The NASA Plum Brook Station Deer Hunt is open to U.S. citizens who are licensed Ohio hunters. ALL hunters will hunt in pairs. Each person drawn is required to find and bring one hunting partner. Hunters under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a partner who is at least 21 years old. Failure to follow the controlled hunt rules and conditions could result in dismissal from the hunt, in addition to criminal charges pursuant to the Ohio Administrative Code 1501:31-9-01(u).

Hunters who do not possess a valid driver’s license and have obtained a driver to transport them to and from the hunt must have the driver submit a NASA Glenn Deer Hunt security application to undergo a background check in the same manner as the primary hunter and hunt partner and the driver must have a valid state of Ohio driver’s license only.

All persons, 18 or older, arriving at NASA Plum Brook Station must present a valid, government-issued photo identification in order to enter the facility. Acceptable forms of identification include: valid state photo ID (driver’s license or non-driver), valid United States passport, or valid Federal Government/Military CAC or Military Retiree Id card. **No other** forms of identification, or non-photo identification, will be accepted. Those not possessing one of the specified forms of photo identification will not be permitted to enter NASA Plum Brook Station. There will be no exceptions.

**INFORMATION FOR ALL HUNTERS, REGARDLESS OF RESIDENCY:**

1. A list of approved hunters and drivers will be posted beginning two weeks prior to the specific hunt date by the NASA Office of Protective Services website at [https://www.grc.nasa.gov/nasasecurity](https://www.grc.nasa.gov/nasasecurity). This list will be managed by the NASA Office of Protective Services and updated periodically until the day prior to the specific hunt. If you have questions about the processing of your background check please contact Special Agent Sam Hensley at 216-433-3033. **Please DO NOT call regarding your name not being on the list until you have followed and completed all instructions on either Security Checklist A or Security Checklist B.**

2. **Release and Indemnity form.** Each hunter is required to complete a release and indemnity form and bring with you on the day of your specific hunt. The release and indemnity form can be found online at: wildlife.ohiodnr.gov.
3. **Each hunter may take three deer per day.** Each hunter may either take up to 1 antlered and 2 antlerless or up to 3 antlerless deer. Please note that harvesting an antlered deer as part of this hunt counts towards the statewide bag limit of 1 antlered deer per year in Ohio.

4. **Hunter selection is by lottery only.** There are three categories of hunters drawn (Archery hunters; Gun hunters and Alternate hunters) for each hunt day. Those drawn will be issued a NASA Plum Brook Station special hunt permit.
   
a. Archery Sector Hunters
   
   i. Designated hunting areas will be assigned. You will be notified of this assignment by mail. Archery sectors must hunt in pairs. Single Archery hunters will not be able to hunt NASA Plum Brook Station. Archery hunters arriving with firearms will not be permitted to hunt at NASA Plum Brook Station.
   
   ii. Archery hunters are encouraged to use tree stands and ground blinds are also permitted. Any archery hunter planning on using a tree stand must also bring and use a safety harness.
   
b. Gun Hunters
   
   i. Designated hunting areas will be assigned. You will be notified of this assignment by mail.
   
   1. If a gun hunter shows up without a hunt partner on their hunt day, the single hunter will have to be placed with an Alternate hunter. The single hunter's name will be placed at the end of the waiting list of Alternate hunters. No hunter is permitted to hunt alone.
   
   2. If an unplanned event or a safety issue arises and results in the closing of a sector, NASA shall make every effort possible to notify the sector hunters and inform them of their options prior to their assigned hunt date. In the very rare instance that a sector is closed, those assigned to the closed sector will be placed at the top of the alternate list.
   
c. Alternate Hunters
   
   i. The next group of names drawn is comprised of ALTERNATE hunters. Following in numerical order of draw, Alternate hunters will be utilized as follows:
   
   1. Fill in for "no-show" Sector hunters
   2. Fill hunting areas vacated by successful hunters
   3. Hunt closed sections of the Station under escort
ii. Alternate hunters should come prepared to hunt both Gun and Archery sectors. Open Gun sectors will be filled before open Archery sectors. Alternate hunters will not have the opportunity to hunt both gun and archery sectors within the same hunt day.

iii. Alternate hunters are not guaranteed a chance to hunt. However, all Alternate hunters have had a chance to hunt in all of the previous hunts. Alternate hunters who do not get a chance to hunt on their designated day may not return at a later date. The controlled hunt permit will only allow entry onto NASA Plum Brook Station on the designated day.

5. The NASA Plum Brook Station special hunt permit will contain the following information: a) name and address of the hunter, b) date of the hunt, and c) designation as an Archery or Gun hunt. The hunt sector assignment or gun alternate hunter assignment will be mailed to you at a later date. If a hunter is unable to come on the specified hunt day, his/her permit may be transferred to another person by completing the transfer information on the NASA Plum Brook Station special hunt permit. **Any hunter and their hunt partner who have received a transferred permit must complete the security background check as outlined in the Security Background Checks section. When submitting the transfer permit the hunt date and sector number must be submitted on the NASA Glenn Deer Hunt Security application.**

6. Permits cannot be exchanged for another hunt date.

7. Selected hunters must arrive at the Scheid Road Main Gatehouse of the NASA Plum Brook Station by 6:00 a.m. **Please note that due to the addition of a new gatehouse, this may be a different location than previous years. Please check the posted directions, attached map, and follow any and all directional signs the day of the hunt.** Hunters may hunt from 7:30 a.m. to no later than 4:30 p.m. The Hunt Master may change these times, depending on operational, safety, and security needs for that hunt day, at which time they must be at their drop off point and ready for pickup at the stated time. Pick up times may vary slightly due to daylight limitations.

8. Hunters will be admitted to NASA Plum Brook Station at the NASA Plum Brook Station Scheid Road Main Gate and directed to the check-in point for processing. **At this point your state or federally-issued form of photo identification will be checked.** **Hunters who do not possess a state or federally issued photo identification card will not be allowed to access to NASA Plum Brook Station.** **Hunters who have not submitted a completed security background check to NASA will not be allowed on NASA Plum Brook Station.** Vehicles are subject to inspection upon entering this Federal facility. Persons found carrying contraband will be denied access to NASA Plum Brook Station. Contraband is defined as unauthorized weapons, ammunition, knives, explosives, illegal drugs, and alcoholic beverages. A map is available online with directions for reaching the main gate. Hunters will be taken by Government transport vehicle to and from their assigned hunting area. Personal vehicles may not be driven to the hunt sectors.
9. Hunters arriving after the designated time entrance time of 6:00 am will not be admitted to the Station to hunt.

10. **DO NOT bring guns or archery equipment into the briefing building!** Leave them locked in your vehicle. You will have an opportunity to pick them up on your way to the transport vehicle, after you have gone through the check-in process. Transportation within the facility will be provided by a series of Route Drivers. At the end of the hunt day, you will be dropped off at your vehicle prior to check-out. Put your hunting implement in your vehicle and then go through the check-out process. Do not leave your vehicle unlocked.

11. Hunters will be provided with a map of their assigned hunt area. Hunters must remain within their assigned areas (i.e. sectors). Do not go into another sector or into specifically marked or closed areas. This is for your protection as well as the safety of other hunters and Station employees and facilities. If you wound a deer and believe it went down in an adjacent sector, come to the road near the drop-off point and contact a Route Driver. They will contact Hunt Control and a wildlife officer will escort you into the adjacent sector once that sector's hunters have been notified.

12. Hunters are to remain in their sector until both hunters either have harvested deer, decide to stop hunting, or hunting time has expired. Both hunters must leave their sector at the same time. When both hunters have left the sector, they will not be permitted to return. Come prepared to stay within your sector for the entire day. There will be no other hunters in your sector, so it should be safe to let a tagged deer remain there while you help your partner. Field dress deer at least 50 feet away from the nearest road and keep it in the shade.

13. Sighting-in of hunting implements will not be allowed on the Station. Sight-in your hunting implement before you come to hunt.

14. Hunters should wear waterproof footgear and clothing according to the weather.

15. Hunters must have in their possession the following items:

   a. A valid state or federally issued form of photo identification for proof of identification and age, such as a valid state photo ID (driver’s license or non-driver), valid United States passport, or valid Federal Government/Military CAC or Military retiree ID card.
   b. A current Ohio hunting license
   c. A current Ohio deer hunting permit(s) and the controlled hunt permit for the NASA Plum Brook Station Deer Hunt
      i. Special note regarding deer permits: Hunters may use either regular deer permits ($24) and/or antlerless deer permits ($15) for this hunt. Antlerless deer permits are still valid for this controlled hunt during December through February. Because this is a controlled hunt, the use of the antlerless deer permits will not count against any county bag limit. Any deer taken during this hunt will count against the state-wide bag limit of 6 deer that can be harvested during controlled hunts. However, the regular deer permit must be used when harvesting an antlered deer. If you tag an
antlered deer, this will count as your buck for the year. All other deer harvested must be antlerless for the current season.

d. Your signed Release and Indemnity form
e. A knife suitable for field dressing deer and a drag rope
f. Gun hunters may only use shotguns, muzzleloaders, and straight-walled cartridges during this hunt. Archery hunters may only use compound bows, longbows, and crossbows. All alternate hunters are encouraged to bring both gun and archery equipment.
g. A watch, compass or GPS unit (recommended)
h. Lunch and/or non-alcoholic beverage (recommended)

16. While on NASA Plum Brook Station, no hunter shall have in his/her possession alcoholic beverages, cameras, or any weapon other than an approved deer hunting weapon and a knife suitable for field dressing deer.

17. During the controlled hunt check-in process, each hunter will be given a blaze orange nylon vest with an identifying number on it to designate the assigned hunt area (i.e. hunt sector). Upon checking out, the hunter will return the vest. This will allow Hunt Control to know which sectors are vacant.

18. Guns will not be discharged in the direction of Station buildings, facilities, across roadways, across the boundaries of assigned areas, or towards the Station perimeter fence. There will be agency personnel and Route Drivers driving the Station roads during the hunts. Dead or crippled deer, other than your own, should be reported to the Route Driver or Hunt Control.

19. There are plenty of deer on the Station, but hunters are not guaranteed a deer. Take your time, be sure of your target, know what is beyond your target and make sure that the deer you are shooting at is well within your range. All deer must be tagged in accordance with the State tagging requirements. All deer are required to be checked via the automated game check and permanent tagging process.

20. Failure to responsibly track and immediately tag each deer you shoot may result in dismissal from the hunt in addition to criminal charges. ODNR law enforcement personnel will be on duty at NASA Plum Brook Station during the hunt. All wildlife laws will be strictly enforced.

21. There will be patrol vehicles active throughout the Station at all times during the hunt. A hunter aware of any injury or other emergency shall immediately go to the nearest roadway in his/her assigned hunt area and report the incident to the first patrol vehicle or Route Driver. An emergency number will be posted at Hunt Control prior to transporting hunters into the field.

22. Please do not litter or destroy property. It is essential that all hunters do their part to make this a safe hunting program. Injury to others or damage to property will be cause for immediate termination of the NASA Plum Brook deer harvest program. Hunters may not start fires or hunt game other than white-tailed deer.

23. No visitors other than emergency personnel will be allowed on the Station during the hunt. Only those hunters with a valid NASA Plum Brook controlled hunt permit

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for that day will be admitted to the Station. Drivers who have transported the hunters to NASA Plum Brook Station must remain at the security parking lot at the Main Gate or leave the Station during the hunt. Drivers may return to the old NASA Plum Brook Station Main Gate located at 6100 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, OH after 2 pm to pick-up the hunters. These drivers will be permitted onto NASA Plum Brook Station if they have a completed background check and are on the approved entry list to pick-up hunters. These drivers will take the most direct route to and from the old NASA Plum Brook Station Main Gate to Hunt Control and will exit in a timely manner through the same gate as they entered.

24. Food and beverages are not available for purchase at NASA Plum Brook Station. You are advised to bring supplies for a full day. Alternate hunters may have to wait several hours before entering the field to hunt. Come prepared! Hunters MAY NOT leave the Station to purchase food, coffee, licenses or ammunition. Any hunter leaving the Station will not be allowed to return.

25. **Deer permits will not be sold at the NASA Plum Brook Station. Make sure you have all appropriate deer permits prior to the hunt.**

26. NASA Plum Brook Station controlled deer hunting permits are transferable to another individual; however, all transfers must be made two weeks prior to the respective hunt date to allow persons accepting a transferred permit to complete the background check and fingerprint process described in section 2. **Note: It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, trade or barter any Division of Wildlife issued controlled hunting, fishing or trapping permit.**

27. In case of inclement weather all hunters should monitor the NASA Office of Protective Services website at [https://www.grc.nasa.gov/nasasecurity/nasa-plum-brook-station-deer-hunt/](https://www.grc.nasa.gov/nasasecurity/nasa-plum-brook-station-deer-hunt/) and the Erie County Sheriff’s Office website at [https://www.eriecounty.oh.gov/popular-links/erie-county-sheriff](https://www.eriecounty.oh.gov/popular-links/erie-county-sheriff) for the most up-to-date winter weather advisories. The Erie County Sheriff’s Office utilizes standardized winter road condition advisor levels to inform the public about the general condition of roadways throughout the county during a winter storm. If the Erie County Sheriff’s Office issues a **Level 3** winter road condition advisory, **Erie County roadways to include NASA Plum Brook Station are closed to all non-emergency travel** due to extremely hazardous conditions. Hunts will then be cancelled.
Attached Map of NASA Plum Brook Station Gate Entrances and Addresses:
NASA Plum Brook Station New Main Gate: 3597 E. Scheid Rd., Sandusky OH 44870
NASA Plum Brook Station Old Main Gate: 6100 Columbus Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870