Fee Information

Annual Permits

Adult Resident........................................ $ 20
Adult Non-Resident ............................. $ 40
Youth (15 & Under) Resident................ $ 10
Youth (15 & Under) Non-Resident ....... $ 20

Daily Permits/Replacements

Daily Permit—Resident / Non-Resident..... $ 5
Replacement of Lost Permit............... $ 5

Permit Information

Annual Permits and Daily Permits can be purchased at the following locations:

West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Office
4200 Mills Civic Pkwy, Suite 1B, West Des Moines
Phone: 222-3444  Fax: 222-3459
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
2500 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines
Phone: 222-3424  Fax: 222-3658

Questions???

(515) 222-3444 or ParkRec@wdm.iowa.gov

In an emergency, call 911
The City of West Des Moines
Parks & Recreation Department
would like to welcome you to the

Raccoon River Park
Archery Facility

The facility is the first of its kind in Iowa and features:

- Enclosure walls/fencing
- Overhead ‘arrow curtains’
- Shelter over shooting area
- Staging area
- 12 shooting lanes
- Target blocks up to 40 yards distance

Please assist us in keeping the Archery Facility safe and enjoyable for all visitors:

- Purchase a permit for each person shooting arrows. The funds help offset the cost of operating the facility.
- Follow all rules in this brochure, as well as, those posted at the facility.
- Stationary target blocks are provided; each serves 2 lanes. To increase their life, use different areas of the targets blocks and use pins to attach paper targets.
- Archers must supply their own equipment, paper targets and/or any movable target blocks or 3D targets.

Archery Facility Rules

The Archery Facility is not supervised and shall be used at your own risk.

A permit is required to use this facility.

- The Archery Facility is open daily for use from dawn to dusk.
- Children 15 and under must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Follow proper archery shooting procedures.
- Only shoot at designated targets.
- No broadheads allowed.
- No glass containers of any kind are allowed in the facility.
- No food or drink allowed in the shooting area.
- No alcohol allowed in the facility.
- No smoking allowed in the facility.
- Bicycles, in-line skates, and skateboards may not be used within the facility.
- Animals are not allowed in the facility.
- Clean up shooting area prior to leaving.
- No dry firing of bows allowed.
- Archery Facility may be closed without notice for any reason.
- Visitors not following these rules may be asked to leave.

The permit may be permanently revoked for any violation of these rules.

Proper Archery Shooting Procedures

The following procedures have been established to ensure that the use of the archery facility is safe and enjoyable for all users:

- Verify that the entire range is clear.
- Give visual and audible/verbal commands to indicate shooting may commence.
- Only shoot a maximum of 10 arrows at a time if other archers are present.
- When finished shooting, place bow on rack or set it down and wait behind the shooting line until all archers are finished shooting.
- Give a visual and audible/verbal command that all shooting should stop.
- Verify all equipment is put down and remains behind the shooting line.

Target face covers are ONLY for low-poundage bows, remove if not needed.