The Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks Winter Schedule To Manage Deer Populations.

This program is held to help maintain a stable, balanced, white-tailed deer population on county park lands where deer browsing has been shown to reduce biodiversity.

The sharpshooting program is different from the <u>managed hunts</u>, which were announced in August. Specially trained and qualified personnel using highly accurate, noise-suppressed rifles, will remove deer under a special permit issued by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Parks will be closed at 3pm for all users and will remain closed until the following morning. If you have questions about the departments Deer Management Program, please call 410-313-1675. The sites and schedule for this winter are as follows:

Belmont Manor

- January 16
- January 30
- February 22
- March 26

Centennial Park

- January 17
- February 7
- February 28
- March 20
- Rockburn Branch Park
 - January 24
 - February 14
 - March 6
 - March 27

Alpha Ridge Landfill

- January 25
- February 13
- March 7
- March 21

Dorsey Hall/Blandair Park North

- January 31
- February 8
- February 21
- February 27
- March 12

Western Friendship Park

- February 8
- February 27
- March 13