

# The Future of Deer and Bear Registration

## What stations need to know

**Wisconsin is moving into the age of electronic deer and bear registration, but that doesn't mean that your role as a walk-in check station must end.**

Registering a deer or bear will still be mandatory in Wisconsin.

The DNR will be providing hunters several options to register their deer or bear.

Your business can become an in-person station; this will be an integral part of a successful launch of electronic registration. Although there will be no financial compensation, you will continue to see hunters patronizing your business.

We encourage you to remain a valuable partner in big game management by offering hunters the opportunity to register deer or bear at your business.

***Thank you for your past service, and we hope it will continue in the future!***

## E-REGISTRATION TIMELINE

### ↳ In 2014:

- E-registration was offered on a trial basis, and hunters registered over 10,000 deer electronically.

### ↳ In 2015:

- Paper-based registration as you currently know it will be a thing of the past.
- All deer and bear registration will be completed electronically, either by telephone or Internet.
- Hunters will have the option of registering their deer on their own, or registering at a cooperating registration station that provides the means for them to register by phone or Internet.

**Starting in 2015, any business can serve the hunting public as a deer and/or bear registration station with e-registration.**

## REMAINING A CHECK STATION IN 2015

- ↳ Other states have found that many hunters still choose to use walk-in stations, even after other electronic options are available.
- ↳ Any business can serve as a registration station if the business provides a computer station or telephone open to the public.
- ↳ To sign up to be an in-person station, contact Assistant Big Game Ecologist (608-261-7588) or (608-264-6023).
- ↳ By providing a method of registration, your business will continue to be listed on our web site as a station if you inform us of your intentions to do so.

**By remaining a registration station under this new electronic format, hunters can still gather, share hunting stories and patronize your business with none of the paperwork.**

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