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September 12, 2023

To our valued hunting guests,

The Fall hunting season is just weeks away and we hope you're looking forward to your time at Reed Ranch this year as much as we are. We'd like to give you some updates, so we hope you can spare a few minutes.

The 2022 total deer harvest count was the same as in 2021, and hunters reported seeing more and bigger bucks. Sightings of deer this spring and summer were also more frequent than in recent years. We saw a lot of acorns on the ground this summer when we visited in August, which is an encouraging sign for the deer, as well as for us hunters. We have included in this packet graphs of the past 13 years of harvest data at the Ranch, we hope you find them informative.

We are encouraged by the apparent trend of the deer herd population increasing, but feel that we should still be cautious about taking doe this year, so that we may bolster our herd population and sustainability. For the 2023 hunting seasons we have decided to allow harvesting of a limited number of doe. If you wish to hunt for a doe, please speak with Torrey (Ranch Manager), and he will confirm whether or not we've reached the harvest limit for this season.

Only older doe will be eligible to be harvested, and you will need to be able to describe to the Ranch Manager how to identify older does, prior to being granted permission to hunt them. We highly recommend watching the "Wayne Sitton Doe Management Presentation" video on the internet, which may be found at the web address <https://vimeo.com/250364614>. This is a very informative educational presentation which will help you to visually identify which doe that we as hunters should be targeting to improve the age, health and sex balance in our herd.

A few years ago we began to actively address the predator populations on Reed Ranch, namely coyote and black bear. Two bear were taken during the 2022 bear hunt out of three

hunters. Very little sign of coyote activity was noted over the past 12 months, so it seems we been successful in reducing the coyote population over the past few years. We did have one bear hunter this month, our very own Tom Proctor, who successfully harvested a 250 pound boar this past weekend. Congrats to him!!

Enclosed is your 2023 deer hunting season packet.

The enclosed "Reed Ranch Hunting Season Information" page explains some key points and includes some important reminders, so please take a minute to review.

Please complete and return these required documents with payment as soon as possible to reserve your hunting slots this year:


- A completed and signed hunting access order form
- A signed liability waiver
- Your check payable to Fairview Enterprises (pre-addressed envelope enclosed).
- Alternatively, we now also can accept credit card payments. (we'll contact you after your forms have been received)

- For the October Archery hunters, please return the above ASAP.
- For November & December hunters, please return the above 30 days before your arrival.

Like every year, the Reed's will be hosting a cocktail party on the evening of November 14th, and all hunters from any season are welcome to join us for drinks, snacks, socializing and fun!

We look forward to seeing everyone at Reed Ranch this hunting season and wish you a memorable and successful hunt.

Best regards,



Ellen Reed Welsh

Randy Welsh

REED RANCH DEER HUNTING SEASON INFORMATION

Hunting Access:

Each hunter pays a Reed Ranch hunting access fee prior to hunting, which is good for one deer. This access fee is valid across all of our seasons, using the appropriate weapons, from October 1st through the end of the year. Paying a hunting access fee provides permission to hunt at Reed Ranch, but does not guarantee success.

The fee for returning hunters is \$300 for hunting access, but only \$150 for first time Ranch hunters. Youth hunters under 18 years old can hunt for free.

Of course, the appropriate Michigan DNR hunting licenses are always required to hunt on Reed Ranch property.

Michigan DNR private land deer hunting licenses for hunting on the Ranch may be obtained from sporting goods stores by providing the Reed Ranch phone number (989-848-2441) and stating our location (within DMU 487).

Lodging:

During the October Archery Season, lodges are available for rental at published weekly rates. The cabins are available by the week, or by the day with a three-day minimum stay.

The Rate Schedule for the November and December lodging rental weeks are set to match the DNR hunting season dates, extending your time for hunting versus the traditional calendar week rentals.

As in the past, lodging charges during the November Firearm Seasons will be on a per person basis. This year we again are offering the 2nd Week Firearm rates to 1st Time Hunters during the first week, providing a 40% discount as an incentive for new hunters to try out Reed Ranch.

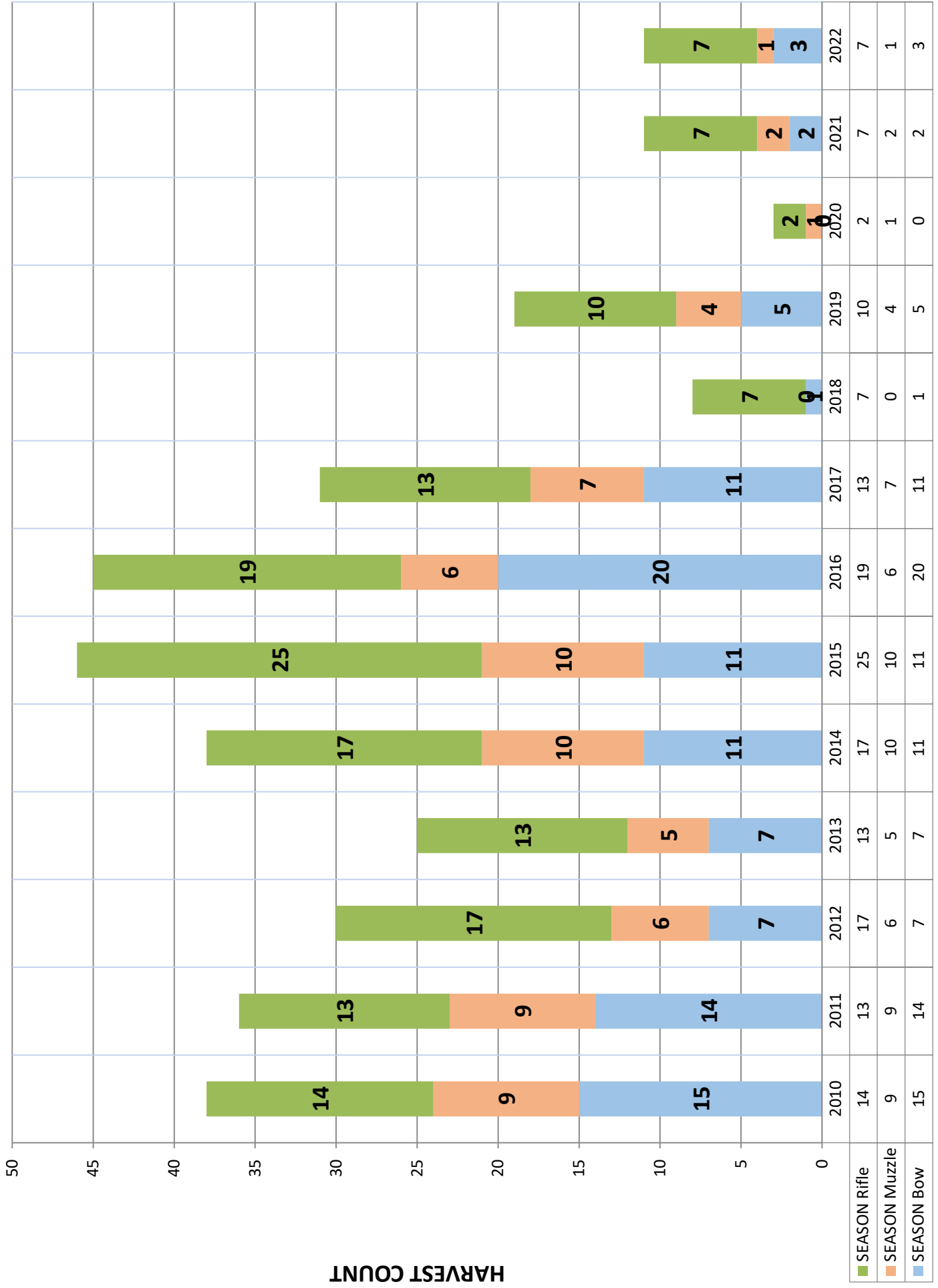
Hunters that pay for the first week may add the second week for an additional \$150. If you want to come up for only the second week, you can choose to pay a per person fee for the week, or a nightly per person fee (3 night minimum), making the second week very affordable for exposing hunters to the Ranch for the first time.

Important reminders:

- **All hunters must check in with the Ranch Manager prior to hunting. If you have not yet paid for your hunting access fee, it will be due at that time.**
- **Each hunting access fee provides permission to hunt for one deer.**
- **Anyone found hunting or in possession of a firearm while afield on the property, without having paid the hunting access fee, will be considered trespassing, asked to leave, and may not be permitted to hunt at Reed Ranch in the future.**
- **Anyone wishing to hunt for small game or game birds must contact Reed Ranch management to obtain permission prior to hunting. A separate hunt access fee may be required.**
- **Bucks must have a minimum of 4 points on one side.**
- **All harvested deer (bucks & doe) must be reported to Reed Ranch staff. Failure to report may jeopardize future hunting privileges.**

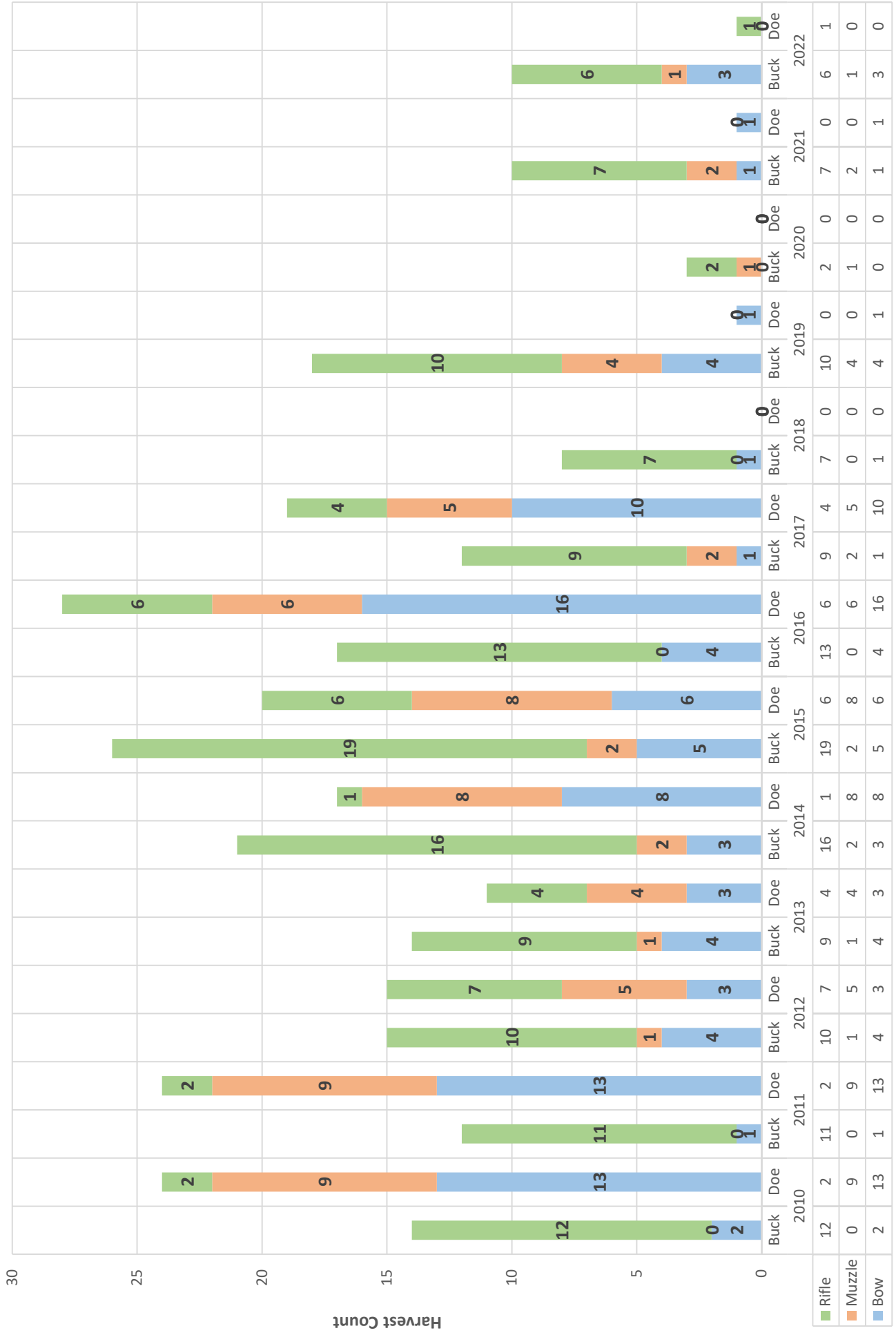
Reporting deer harvested is required per our deer management policy, so that we may gather data about each deer to help continue the improvement of our herd and your hunting experience.

Reed Ranch Deer Harvest Data - by Season (Bucks & Doe)



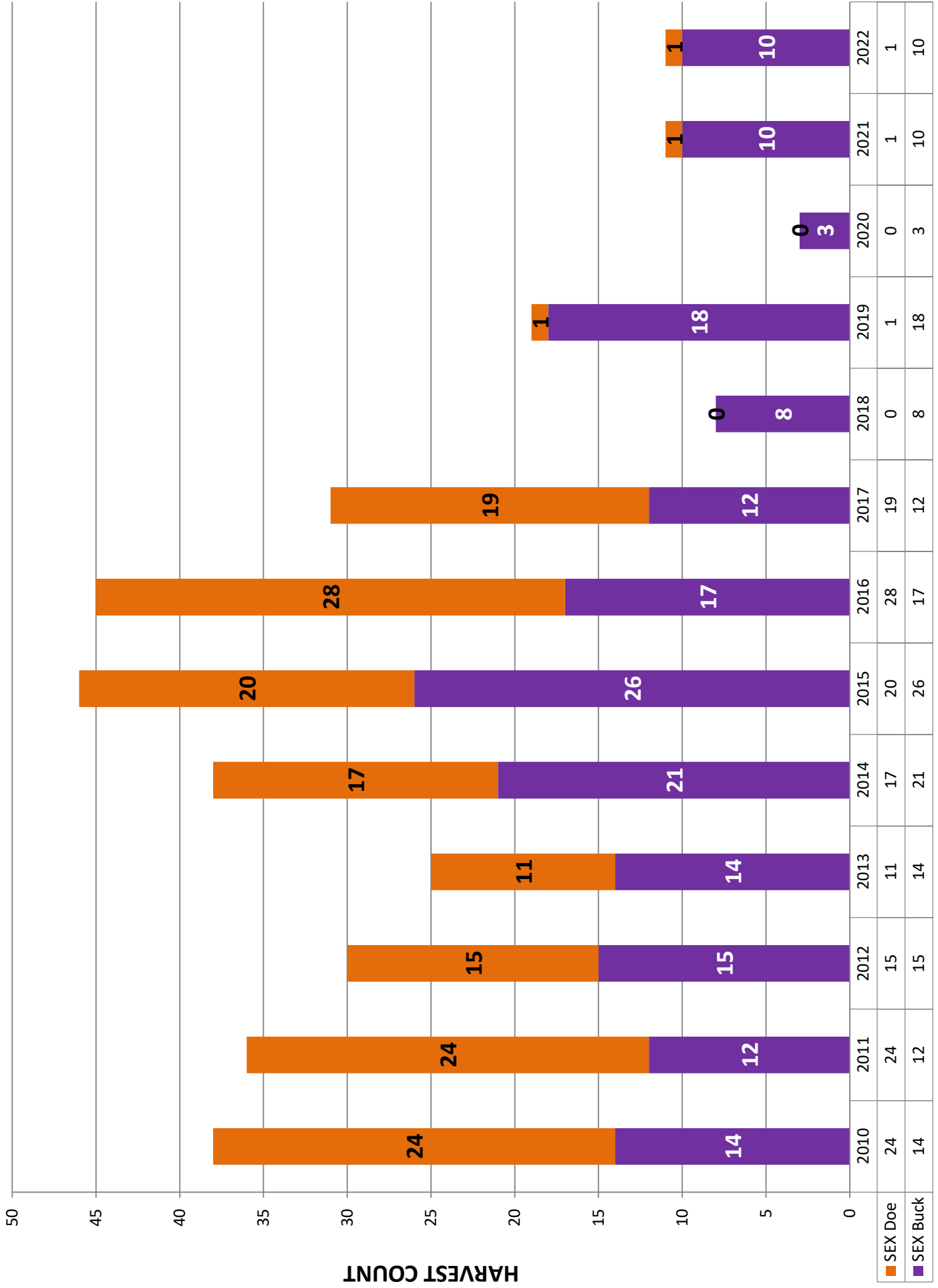
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Reed Ranch Harvest Data - by Season & Gender

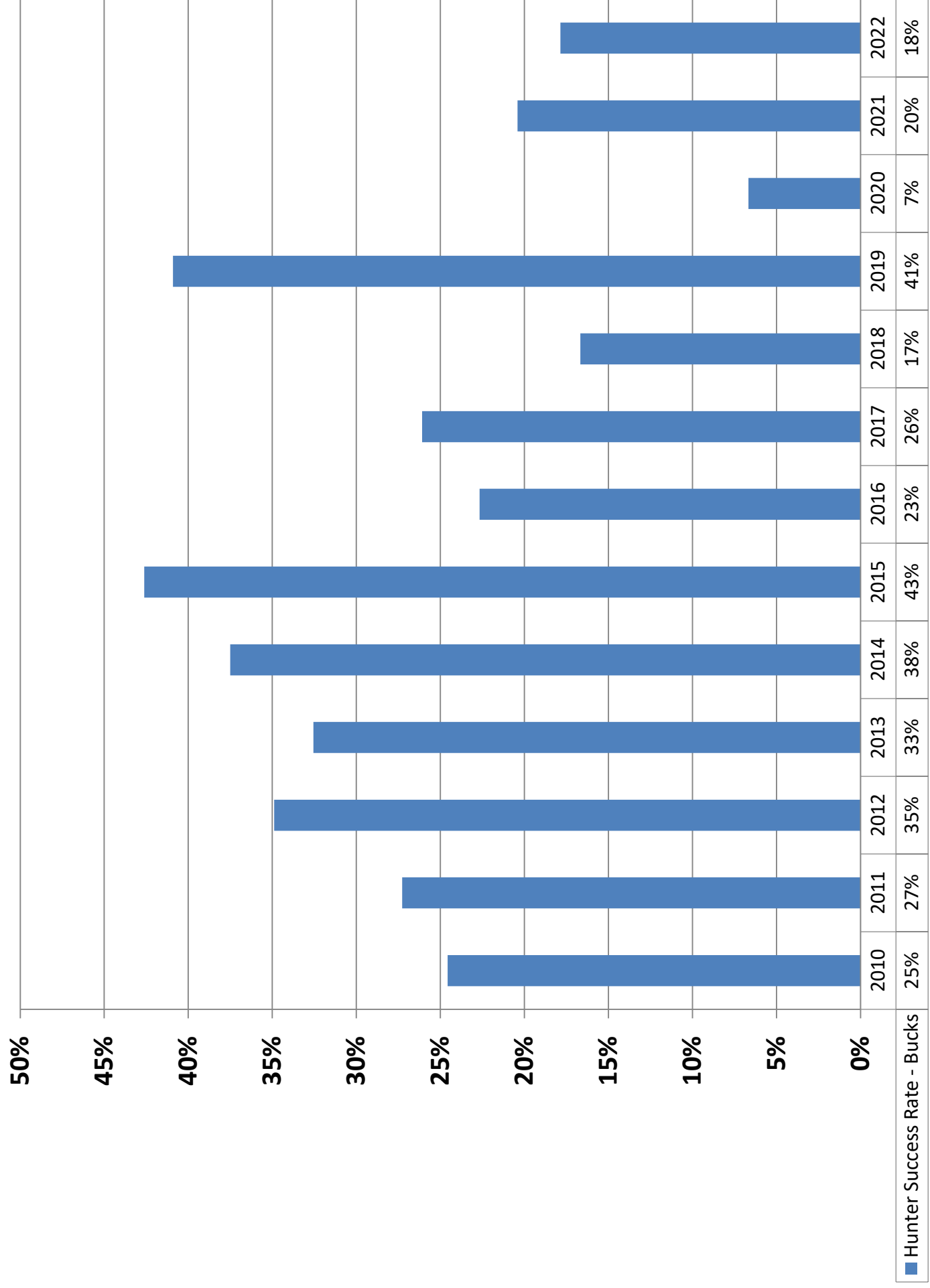


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Reed Ranch Deer Harvest Data - by Gender



Hunter Success Rate - Buck Harvest



1 Contact information

Name:

Address:

City: State / Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

Hunt Group Leader / Renter:

Building: Dog Trot Katy Lee Salt Box South Line Cooks Cabin
 I don't have a group. Please help place me with a group.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Vehicle Information:

MAKE	MODEL	COLOR
LICENSE STATE	LICENSE NUMBER	

Emergency Contact:

Phone #:

833-395-9599 for Reservations (Carla)
 888-284-4145 for Customer Service (Ellen & Randy)

2 Deer Hunting Access Fee

One hunting access fee is good for one deer.

Name	Youth Hunter Birth Date	All Regular Seasons			Hunting Access Fee (enter amount from left)
		Adult, Returning	Adult, First Time	Youth (Age 17 & Under)	
1	/ (mm / yy)	\$300	\$150	Free	\$
2	/ (mm / yy)	\$300	\$150	Free	\$
3	/ (mm / yy)	\$300	\$150	Free	\$
4	/ (mm / yy)	\$300	\$150	Free	\$

3 Determine your Lodging Rental Charge

		Lodges	Cabins	Circle choices below as appropriate		Number of Persons	Rental Charges (pp charge x # of persons)
Fall Hunt (Archery only)	09/29/23 – 10/26/23	Rental By Building Only (call Carla)					To be paid separately
November Hunt I **	11/12/22 – 11/21/22	\$1270 pp/wk	\$1070 pp/wk	Returning Hunter			\$
		\$790 pp/wk	\$650 pp/wk	First Time Hunter			\$
November Hunt II	11/22/22 – 11/29/22	\$790 pp/wk	\$650 pp/wk	Nightly rates: (3 night min.)	\$170 pp for Lodges & \$150 pp for Cabins		\$
Muzzleloader	11/30/22 – 12/10/22	Rental By Building Only (call Carla)					To be paid separately

** Nov. Hunt I hunters may stay for the Nov. Hunt II week for an additional \$150 per person

4 Return the Completed Form with your Payment

Make check payable to: **Fairview Enterprises, Inc.**

Mailing Address: **Carla Cook**
Reed Ranch Reservations
19872 Scenic Harbour Drive
Northville, MI 48167-1980

Payment Method:

Check

Credit

(2.99% Processing Fee)
 We will call you to complete the transaction

Total Amount Due: \$

By my signature below I attest that I have read and understand the enclosed Reed Ranch rules and regulations documents and agree to comply with them, as well as the deer management policies provided and/or posted on the property. I will ensure all other hunters included on this form are also provided with copies of the enclosed documents. I further agree to pay the amount determined by the fee structure presented on this form, potentially amended by Reed Ranch management if the form has been incorrectly completed, or if the circumstances of my visit change in the future.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL HUNTERS MUST CHECK IN WITH THE RANCH MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO HUNTING

REED RANCH - RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS: I understand that my visit to the Reed Ranch will involve exposure to water and woodland resources and may bring me in close proximity to wild animals and that my participation in activities including hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, sailing, boating, canoeing, swimming and the use of firearms, bow and arrow and other forms of weaponry are inherently dangerous and may expose me to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen and unforeseen, including serious injury and/or death. I understand the inherent risks of such activities cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity or the attractiveness of the location of the Reed Ranch. I understand that there are no rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with injuries and damages to which I may be exposed at the Reed Ranch and that the Reed Ranch does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide medical treatment on the Reed Ranch.

Waiver: In consideration of being permitted to visit, stay and/or participate in any way in any activity, including, those indicated above and the transportation on and across the Reed Ranch to and from any such activity, I covenant and agree to hereby release, waive and discharge the Reed Ranch, Fairview Enterprises, Inc., its directors, officers, employees and agents (collectively the "Reed Ranch") from any injury, damage, loss, claim, liability or harm, caused by my own negligence, natural occurrences, activities of other persons, animals, including the negligence of the Reed Ranch, resulting from my visit and/or participation in any activities at the Reed Ranch. By signing this document, I hereby waive, release and discharge Reed Ranch from any and all liability or claim I may have with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage, including attorney fees, court costs and witness fees that may result from my visit and/or participating in any activity on the Reed Ranch.

Assumption of Risks: I HAVE READ THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPHS AND I KNOW, UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THESE AND OTHER RISKS THAT ARE INHERENT IN VISITATION TO THE REED RANCH AND PARTICIPATION IN ANY ACTIVITY WHILE AT THE REED RANCH AND HEREBY ASSERT THAT I KNOWINGLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS FOR MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: I also agree to DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD REED RANCH HARMLESS from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney, court cost and expert witness fees brought as a result of my involvement in visitation or participation in activities on the Reed Ranch, and to reimburse the Reed Ranch for any such expenses incurred by them as a result of my visit to the Reed Ranch.

Severability: This release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of Michigan. It shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan. I agree that if a clause or provision of this release is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such finding shall not invalidate any other clause or provision of this release which shall continue to be enforceable.

Documents Incorporated In This Agreement: The documents "Reed Ranch General Rules and Regulations", & "Reed Ranch Weapons & Hunting Rules & Regulations" are considered part of this agreement. By signing below, I state that I have read the attached documents referred to above and have provided or informed all of the adults in my party of their existence and fully understand and agree to comply with all terms and conditions of these documents.

Acknowledgment of Understanding: I have read this Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement and fully understand its terms. I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily and intend by my signature this Agreement to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law. I understand and intend that this assumption of risk and release of liability is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns and includes all members of my family and any minors over whom I have assumed responsibility for and have accompanying my family and I to the Reed Ranch.

Name of Guest or Participant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signature	Date
Name of Spouse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signature	Date
Address	City	State
(_____) Phone	E-mail (optional)	

List children under 18 years of age (under care of the above adults (Anyone 18 years and older must sign a separate waiver))

Name	Age	Name	Age
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REED RANCH RATE SCHEDULE FOR 2023 - 2024

Season	Dates	Weekly Rates		Nightly Rates	
		Lodges	Cabins	Lodges	Cabins
Spring	04/14/23 -- 05/25/23	\$2,630	\$1,270	----	\$280
Summer	05/26/23 -- 08/31/23	\$4,000	\$1,720	----	\$310
Late Summer	09/01/23 -- 09/28/23	\$2,630	\$1,270	----	\$260
Fall Hunt	09/29/23 -- 10/26/23	\$2,630	\$1,270	----	\$260
Closed	10/27/23 -- 11/11/23	----	----	----	----
November Hunt I (10 nights; arrive Sun – depart Wed)	11/12/23 -- 11/21/23	\$1270 pp	\$1070 pp	----	----
November Hunt II (8 nights; arrive Wed – depart Thur)	11/22/23 -- 11/29/23	\$790 pp	\$650 pp	\$170 pp	\$150 pp
Muzzleloader Hunt (11 nights; arrive Thur – depart Mon)	11/30/23 -- 12/10/23	\$2,120	----	----	----
Early Winter / Holidays (7 nights; arrive Fri – depart Fri)	12/15/23 -- 01/04/24	\$2,090	----	----	----
Winter	01/05/24 -- 03/14/24	\$2,090	----	\$380	----
Closed	03/15/24 -- 04/11/24	----	----	----	----

	Weekly	Daily
Pontoon Boat Rental:	\$450	\$100
Fishing Boat Motor:	\$150	\$30

Lodges: Dog Trot, Katy Lee, Saltbox

Cabins: Cook's Cottage, South Line Cabin, George's Cabin
(Note: George's Cabin has limited cooking facilities, so it is available at 75% of the normal Cabin rate)

Weekly Rentals: Check-In Friday 6 PM, Check-Out Friday 10 AM, unless otherwise noted above.

Nightly Rentals: Three (3) night minimum charge. Visit may start and end any day of the week.

Hunting Seasons: General booking is allowed, but touring the property is severely limited due to hunting activities. The area around the Lodges/Cabins is always available, as are the lakes for fishing and other activities.

Hunting Fees: Adult deer hunters pay a hunting access fee of \$300, with first time Ranch hunters paying only \$150. Youth hunters under 18 years old are allowed hunting access at no charge. All hunters must abide by the Deer Management Policy regarding harvest restrictions.

Hunter Lodging: All hunters pay either a per-person rental fee or share the cost of the weekly rental for the building they stay in. November Hunt I renters may add November Hunt II for only \$150 more. First time Ranch hunters can lodge during the November Hunt I at the November Hunt II rate.

All lodging prices include 6% Michigan Use Tax.

REED RANCH - GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL

- 1)ARRIVAL TO REED RANCH IS AFTER 6 PM AND DEPARTURE IS 10 AM LOCAL TIME. No exceptions are permitted due to our need to effect cleaning and repairs between guests' visits. Violations will cause the renter to be charged an extra day's rental.
- 2)When arriving, the guest who signed the Rental Agreement must immediately check in with the Ranch Manager, and inform him of the names of all guests in the party, as well as descriptions and license plate numbers of all vehicles which will be on the Ranch during the stay.
- 3)Day Guests: A maximum of one (1) vehicle with maximum of four (4) passengers are allowed to visit a paying renter for a portion of one day, a maximum of once every three days. Day guests are not allowed to bring trailered boats, ATV's, etc. It is required to notify the manager prior to the arrival of any day guests.
- 4)Any guest that does not yet have on file with the office a signed copy of the current "Release & Waiver of Liability, Assumptions of Risk and Indemnity Agreement" must complete this at time of arrival.
- 5)Upon your arrival at the Ranch, you will immediately notice its cleanliness and lack of refuse along its 65 miles of roads. To help keep it this way, stopping to pick up any garbage you may find would be appreciated.
- 6)For your convenience, basic cooking staples, such as salt, pepper, sugar, etc., are provided in each kitchen. Please replace any quantities used during your stay. Please remove all perishable items from the refrigerator upon your departure. Please wash all provided dishes & cookware before you leave.
- 7)Please contact the Ranch Manager for any repairs or assistance with the lodging facilities. Please do not attempt to make repairs on your own.
- 8)To lessen the chance of attracting unwanted attention from wildlife, please tightly bag garbage and place it in the provided containers outside each lodge/cabin. Staff will pick up the garbage regularly.
- 9)Firewood & kindling are supplied. Do not transport firewood to or from the Ranch. No ground fires are allowed unless authorized by the Manager.
- 10)The number of overnight guests shall not exceed the maximum occupancy for the lodge/cabin. You may not use campers or tents to house additional guests.
- 11)Please refrain from any loud, noisy activities after 10 pm.
- 12)Please do not move any furniture.
- 13)Prior to your departure, please check to see that you have removed all of your items. While we will hold items we find for you for 30 days, we cannot be responsible for any items you've left behind.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- 14)Guests may use the sandy beach on Lake Shamrock, across from the Ball Field / Archery Range.
- 15)The Main Lodge, Liberty Hall and the beach area north of the Boat House/Launch ramp are off limits. These are the Reed Family's private buildings and area. Other than the Manager's House and the Workshop, all other buildings in that area are off-limits to guests.
- 16)Boats with outboard motors may be used to assist in providing transportation while on the lakes. Activities such as water-skiing, jet-skis, wave-runners, speeding, and general horseplay in boats of any size are strictly forbidden.
- 17)All boats, motors, trailers and related equipment brought by guests must be thoroughly washed and then allowed to dry for at least 5 days (two weeks is best). Reed Ranch staff will inspect all boats. Poorly cleaned boats will not be allowed in the lakes. This is to help prevent the invasion of harmful species of aquatic plants & animals into our lakes that will eventually hinder your enjoyment. Please visit www.reed-ranch.com for more information on how to properly clean your boats.
- 18)**All sportsmen must be licensed in accordance with the regulations and laws of the State of Michigan.** All fishing and game laws must be strictly adhered to.
- 19)**Reed Ranch Fishing Policy:** The Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass minimum size limit is 18". Northern Pike may only be taken if 34" or greater. [Michigan State Law Possession Limits:](#) Panfish = 25; Bass/Pike = 5 combined, 2 pike maximum. Please don't keep more fish than you can eat in one day.
- 20)DO NOT use wild caught live minnows or other live aquatic species brought from outside Reed Ranch as bait. Live bait purchased from a bait shop is allowed. Other wild collected live bait such as insects, worms, etc., is acceptable.
- 21)Do NOT clean fish inside the buildings. Fish cleaning stations are furnished for your use outside.
- 22)Guests bringing weapons onto Reed Ranch property must comply with the "Reed Ranch Weapons & Hunting Rules & Regulations".
- 23)All shooting of weapons (including BB guns) shall be conducted at the appropriate ranges, which are available to all guests. The Rifle/Pistol and Trap Ranges are located east of Lake David, and the Archery Range is located at the Ball Field just north of the Katy Lee on King's Highway.
- 24)Touring the property for sightseeing during hunting seasons is not allowed, due to the potential of disrupting the hunters' activities.
- 25)Snowmobiles and four-wheeled ATV's are allowed if used with consideration to other guests, wildlife and the property. A safety flag at least 4-foot tall is mandatory, and speeding or daredevil driving is prohibited. Two or three-wheeled motorized vehicles such as dirt bikes, mini-bikes, etc., are forbidden. Motorcycles used as a primary conveyance to the Ranch may be driven on King's Highway. Any excessively noisy vehicles are not welcome.

PETS

- 26)Two dogs are permitted in the lodge/cabin. A fee of \$100 will be assessed for every additional dog beyond the two allowed.
- 27)All pets must be up to date on all pertinent vaccinations, including rabies. All pets are to be under current preventative treatment for fleas and ticks prior to arrival.
- 28)Fully house-trained pets may be kept in the lodges/cabins. Please keep dogs off all furniture and beds. Pets often become panicked and claw or chew when left alone in unfamiliar surroundings, therefore unattended dogs must be kept in either your travel kennel, or the kennels provided at the Ranch. If your pet has an accident, it must be kenneled or be otherwise provided for outside the lodge. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up of any pet refuse in and around the lodges/cabins.
- 29)Pets must be "under control" at all times and must be on a leash when in the vicinity of the Manager's house, barn, and workshop.



REED RANCH

WEAPONS & HUNTING RULES & REGULATIONS



For over 80 years, responsible guests have helped the Reed family build a reputation of sportsmanship and an enviable safety record at Reed Ranch. We hope that all families that share Reed Ranch now, and in generations to come, will have a pleasurable and a safe experience by following these rules & guidelines during their visit.

WEAPONS

- 1) Guests must comply with all Federal, State and Local regulations relating to firearms and other weapons while on Reed Ranch property.
- 2) Keep weapons unloaded when not in use. All weapons must be unloaded at all times when located in any building or vehicle on Reed Ranch¹.
- 3) Store or lock weapons so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons, especially unsupervised children.
- 4) You are required to handle your weapons in a safe and responsible manner. Horseplay of any kind with weapons, or in the vicinity of weapons in use, will not be tolerated.
- 5) Guests may not be impaired with drugs or alcohol while carrying a firearm or bow, as this is illegal and shall be grounds for immediate revocation of range, hunting & weapon privileges.
- 6) A responsible adult must supervise anyone under the age of 18 when hunting or using the weapons ranges.
- 7) No weapons shall be discharged within 150 yards or within line-of-site of any building¹.
- 8) Weapons use is restricted to the designated ranges. The only exception to this is for hunting seasons by approved hunters, or any other activity specifically approved by Reed Ranch.
- 9) Both eye & hearing protection should be worn at all times at the firearm ranges. It is recommended to wear eye protection at the archery range.
- 10) During any Range Cease-Fire, your firearm must be unloaded with the action open & clear and placed in the weapons rack. There is NO handling of firearms during a Cease-Fire.
- 11) You may only use paper targets at the Rifle & Pistol Range, clay birds at the Trap Range, and foam, straw or other commercially available archery targets at the Archery Range. Furthermore, you are not allowed to place or shoot at glass, metal, non-biodegradable materials² or garbage due to the risk of ricochet or dangerous shrapnel.
- 12) Absolutely NO tracer ammunition or explosives of any kind (such as Tannerite) are allowed on the property.
- 13) You are expected to clean up any trash your use of the ranges may produce, such as unbroken clay pigeons, shell casings, boxes, paper, cleaning supplies, etc. A trashcan is provided for your use.

Transporting Firearms and Bows and Arrows (Michigan State Law)

"A hunting license is not required while transporting a firearm en route to or from a target, trap or skeet range, or target shooting area and there is no attempt to take game. At all times, rifles, shotguns, muzzleloading and other firearms and bows and arrows carried in or on any type of motor vehicle, including ORVs and snowmobiles, must be unloaded in both barrel and magazine, and either enclosed in a case, or unstrung, or carried in the trunk of a vehicle with a trunk. These rules apply whether your vehicle is parked, stopped, moving or is on private or public property."

HUNTING

- 14) No wildlife may be hunted, killed or taken without paying a Reed Ranch Hunting Access Fee to the Management. You must also have a valid Michigan DNR Hunting License, and be in compliance with all Federal, State and Local laws and Reed Ranch regulations, including all Michigan State Game Laws and the DNR Hunter Orange clothing requirements during the appropriate hunting seasons.
- 15) While hunting on Reed Ranch, hunters must carry their DNR Hunting License and present it upon request to any Reed Ranch staff. Please display your Reed Ranch Hunter's Vehicle Ribbon where it can be seen from a distance, so that staff may distinguish between our guests and unauthorized persons (poachers).
- 16) Firearm range hours during October, November and December are 11am – 1pm. The rest of the year the ranges are open during daylight hours. Our Rifle/Pistol Range has target backboards from 25 yards up to 300 yards for your use. We encourage all hunters to sight in their weapons at the ranges before hunting. Know the limitations of yourself, your weapon, and your ammunition. Accurate placement of your shot improves your chance of a clean, sportsmanlike kill.
- 17) All deer hunters are expected to comply with the current Deer Management Policy as approved by the Deer Management Committee.
- 18) After deer stands have been assigned, do not enter another hunter's assigned area without permission of that assigned hunter or the Manager.

¹ The only exception to this would be in the case of a life-threatening situation.

² Unless you purchased a target made of synthetic material designed for the purpose of archery.

- 19) In the interest of safety and to avoid disturbing another hunter's area, hunters using guns must stay in their assigned stands and immediate area. The deer stands are placed so that the possibility of shooting accidents is minimized. Stalking is not permitted unless you are tracking an already wounded deer.
- 20) Bow hunters are allowed to set up their own ground or tree stands/blinds, subject to management approval. No one shall erect a ground blind or disturb the habitat within a 200-yard radius of a rifle blind. Tree stands are allowed within this 200-yard radius provided the habitat is not disturbed.
- 21) When rifle blinds are used, they should be left in good condition and the doors closed and latched.
- 22) During the firearm & muzzleloading seasons, bow hunters are subject to the same "no stalking" rules as gun hunters and must choose a permanent deer stand assignment and stay within 300 yards of that stand.
- 23) Michigan law prohibits any type of baiting for deer in our area of the state.³
- 24) Driving or flushing of deer by any method is not permitted at any time.
- 25) No hunting is allowed within 150 yards of King's Highway (the main road between M-72 and the Manager's house). Hunting from inside of Stand #10 is the only exception.
- 26) "It is illegal to hunt or pursue wild animals or birds from a car, snowmobile, aircraft, motorboat, PWC [personal water craft], ORV [off-road vehicle] or other motorized vehicle, or by a sailboat,"³ except as allowed by a DNR "permit for disabled hunters". Additionally, we consider this unethical and seriously unsportsmanlike, and therefore these activities are strictly forbidden on Reed Ranch.
- 27) Although it is allowable to shoot a deer along any of the other two-tracks on the property, you must not be in a vehicle (see previous rule). Be as considerate of the other guests as you expect them to be to you. If you hunt outside your assigned hunting area, you may be risking another guest's life, limb or property, or at least ruin another's hunting opportunities if you are in their stand's vicinity.
- 28) "It is illegal to harm or harass a deer or bear when it is swimming in a stream, river, pond, lake or other waterbody."³
- 29) "It is illegal to kill or wound any game without making a reasonable attempt to retrieve the animal and include it in the daily bag."³ Every hunter is responsible for following through on the shots they make, so note the location of your buck before you shoot and carefully inspect that area for even the slightest bloodstains, hair, or other evidence of a successful shot. A mortally wounded buck may run several hundred yards before collapsing. Trackers are available, and are recommended especially if you are not familiar with your stand area, to avoid becoming disoriented, lost or wandering into another hunter's line of fire if lengthy tracking is necessary. If a wounded animal runs into adjacent property, you have no legal right to pursue and track it without permission from the landowner. The Ranch Manager can assist you with this.
- 30) "It is illegal to shoot reptiles and amphibians with a firearm (including spring, air or gas propelled)."³
- 31) The use of lamps or flashlights to view wildlife during November is illegal. It is also illegal to use artificial lamps to look for wildlife between the hours of 11pm and 6 am the rest of the year.
- 32) ATV's are restricted to established roads with the exception of recovering a downed deer.
- 33) During archery hunting season, no one other than active bow hunters shall venture into the woods between the hours of 4:00 PM and 10:00 AM.

BASIC SAFETY TIPS

- 34) Always treat every weapon you see or touch as loaded. Never touch someone else's weapon without first getting permission from the owner and knowing whether it is loaded. Make sure they show you it is unloaded before accepting any weapon, and then check it again for yourself. This could save your life or someone else's some day.
- 35) Always point weapons in a safe direction away from people, houses, or any direction that is likely to cause injury (e.g. your foot), whether loaded or not.
- 36) It is wise to use binoculars instead of your gun scope to spot for game, to avoid accidentally putting a person into your sights.
- 37) Know how to use a gun safely. If you do not know how, please ask someone to teach you.
- 38) Be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- 39) Never put your finger on the trigger unless you are ready to take a shot.
- 40) Always be aware of what is in front of & beyond your target!!!
- 41) Don't rush. Rest if you become fatigued. Rushing & fatigue contribute to mistakes and injuries.

IN CONCLUSION

We wish everyone to enjoy their experience at Reed Ranch, but the safety of all our guests must be our primary concern, and thus we must insist upon strict compliance with this document by our guests. Violations of these rules and regulations may result in the loss of privileges to bring weapons onto Reed Ranch, and/or immediate and permanent expulsion from the property. It is through the cooperation of all guests that we will be able to continue to improve your hunting experience and preserve this tradition for ourselves and the next generation. In assisting others to follow these rules you help to keep the Ranch a safer place to hunt and vacation.

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