

Nature Notes

For the week of
November
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From your friends at Saint John's Arboretum!

Stay out of the woods this weekend!



Photo courtesy of: Saint John's Arboretum Staff

The Controlled Deer Hunt At Saint John's: What you need to know!

Jokes...so bad they're funny!

- Q: What do you call a deer with no eyes?

A: A no-eye deer!

- Q: What do you use to send a message in the forest?

A: Moss code!

- A controlled deer hunt will take place on Saint John's Abbey Arboretum land this weekend, November 6-7.
- Hiking in the Arboretum is not recommended this weekend and any hiker is required to wear blaze orange clothing when entering the woods.
- A large number of deer over-winter at Saint John's, and if that influx is added to a high local population, the result is over-browsing of the tree seedlings, shrubs and annual forbs.
- Because there are very few natural predators of the Saint John's deer, human intervention is necessary.
- A controlled deer hunt ensures the health of the entire eco-system by thinning down the deer population to a sustainable level.
- To maintain this healthy level, the DNR estimates that the Minnesota deer population needs to be reduced each year by about 30 to 40 percent. This means that the Saint John's population should be reduced by at least 25% to maintain current herd levels.

Sources:

http://www.csbsju.edu/Documents/Arboretum/land_steward/2009%20saint%20johns%20abbey%20aerial%20deer%20survey%20report.pdf

<http://www.csbsju.edu/Arboretum/Stewardship/Projects/LandStewardship/DeerHunt.htm>

Upcoming Arboretum Events

OLC Equipment Rentals

Take advantage of the weather, whatever its flavor, and rent equipment to get outside with your friends—either from the OLC at Saint John's or from the HCC at Saint Bens! Check out the [list](#) of equipment available.

Controlled Deer Hunt at Saint John's

Saturday, November 6th and Sunday, November 7th

Saint John's will host a controlled harvest of antlerless deer on Saint John's Abbey Land, which is also a game refuge. This will promote regeneration of the forest's plants and maintain a healthy deer herd. Hiking is not recommended on these days, and any hiker is required to wear blaze orange clothing.

Arboretum Photo Contest Entries Due

Deadline for submission: Tuesday, November 16th, 2010

Email submissions to: arbphotos@csbsju.edu

Take photos in the Arboretum—anytime and anywhere in the 2,740 acres—and enter them in the annual Arboretum photo contest! Submission categories, previous winners, and more details are on the Arboretum website.

MN Natural History Lecture: The Saint John's Loons

Monday, November 15th, 6:30-8 pm

"Loons at Saint John's" presented by Carol Jansky, CSB/SJU Lab Coordinator. Join us this month for an intimate snapshot of the loons from spring reproduction to fall migration. Learn more about the loon project on the official [loon site!](#)

BANFF Mountain Film Festival World Tour

Thursday, November 18th, 7:30pm

Pellegrine Auditorium, SJU

[Reserve your ticket today!](#)

Journey to exotic locations, paddle the wildest waters, and climb the highest peaks. Saint John's Arboretum is bringing the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour to Collegeville for one night in November! Stop by the [OLC](#) or use the [online registration form](#) to reserve your ticket. FREE for CSB/SJU students, \$5 for Arboretum members, \$10 for the general community. Space is EXTREMELY LIMITED, so reserve your ticket early!

If you would like to be on the volunteer e-mail list for the Arboretum, please e-mail your name and graduation year to: arboretum@csbsju.edu.

We'll be in touch...

Your friends at the Arboretum

It's your backyard, so get out and play!

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