



## Loudoun County, Virginia

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### **County Plans Managed Deer Hunts at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve**

Leesburg, VA – September 10, 2012 – The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) will hold two separate, three-day managed hunts for antlerless deer at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve in Leesburg, VA. The hunts (scheduled for October 12, 15 and 19, 2012 and December 10, 14 and 17, 2012) are being held to reduce the level of the herd at the preserve.

Personnel from PRCS and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) have conducted deer herd health assessments at Banshee Reeks over the past four years. The assessments have determined that the health of the deer is declining, as a direct result of the overpopulation of deer at the site.

The October event is an archery-only hunt. Lottery registration will be accepted from September 10-29, 2012. Interested hunters can register online at [www.loudoun.gov/webtrac](http://www.loudoun.gov/webtrac), using activity number 167501-01. On-site registration is also available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the PRCS Administrative Office, 215 Depot Court, SE, Leesburg, VA. The lottery registration fee is \$10/ticket for Loudoun residents and \$15/ticket for non-residents. There is an additional fee of \$1.00 for all on-site registrations.

Thirty-two hunters (plus ten alternates) will be randomly selected through the lottery and notified on October 1. Participating hunters and alternates must have a Virginia hunting license, pass a qualifier at local ranges, attend a mandatory orientation at Banshee Reeks, and purchase a Loudoun County hunting permit (\$25) at the orientation. Hunters chosen by the lottery can attend the orientation at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, or Sunday, October 7; however, they must participate on the first day of the October hunt. Alternates must attend the Sunday orientation in order to learn whether or not they will participate in the hunt.

The December hunt will be a shotgun and archery event. Lottery registration will begin in early October. For more information about the managed hunt program, call 703-669-0316 or visit [www.loudoun.gov/prcs](http://www.loudoun.gov/prcs).

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