

Garfield Charter Township, Grand Traverse County, Michigan
Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Rules

- A. The Board and Parks Administrator reserves the right to use any and all means to control wildlife deemed to be a nuisance. All further conditions regulating Hunting, Fishing or Trapping in this Ordinance shall not apply to the Township or its designees.
- B. Fishing is allowed in all waterways within Township Parkland so long as all state and federal game laws and regulations are adhered to.
- C. Trapping of wildlife is not permitted on Township Parkland.
- D. Target shooting is not allowed on Township Parkland.
- E. Hunting is allowed only on Township Parkland identified in this section of the Ordinance and with the limitations stated herein. Anyone hunting on Township Parkland must possess valid state and federal game licenses as required for the game being hunted. All hunting must be done in accordance with state of Michigan and federal laws including but not limited to those regarding season dates, species and bag limits. Hunter's must also possess a permit issued by the Parks Administrator as outlined in this section of the Ordinance.
 - 1. There shall be no hunting allowed in the Silver Lake Recreation Area.
 - 2. There shall be no hunting allowed in the Kid's Creek Park.
 - 3. There shall be no hunting allowed in The Grand Traverse Commons Recreation Area.
 - 4. There shall be no hunting allowed in the Hughes Drive Nature Reserve.
 - 5. Hunting is allowed by means of Shotgun (shot only no slugs) and Bow and Arrow only in the Miller Creek Nature Reserve. Hunters must possess a permit issued by the Parks Administrator as outlined in this section of the Ordinance. All other restrictions outlined in this Ordinance must also be adhered to.
 - 6. Hunting is allowed by means of Shotgun (shot only no slugs) and Bow and Arrow only in the Garfield Township Nature Reserve. Hunters must possess a permit issued by the Parks Administrator as outlined in this section of the Ordinance. All other restrictions outlined in this Ordinance must also be adhered to.
- F. There shall be no permanent hunting blinds erected on Township Parkland. All tree stands must be temporary in nature and removed when not in use. No permanent steps, ladders or screw in foot pegs may be used.
- G. There shall be no cutting of trees, tree limbs or any other vegetation, on Township Parkland, to improve visibility for the purpose of hunting.

- H. All hunting or placement of temporary hunting blinds must take place at a minimum 150 feet from any parking area, boat launch or maintained trail on Township Parkland.
- I. There shall be no baiting of game on Township Parkland.
- J. Permits to hunt on Township Parkland must be obtained, from the Parks Administrator, in advance of hunting as outlined below;
 - 1. Hunting permits will be issued on a first come first serve basis by the Parks Administrator. Permits will be area specific and the number available will vary based on the hunting season and hunting area. The number of permits available will be determined by the Parks Administrator.
 - 2. Hunting permits will be valid for 7 days beginning 2 hours before sunrise on Saturday and ending at sunset on Friday of the week that the permit is issued for.
 - 3. Applications for hunting permits are available at the township offices and must be filled out at least 7 days and not more than 14 days prior to the desired timeframe. Hunting permits are free of charge.
 - 4. All hunters granted hunting permits will be required to complete, and submit to the Parks Administrator, a survey within 10 days of the end of their hunting period. This survey will be used to help analyze wildlife encountered during the hunter's use of Township Parkland. This survey will be issued with the permit. Failure to complete and return this survey may result in forfeiture of future eligibility of permits to hunt on Township Parkland.
 - 5. Hunting permits issued by the Parks Administrator are non-exclusive permission to hunt. The permit holder should be advised that additional permits to hunt may be issued.
 - 6. Hunting permits are specific to the person granted the permit and are non-transferable.
 - 7. In the case of animals being taken, which require field dressing, the resulting entrails shall be covered with soil at a depth of one (1) foot.

Any person granted the privilege of utilizing Township Parkland for the purpose of hunting shall agree to conduct them self in a safe and ethical manner. They must also be mindful of property boundaries, safety zones surrounding adjoining residences, recreational trails and other users of the Parkland.