI AREAS, AND WARD 5 - NE LAKE BEMIDJI AREA)



All hunters are required to pay a **\$10.00 non-refundable application fee per location**, pass a criminal background check and archery proficiency test. A lottery drawing may be required prior to being granted a permit! Applications must be submitted to Bemidji City Hall, 317 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Bemidji, no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2020.**

**2020 UPDATE and Instructions:** If hunting a Public Location, hunters must indicate an order of preference (Airport, Ward 4 or Ward 5) in the **Public Location** box. Hunters will be granted a permit for **ONE** public site. If hunting a private location complete the **Private Location** box. Hunters may apply to hunt Private, Public or both for a fee of \$10 each. Hunting partner requests will be honored if possible however, **public sites will be assigned randomly and requests will not be allowed.** To hunt on authorized private land, hunters must either own the land or be granted permission from land owner. Questions? Contact Bobbi Karpinski at bobbi.karpinski@ci.bemidji.mn.us or 218-759-3562.

**Public Location**  
Airport – Ward 4 – Ward 5

First Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Third Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Private Location**

I will be hunting Ward \_\_\_\_ private site # \_\_\_\_\_

I am the owner

I have the owner's permission (list owner name)  
\_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_  
First
Full Middle
Last

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 {If provided, we will use your e-mail address for all correspondence, reminders and notices}

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S): \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy) DRIVER'S LIC. # \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

MAIDEN NAME (or other names you've used) \_\_\_\_\_

## AUTHORIZATION FOR BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

I hereby authorize the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Bemidji Police Department and/or any other person or agency that may have information about me to disclose any criminal history records/reports or investigative information about me to the City of Bemidji and its authorized agent for the purpose of substantiating my character and competency for an archery permit to hunt on public or private property within the corporate limits of the City of Bemidji.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

\$10 Fee Paid: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND:**  
 APPROVED  DENIED  
 BY: \_\_\_\_\_ (INITIALS)

**Have you passed a City-approved Archery Proficiency test within the past 3 years?**

- Yes:** Indicate year last tested \_\_\_\_\_
- No:** Schedule your proficiency test by contacting: **John's Bow Shop (218-444-2046) or another approved facility.**

## 2020 CITY OF BEMIDJI SPECIAL ARCHERY DEER HUNT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & REGULATIONS



Thank you for your interest in the City of Bemidji Deer Management Program. In accordance with the City of Bemidji Deer Management Plan, Bemidji has developed a controlled archery hunt. The hunt will be conducted in designated areas of Bemidji (Bemidji Regional Airport, Ward 4 and Ward 5) and includes both public and private property. Following are the program description and regulations:

- All applicants must pay a **\$10.00** non-refundable application fee with their application.
- The program will be conducted during the regular 2020 Minnesota Archery Deer Season (September 19 – December 31, 2020). Hunting will be allowed by special permit only and participants must hunt their assigned area. Each public site in Wards 4 & 5 will be assigned two hunters who must coordinate their hunt times with each other.
- All applicants are required to have a criminal background check conducted by the Bemidji Police Department and successfully pass an archery proficiency test. Hunters who have passed an approved archery proficiency test in the last three years are not required to be tested this year. Hunters who have not passed a proficiency test must be tested and provide such documentation to the City. Hunters must schedule their own proficiency test by calling John's Bow Shop (218-444-2046), Kay "The Old Guy" Archery (218-760-5874) or other approved facility.
- Participants must obtain a valid 2020 State Regular Archery License with the recommendation of purchasing at least one State bonus permit. Participants may take up to a maximum of five (5) deer provided they have purchased the required State license and bonus permits. Please note that **all deer** must be registered at City Hall **and** with the State. Successful hunters must indicate **PERMIT AREA 985** for **Ward 4 & Ward 5** and **PERMIT AREA 986** for the **Airport** when registering deer with the MN DNR. State registration can be done by telephone, internet or at a big game registration station (the traditional way). **Note: Statewide bag limits apply so if you harvest a buck in this hunt, you have reached your buck limit (1) Statewide.**
- Hunters who have participated in previous City of Bemidji archery hunts must re-apply each year. A lottery drawing will be held to determine which qualified applicants will receive a permit to hunt. One public permit per hunter. Hunters must indicate their first, second and third choice for location. Within Wards 4 and 5, site locations will be assigned at random, site requests will not be allowed.
- Private property owners in preauthorized areas who have chosen to hunt themselves or to allow friends/family to hunt will automatically be issued permits and will not be required to be drawn from the lottery provided each hunter submits an application, clears a background check, passes a proficiency test and pays the required application fee.
- Wards 4 & 5 - Portable tree stands (supplied by the hunter) will be required on all land not owned by the hunter unless permitted otherwise by the private property owner. Stands must be bolted, clamped or tied – you may not use screw-in type tree steps or drive nails or screws into trees if hunting on public owned land or without permission from the private landowner. Discharge of bows is limited to designated hunting sites and is only allowed from elevated stands five feet or higher from the ground. A person is required to travel to and from hunting sites with bows and arrows encased. Driving or stalking deer on the ground is prohibited.

### BEMIDJI REGIONAL AIRPORT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ONLY

- Portable tree stands (supplied by the hunter) must be bolted, clamped or tied – you may use screw-in type tree steps provided they are removed at the end of the hunt season. Nails are **not** permitted.
  - Removing limbs/branches from trees is permitted in order to properly and safely install a tree stand and hunters may prune saplings up to 3" to create a shooting lane. Hunters are asked to use natural shooting openings as much as possible and to minimize any pruning and impacts to the vegetation surrounding the stand location. In all cases, hunters are encouraged to perform a **minimum** amount of pruning to make as little impact on the property as possible!
  - Discharge of bows is preferred from elevated stands five feet or higher from the ground. However, ground blinds are allowed in this hunt. Participants are encouraged to travel to and from hunting sites with bows and arrows encased. Driving or stalking deer on the ground is prohibited.
- Participants are permitted to harvest only white-tailed deer in this hunt. Even though State Law may normally allow the taking of other small game such as fox, coyote and rabbit, the permit issued by the City allows the discharge of a bow to harvest only white-tailed deer.
  - Hunters must be at least 18 years of age.



- Hunters must report their daily hunting activity by completing a “Daily Hunt Record” sheet and returning it at the end of the hunt or by reporting **DAILY** after hunting by calling 218-759-3562. Leave a message with the following info: site number, name of hunter, date, time hunt started and ended, number of bucks/does/fawns seen and, if applicable, number and type of deer harvested. Let the City know when you are done hunting for the season so others may be permitted to hunt. Failure to report information may lead to denial of future permits.
- Ward 4 & 5 participants must park their vehicle as near to their site as practical. Airport participants must park their vehicle along a public roadway or in designated areas; cannot drive through any hunting areas; and all **participants must have a permit card displayed in the dash of the vehicle**, visible from the outside.
- Hunters must remain on Airport and/or public property at all times and shall not trespass onto private property adjacent to Airport or other property without permission from the property owner. In the event a hunter wounds a deer and the deer travels onto other private property, the hunter may, on foot, enter the property if it is not posted for trespass to locate the animal (bows and arrows must be cased). The hunter must immediately leave the property if the property owner asks the hunter to do so.
- If the deer is located and it is found to be fatally wounded and still alive, but unable to stand, the hunter will be required to contact the Bemidji Police Department (218-333-9111) before proceeding further. The hunter will provide the authorities with the last known location and make arrangements to meet with law enforcement. The hunter will lead the officials to the injured animal and a decision will be made on appropriate recovery methods. Under no circumstances shall a hunter discharge a bow from any area other than a designated hunting stand without authorization.
- In the event a hunter encounters a negative confrontation with another hunter, property owner or another citizen, the hunter must call the Bemidji Police Department for assistance. No hunter will take part in any verbal or physical dispute. Pursuant to 2016 Minnesota Statute 97A.037, hunters are encouraged to report acts of “Hunter Harassment” to the Bemidji Police Department at 218-333-9111 or call 911 if deemed an emergency.
- All hunters are expected to be courteous of other hunters who may be hunting at the same time.
- Entrail (“gut”) piles must NOT be left at the hunting site or anywhere in the City limits.
- Hunting while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or consuming alcohol or drugs while hunting is prohibited.
- All applicable City of Bemidji and State of Minnesota archery hunting and trespass rules, regulations and laws will apply and be enforced.
- Hunters are asked to contact the City when done hunting for the season so others may be permitted to hunt.
- All stands and personal property MUST be removed from City and State land and public sites on or before January 7th or it may be confiscated as abandoned property.

**ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE RULES MAY RESULT IN THE REVOCATION OF THE PERMIT!**

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the above regulations and the archery deer hunt program description:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**If you are interested in this Special Permit hunting opportunity, you must complete the Application for Archery Permit to Hunt Within the City of Bemidji, which includes an Authorization for Background Investigation, and submit it to Bemidji City Hall, 317 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Bemidji, MN 56601, along with the required \$10.00 fee, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2020.**

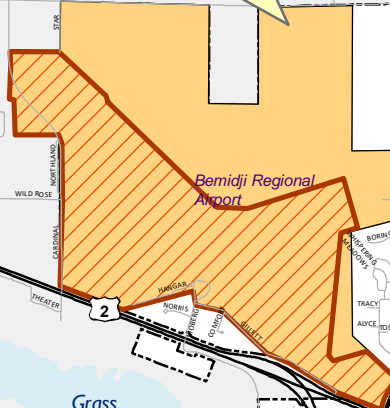
**Contacts for this hunt:**

- **General questions or to report daily activity and successful hunts**  
Bobbi Karpinski, Administrative Assistant ~ City Hall, (218) 759-3562 or [bobbi.karpinski@ci.bemidji.mn.us](mailto:bobbi.karpinski@ci.bemidji.mn.us)
- **Specific questions, to report a fatally wounded animal, confrontation or hunter harassment**  
Police Dept.: Sgt. Robert Brogren 218-766-7201 OR Jason Sanderson, Community Service Officer 218-556-4148
- **How this hunt relates to current State hunting regulations**  
Justin Pitt, Assistant Area Wildlife Manager, MN DNR, (218) 308-2337 or [justin.pitt@state.mn.us](mailto:justin.pitt@state.mn.us)

# City Deer Hunt Areas



Airport Hunt Area

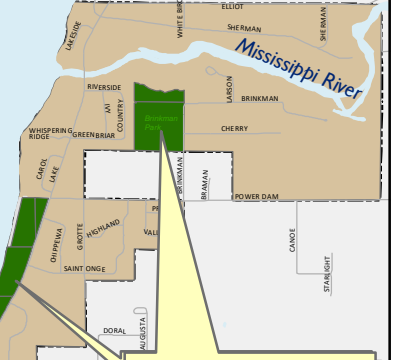


Grass Lake

Lake Bemidji State Park

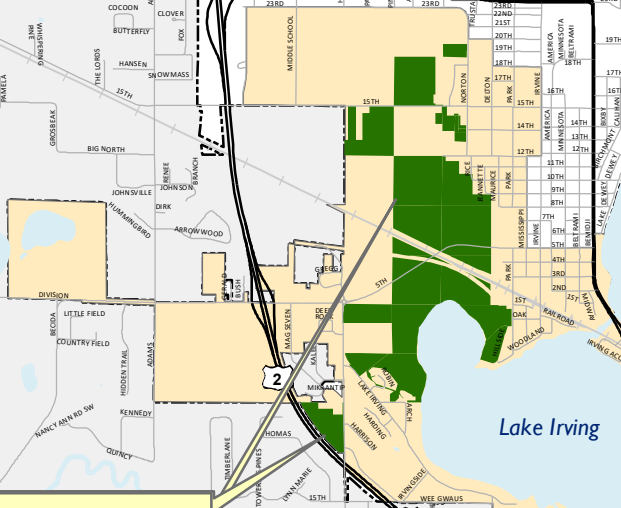
Lake Bemidji

Ward 5 Hunt Areas







Lake Irving

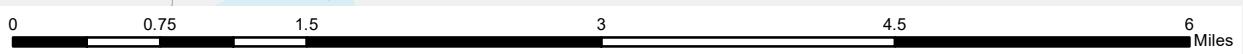
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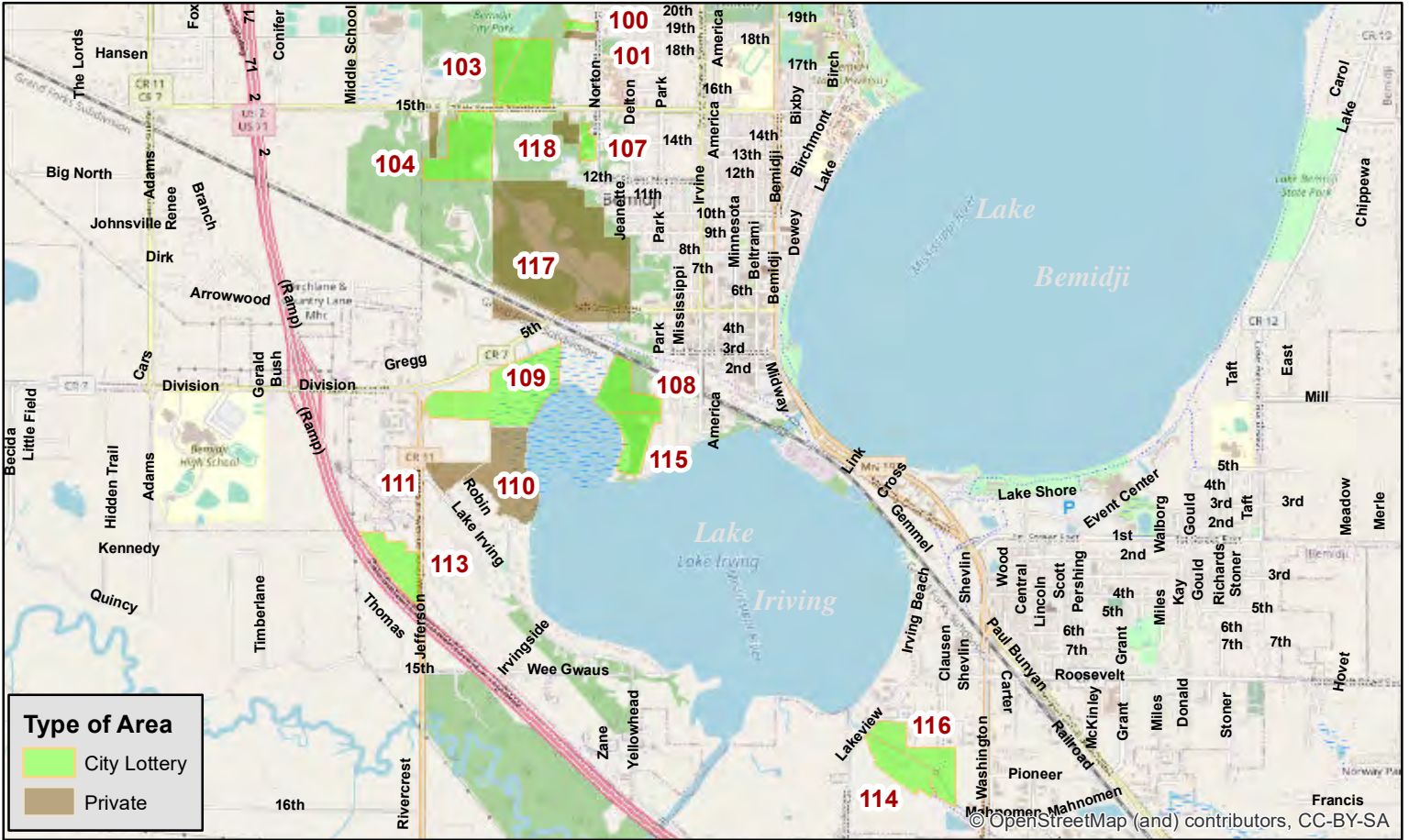
## Hunt Areas to Apply For

-  Ward 4
-  ward 5
-  Airport
-  City Designated Hunt Properties

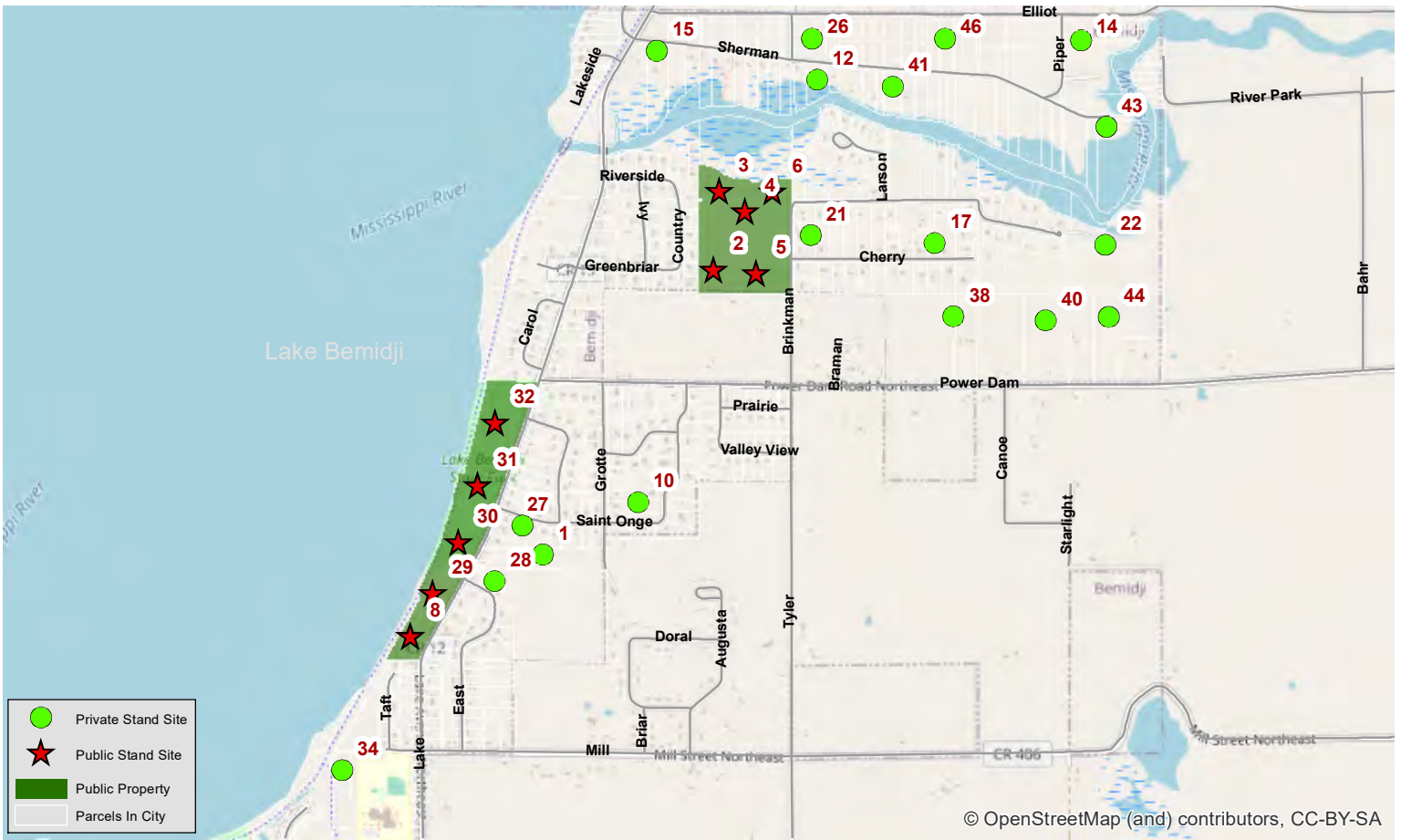
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# 2020 Ward 4 Archery Hunt Areas



# 2020 Ward 5 Archery Hunt Areas



# 2020 BEMIDJI REGIONAL AIRPORT ARCHERY HUNT MAP



## Legend

-  Access
-  Airport Boundary
-  No Hunting Area

**DO NOT PARK ON ROADWAYS OR BLOCK ANY GATES.**

**ACCESS ONLY BY WRITTEN PERMISSION.**

**ACCESS/PARKING AREAS WILL BE DESIGNATED BY YELLOW RIBBONS**

FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS OR TO REPORT DAILY ACTIVITY AND HARVESTS:  
BOBBI KARPINSKI  
218-759-3562

Turn in Poachers (TIP)  
Statewide toll-free: 1-800-652-9093  
24 hours a day, 365 days a year

**TO REPORT AN INSTANCE OF HUNTER HARASSMENT OR ANY GAME VIOLATION:  
DNR CONSERVATION OFFICER BRICE VOLLBRECHT  
218-243-2572.**

**Hunter Harassment Prohibited:**  
A person may not prevent or disrupt another person from taking or preparing to take a wild animal. A person may not disturb wild animals with the intent to prevent or disrupt another person from hunting. Placing bait for the purpose of preventing or disrupting another person from lawfully hunting deer would be considered unlawful under the hunter harassment laws

DISCLAIMER: The City of Bemidji does not warrant the accuracy nor the correctness of the information contained in this map. It is your responsibility to verify the accuracy of this information. In no event will the City of Bemidji be liable for any damages, including loss of business, lost profits, business interruption, loss of business information or other pecuniary loss that might arise from the use of this map or the information it contains. Map information is believed to be accurate but accuracy is not guaranteed. Any errors or omissions should be reported to the City of Bemidji. Map was Updated/Created: 2020

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## **Bemidji Statutory State Game Refuge Fact Sheet**

- Refuge was established in 1915 by citizen petition and expanded in 1916 & 1921.
- In 1921 the refuge was 89 square miles in size.
- There were several areas abandoned as refuge between 1927 and 1950. It has remained at 74 square miles in since 1950.
- Firearms deer hunting and waterfowl hunting has generally not been authorized
- Firearms deer hunting was allowed in 1966, 1968, 2005, & 2006.
- Attempt was made in 1984 to open a 19 square mile area to firearms hunting. Public sentiment was primarily in opposition. Firearms season was not authorized.
- Archery (bow and arrow) deer hunting has been allowed continuously since 1972.
- In 1998 the Bemidji/Beltrami County Airport Commission approached DNR concerning deer creating aircraft safety hazards on airfield and runway. An airport citizens deer management committee was created.
- An archery deer hunt was authorized on portions of the airport property north of the airfield beginning in 1998. The City of Bemidji amended their 1988 ordinance to authorize the hunt. This hunt continues today.

**6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

Subpart 1. **Albert Lea Game Refuge, Freeborn County.** The Albert Lea Game Refuge in Freeborn County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 2. **Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Bemidji Game Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season;
- B. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season, except on Lake Bemidji, the Mississippi River, and Stump Lake;
- C. trapping for beaver, mink, otter, and muskrat only; and
- D. deer hunting during the muzzleloader season and deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 3. **Camp Ripley State Game Refuge, Morrison County.** Hunting in the Camp Ripley State Game Refuge in Morrison County is allowed only by permit as provided by parts 6232.0900 to 6232.1100.

Subp. 4. **Claremont Game Refuge, Dodge County.** The Claremont Game Refuge in Dodge County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except ducks and mergansers;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer hunting by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 5. **Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County.** The Clay County Game Refuge in Clay County is open to:

- A. prairie chickens;
- B. deer and bear hunting by firearms;
- C. deer and bear hunting by archery; and
- D. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season.

Subp. 6. **Clearbrook Game Refuge, Clearwater County.** The Clearbrook Game Refuge in Clearwater County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through December 31;
- B. trapping through December 31;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 7. **Cross Lake Game Refuge, Crow Wing County.** The Cross Lake Game Refuge in Crow Wing County is open to:

- A. trapping; and
- B. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 8. **East Minnesota River Game Refuge, Blue Earth and Le Sueur Counties.** The East Minnesota River Game Refuge in Blue Earth and Le Sueur Counties is open to deer, wild turkey, and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 9. **Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges, Isanti County.** The Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges in Isanti County are open to all hunting and trapping, except waterfowl. The refuges are open for goose hunting during the early goose season. Youth who are accompanied by a nonhunting adult and participating in a mentoring program approved by the commissioner may hunt waterfowl on youth waterfowl day.

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 10. **Erhard's Grove Game Refuge, Otter Tail County.** The Erhard's Grove Game Refuge in Otter Tail County is open to:

- A. deer and bear hunting by firearms;
- B. deer and bear hunting by archery; and
- C. small game hunting, except waterfowl.

Subp. 11. **Evansville Game Refuge, Douglas County.** The Evansville Game Refuge in Douglas County is open to:

- A. trapping;
- B. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season; and
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms.

Subp. 12. **Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge, Kanabec County.** The Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge in Kanabec County is open to all hunting and trapping, except waterfowl.

Subp. 13. **Fox Lake Game Refuge, Martin County.** The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl;
- B. trapping;
- C. special goose hunts;
- D. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- E. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 14. [Repealed, 34 SR 621]

Subp. 15. **Glencoe Izaak Walton League Game Refuge, McLeod County.** The Glencoe Izaak Walton League Game Refuge in McLeod County is open to trapping.

Subp. 16. **Gopher Campfire Game Refuge, McLeod County.** The Gopher Campfire Game Refuge in McLeod County is open to trapping.

Subp. 17. **Hanley Falls Game Refuge, Yellow Medicine County.** The Hanley Falls Game Refuge in Yellow Medicine County is open to deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 18. **Hiawatha Game Refuge, Pipestone County.** The Hiawatha Game Refuge in Pipestone County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, by shotgun only;
- B. trapping; and
- C. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 19. **Howard Lake Game Refuge, Wright County.** The Howard Lake Game Refuge in Wright County is open to trapping.

Subp. 20. **Itasca State Park, Becker, Clearwater, and Hubbard Counties.** Itasca State Park in Becker, Clearwater, and Hubbard Counties is open to firearms deer hunting, except where posted as closed.



Subp. 21. **Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties.** The following special provisions apply to the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties:

A. Those portions within the Lac qui Parle Mission Site are closed to hunting. The remainder of the refuge is open to:

(1) waterfowl hunting only from the third Thursday in October through the open Canada goose season, only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.0700;

(2) deer hunting; and

(3) small game hunting other than waterfowl, except from the second Saturday in October through November 30, when small game hunting is allowed only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.0700. Small game hunting is not allowed on closed Canada goose hunting days during a split goose season.

B. No unauthorized person may trespass during the dates posted on any part of the refuge posted with "State Wildlife Sanctuary - Do Not Trespass" signs, except for:

(1) ice fishing; and

(2) open water fishing in the posted closed area from the close of the Canada goose season until the second Saturday in October.

C. A person may not enter onto Rosemoen Island at any time during the year, except as specifically authorized.

D. Designated hunting stations within the refuge must be spaced no less than 200 yards apart and must be no more than 125 yards inside the refuge, as measured from the posted boundary.

Subp. 22. **Lake Ripley Game Refuge, Meeker County.** The Lake Ripley Game Refuge in Meeker County is open to:

A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, after the duck season; and

B. trapping after the duck season.

Subp. 23. **Lake Winona Game Refuge, Douglas County.** The Lake Winona Game Refuge in Douglas County is open to trapping.

Subp. 24. **Linn Lake Game Refuge, Chisago County.** The Linn Lake Game Refuge in Chisago County is open to all hunting and trapping.

Subp. 25. **Little Pine Lake Game Refuge, Otter Tail County.** The Little Pine Lake Game Refuge in Otter Tail County is open to trapping.

Subp. 26. **Lost Lake Game Refuge, Fillmore County.** The Lost Lake Game Refuge in Fillmore County is open to:

- A. small game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 27. **Lower Pigeon Lake Game Refuge, Itasca County.** The Lower Pigeon Lake Game Refuge in Itasca County is open to:

- A. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- B. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 28. **Madelia Game Refuge, Watonwan County.** The Madelia Game Refuge in Watonwan County is open to:

- A. small game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 29. [Repealed, 30 SR 613]

Subp. 30. **Moscow Game Refuge, Freeborn County.** The Moscow Game Refuge in Freeborn County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except ducks and mergansers;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 31. **Nerstrand Woods Game Refuge, Rice County.** That portion of the Nerstrand Woods Game Refuge in Rice County that is within the Nerstrand Big Woods State Park and the Prairie Creek Woods Scientific and Natural Area is open to deer hunting by muzzleloader special permit only. The remainder of the refuge is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 32. **Oak Lake Game Refuge, Polk County.** The Oak Lake Game Refuge in Polk County is open to trapping.

Subp. 33. **Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County.** The Ocheda Lake Game Refuge in Nobles County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except from the first day of the regular duck season through December 1;
- B. trapping;
- C. waterfowl hunting on youth waterfowl day;
- D. Canada goose hunting during the early season and from the first Saturday in December through the end of the statewide goose season, except that hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of surface water during the early goose season; and
- E. deer hunting by firearms and archery, except from the first day of the regular duck season through December 1.

Subp. 34. **Park Rapids Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Park Rapids Game Refuge in Hubbard County is open to trapping and deer hunting by archery.

Subp. 35. **Paul Bunyan Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Paul Bunyan Game Refuge in Hubbard County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer hunting by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 36. **Pigeon River Flowage Game Refuge, Itasca County.** The Pigeon River Flowage Game Refuge in Itasca County is open to:

- A. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- B. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 37. **Pine County Game Refuge Unit 2, Pine County.** The Pine County Game Refuge Unit 2 in Pine County is open to:

- A. small game hunting;
- B. trapping; and
- C. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 38. **Polk-Clearwater Game Refuge, Polk and Clearwater Counties.** The Polk-Clearwater Game Refuge in Polk and Clearwater Counties is open to:

- A. trapping; and
- B. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 39. **Rochester Refuge, Olmsted County.** The Rochester Refuge in Olmsted County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl other than geese. Geese may be taken during the early goose season only;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms and bow and arrow; and
- D. the taking of unprotected wild animals at any time and by any legal method.

Subp. 40. **St. Croix River Game Refuge, Washington County.** The St. Croix Game Refuge in Washington County is open to:

- A. small game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 41. **St. James Game Refuge, Watonwan County.** The St. James Game Refuge in Watonwan County is open to:

- A. trapping; and
- B. special goose hunts.

Subp. 42. **Sand Dunes Game Refuge, Sherburne County.** The Sand Dunes Game Refuge in Sherburne County is open to:

- A. small game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 43. **Schoolcraft Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Schoolcraft Game Refuge in Hubbard County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4;

- B. trapping; and
- C. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 44. **Stearns County Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The Stearns County Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to:

- A. small game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 45. **Stillwater Game Refuge, Washington County.** The Stillwater Game Refuge in Washington County is open to:

- A. small game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 46. **Sunnyside Township Game Refuge, Wilkin County.** The Sunnyside Township Game Refuge in Wilkin County is open to trapping.

Subp. 47. **Swan Lake Number 2 Game Refuge, Nicollet County.** The Swan Lake Number 2 Game Refuge in Nicollet County is open to:

- A. small game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 48. **Talcot Lake Waterfowl Refuge, Cottonwood County.**

A. Waterfowl hunting, in an area adjacent to the Talcot Lake Waterfowl Refuge in Cottonwood County, is prohibited within the right-of-way of State Trunk Highway 62 from the Cottonwood-Murray county line on the west to the junction with County State-Aid Highway 7, Cottonwood County, on the east.

B. The Talcot Lake State Waterfowl Refuge is open to goose hunting by persons with disabilities at designated hunting stations. Hunters with disabilities may reserve designated stations according to regulations available at the Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area Headquarters. All other applicable controlled hunt regulations in parts 6230.0500 and 6230.1100 apply to persons hunting at these stations.

Subp. 49. **Warroad Game Refuge, Roseau County.** The Warroad Game Refuge in Roseau County is open to trapping.

Subp. 50. **Whitewater Game Refuge, Winona County.** The Whitewater Game Refuge in Winona County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl;
- B. trapping by permit; and
- C. firearms deer hunting only by permit.

Subp. 51. **Bellwood Game Refuge, Dakota County.** The Bellwood Game Refuge in Dakota County is open to:

- A. trapping; and
- B. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 52. **Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge, Anoka and Isanti Counties.** The Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge in Anoka and Isanti Counties is open to archery deer hunting and archery turkey hunting.

Subp. 53. **Austin Game Refuge, Mower County.** The Austin Game Refuge in Mower County is open to all hunting and trapping.

Subp. 54. **Mud-Bardwell Game Refuge, Martin County.** The Mud-Bardwell Game Refuge in Martin County is open to special goose hunts.

Subp. 55. **Collegetown (St. John's) Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The Collegetown (St. John's) Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to firearms deer and bear hunting during the established seasons, by written permission of the landowner.

Subp. 56. **Carleton Game Refuge, Dakota and Rice Counties.** The Carleton Game Refuge in Dakota and Rice Counties is open for deer hunting by archery from the fourth Thursday in November to December 31, by written permission of the landowner.

Subp. 57. **Talcot Lake Game Refuge, Cottonwood County.** The following special provisions apply to the Talcot Lake Game Refuge, Cottonwood County.

A. Those portions within the Talcot Lake Game Refuge that are posted to prohibit trespassing are closed to hunting. The remainder of the refuge is open to waterfowl hunting during the open Canada goose seasons only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.1100.

B. Designated hunting stations within the refuge must be spaced no less than 200 yards apart and must be no more than 100 yards inside the refuge, as measured from the posted boundary.

Subp. 58. **Clear Lake Game Refuge, Sherburne County.** The Clear Lake Game Refuge in Sherburne County is open to:

- A. deer hunting by firearms; and
- B. deer hunting by archery.

Subp. 59. **Lake Bemidji State Park, Beltrami County.** The southern unit of Lake Bemidji State Park, located within the city limits of Bemidji, is open to deer hunting by archery.

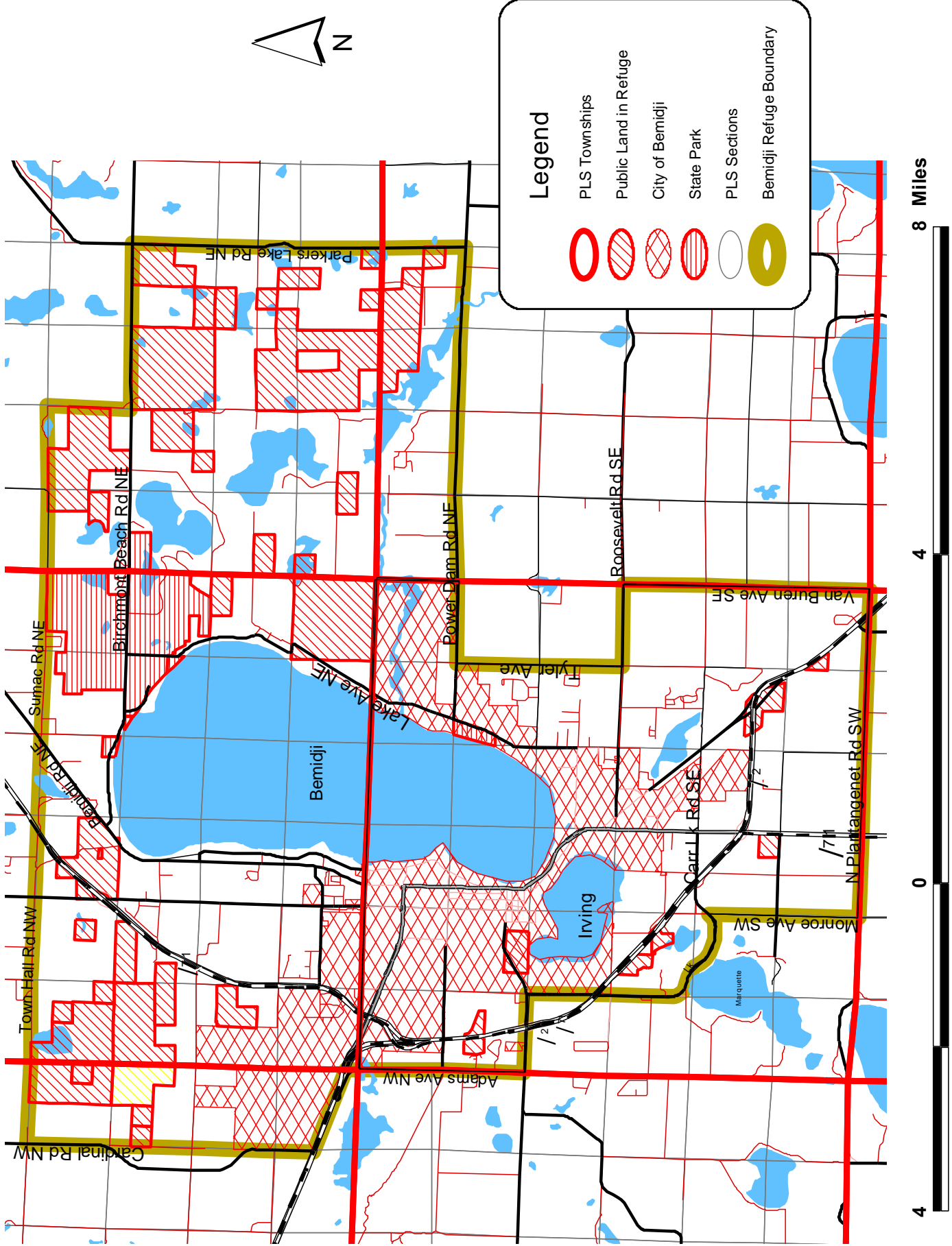
Subp. 60. **Cedar Lake Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The Cedar Lake Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 86A.06; 97A.091; and others at 19 SR 6*







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# Bemidji State Game Refuge



## Legend

-  PLS Townships
-  Public Land in Refuge
-  City of Bemidji
-  State Park
-  PLS Sections
-  Bemidji Refuge Boundary

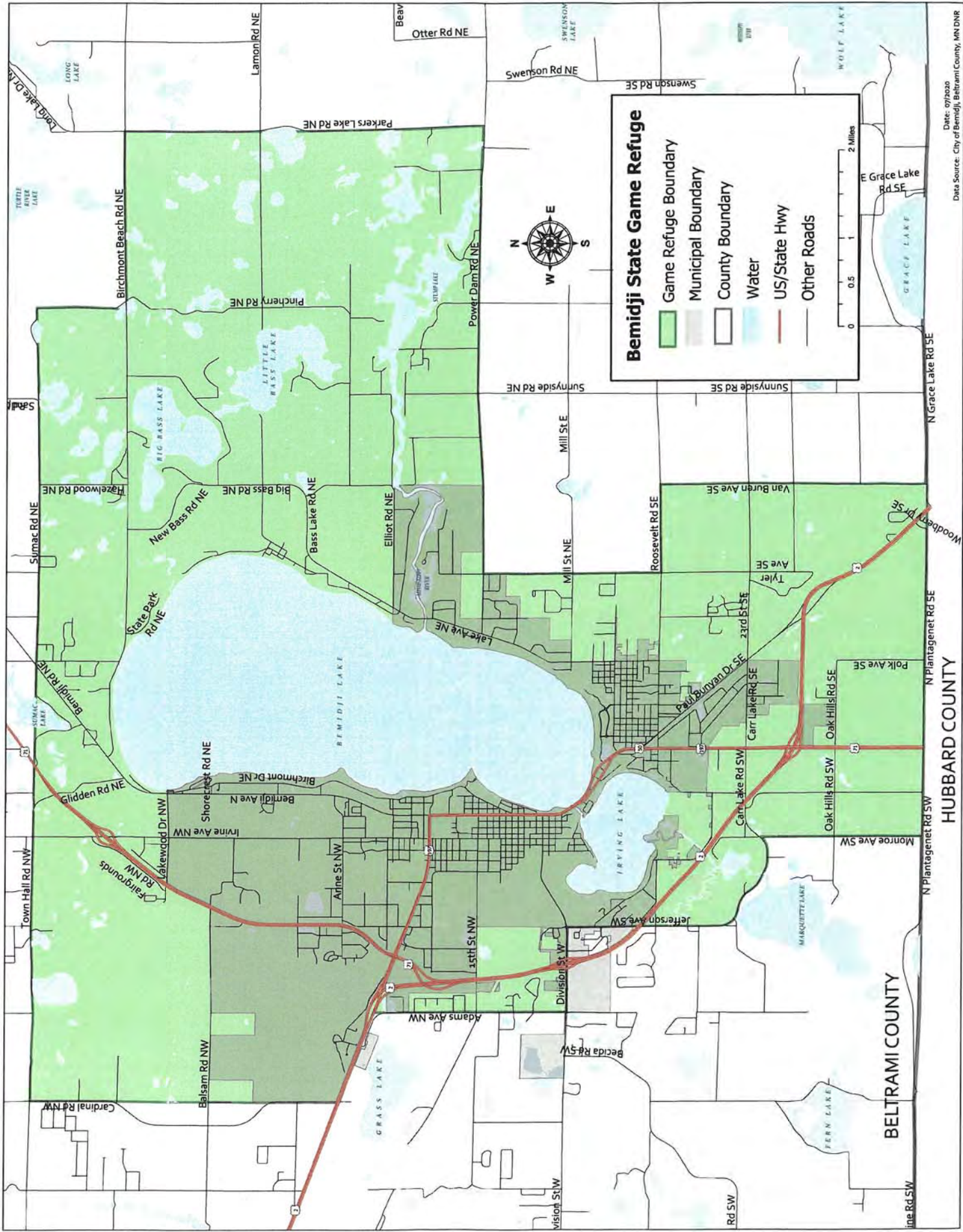
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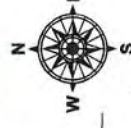
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**Bemidji State Game Refuge**

- Game Refuge Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- County Boundary
- Water
- US/State Hwy
- Other Roads



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