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### **Power Island Open for Deer Hunting Archery Seasons**

**Traverse City, Michigan** – To continue the effort to control the deer population, and upon recommendation by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation has opened Power Island (and connected Bassett Island) for deer hunting during the MDNR’s established archery seasons, October 1 to November 14, 2019 and December 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020. Firearm hunting will not be permitted.

Upon recommendation by the MDNR, the island has been opened to bow hunters for the past ten years to prevent deer there from starving due to lack of vegetation. According to Parks and Recreation Director Kristine Erickson, it also “provides a recreational opportunity in a unique location.”

Fee-based camping season will have ended by the time archery season opens October 1, and hunters may use the ten campsites on a first-come, first-served basis. Restrooms will be closed and the well will be winterized.

Power Island is a public park, open to visitors throughout the year. Hunters are asked to exercise caution at all times while there. Erickson asks all visitors to pack out their trash, and to respect the sensitive island environment so that the natural beauty of the park can continue to be enjoyed by all. The use of off-road and all-terrain vehicles is not permitted.

Although individuals are not required to register with County Parks and Recreation Department to hunt on Power Island this year, Erickson encourages anyone who successfully harvests a deer to notify Parks and Recreation as a courtesy by calling 231-922-4818. All hunters are reminded to carry appropriate deer licenses and follow all DNR guidelines and laws related to hunting. Hunting antlerless deer is encouraged.

For more information, call 231-922-4818.

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