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**Power Island Closed for 2022 Deer Hunting Season**

**Traverse City, Michigan** – Grand Traverse County’s Power Island and connected Bassett Island will not open to deer hunting for the 2022 season. For the past several years, the island complex has been open to bow hunters to prevent the destructive over-browsing that results from an unmanaged deer herd. This year, according to Power Island Park Ranger Fred Tank, "our security cameras and field observations show a distinct lack of deer population and browsing throughout the island."

According to County Parks and Recreation Director John Chase, "the effort to control the deer population has been successful. We appreciate the assistance of hunters in previous years and will take this year to allow the population to rebound."

Power Island is a public park, open to visitors throughout the year and will remain open to camping through mid-October, weather permitting. Fall is an especially beautiful time of the year to explore the extensive forest on the property. Visitors are asked by the Parks Director "to pack out all trash and respect the sensitive island environment so that the natural beauty of the park can continue to be enjoyed for years to come." Camping reservations can be made at <http://www.gtcountymi.gov/parks>.

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