



OHIO LANDOWNER-HUNTER ACCESS PARTNERSHIP HUNTER SURVEY

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Introduction

The Ohio Landowner-Hunter Access Partnership (OLHAP hereafter) program is a new initiative from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife. The OLHAP program is aimed at providing access to private lands throughout Ohio. The program is funded in part by the federal Farm Bill under the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP).

After submitting a proposal through a competitive process, the Ohio Division of Wildlife was awarded more than \$1.8 million to implement the OLHAP program. Most of those funds are used to pay participating landowners to allow hunter access to their property. Participating landowners receive annual payment rates ranging from \$2 to \$30 per acre depending on the characteristics of the property enrolled. Each enrolled property has a daily limit on the number of hunters that may be on the property each day.

The OLHAP program first became available to hunters on September 24, 2021. Hunters participating in the program are required to use an automated online reservation system (delivered through Survey123; ESRI, Redlands, CA). While securing a reservation, hunters are required to provide information, such as their name, email address, and date of birth, and agree to OLHAP rules. Hunters then receive a free OLHAP Access Permit (hereafter permit) for a specific property that is valid for a single day. Hunters using OLHAP are required to reserve a permit daily.

With OLHAP being a new program, the Ohio Division of Wildlife wanted to evaluate hunter satisfaction and identify areas that could be improved. We surveyed hunters that received a permit through the reservation system. Our primary objectives were to assess hunter satisfaction and

use of the OLHAP program. We also aimed to identify areas that could be improved to increase hunter satisfaction. Last, we assessed potential future use of OLHAP by participating hunters.

Methods

During the 2021–22 hunting season, we randomly sampled hunters that had received a permit following the months of October, November, and December. Because OLHAP is a new program, we were unsure how many individuals would use the program. As a result, our sample size varied each month, to accommodate varying levels of use. To reduce survey fatigue, hunters were excluded from the survey pool if they had received a survey in a preceding month. All hunters using OLHAP in the month of December received a survey if they had not received a survey following the months of October and November.

Surveys were distributed shortly after the end of the month via email using an online survey provider (Qualtrics International, Inc., Provo, UT) to email addresses provided by hunters when they reserved a permit. Questions were focused on hunter satisfaction, hunter experience, and permit use during the past month (Appendix 1). Most questions were displayed to all hunters; however, some questions were only shown based on previous responses.

Results and Discussion

In total, there were 2,736 daily permits issued to 761 participating hunters in the months of October, November, and December of 2021 (Table 1). The average age of adult participants (i.e., at least 18 years old) was 38, ranging from 18–75. There were also 71 participants under the age of 18; however, some of these participants may not have been < 18-years-old and may have been birthdates that were incorrectly entered (e.g., dates from 2021

were often identical to the date for the issued permit). The majority of hunters (92%) using the OLHAP program were Ohio residents (Table 2). Other states with a notable number of users were the neighboring states of Michigan (3%), Pennsylvania (2%), and West Virginia (1%). Less than 1% of hunters using OLHAP were from Florida, Georgia, Indiana, New York, and Vermont. Most daily permits were used to pursue deer (87%) during the months of October, November, and December 2021, with others using permits to pursue any game species (6%), small game (4%), waterfowl (1%), turkey (less than 1%), and other game species (less than 1%).

A total of 570 surveys were distributed and we received 257 responses across the three months, for a response rate of 45% (Table 1). Overall, 90% of survey respondents indicated they were satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the OLHAP program (Fig. 1). Other respondents were relatively neutral towards the program (4%) and 6% of respondents indicated they were dissatisfied or somewhat dissatisfied with the program. Most respondents plan to use the OLHAP program again in the future (87%; Fig. 2). A small portion of respondents claimed they would not use the program again (2%) and 11% indicated that they may use the program again in the future.

Respondents were asked follow-up questions based on their satisfaction with the program. If a respondent indicated they were either neutral or dissatisfied with the OLHAP program at some level, they were asked what could be done to increase their satisfaction. Given the popularity of the program, it is difficult to quantify what led to dissatisfaction with the program based on survey responses due to the low number of responses (Fig. 3A). Adding more land throughout the state could increase the satisfaction and increase the number of participants.

In contrast, respondents that were satisfied at some level with the program were asked what led to their satisfaction with the program. The lack of crowding on OLHAP land (i.e., the daily limit on the number of hunters on each property), the OLHAP reservation system, and the fact that OLHAP

properties were close to them were the most popular responses for their satisfaction with the program (Fig. 3B). While some permit holders had trouble with the reservation system, many individuals liked this aspect of the program. The reservation system also permitted the division to limit access and led to a lack of crowding on properties enrolled in the OLHAP program. The lack of crowding on these properties led to a satisfactory experience for many permit holders.

Use of daily access permits was high. Overall, 72% of survey respondents indicated that they used their permit every time they were issued one in the last month (Fig. 4). However, not every daily permit was used, with 21% of respondents indicating that they only used their permit some of the time and 7% never used their permit in the last month. When permits were used, most respondents indicated they spent more than two hours on the property on average (86%; Fig. 5). Most users (64%) indicated that encountered game while using the OLHAP program (Fig. 6A). Across all months, 17% of permit holders indicated that they harvested game while using their permit (Fig. 6B).

Most users (92%) were hunting on property outside of the OLHAP program (Fig. 7). As OLHAP is a new program, this is not too unexpected. Most hunters had likely secured access on private property or had planned to use public hunting land. Surprisingly, 8% of survey respondents had only hunted on OLHAP program property within the last month. The number of individuals only using the OLHAP program may increase in the future.

Letting the public know about a new program can be a challenge. We evaluated how permit holders learned about the program. Many folks found out about the OLHAP program on the ODNR website, through social media, and by word of mouth (Fig. 8). Still others indicated that they learned about the program from OLHAP signs on property enrolled in the program and through newspapers, various publications, podcasts, and radio shows. Maintaining a diverse suite of marketing tools can help to increase awareness of the OLHAP program among both hunters and interested landowners.

During the first three months of the OLHAP program, participants were overwhelmingly satisfied with program. Using feedback provided by hunters, the Ohio Division of Wildlife can alter this program to increase hunter satisfaction and better market the program to increase hunter participation. By adding additional property, the division will likely increase both hunter participation and satisfaction.

Table 1. The number of daily access permits issued through the Ohio Landowner-Hunter Access Partnership program reservation system, number of unique hunters, number of survey recipients and respondents, and response rates for the months of October, November, and December. The total column for Unique Hunters is across all months and excludes participants that used the program across multiple months.

Month	Daily Permits	Unique Hunters	Survey Recipients	Survey Respondents	Response Rate
October	883	294	100	44	44.0%
November	1,406	535	300	124	41.3%
December	446	243	170	89	52.3%
Total	2,736	761	570	257	45.1%

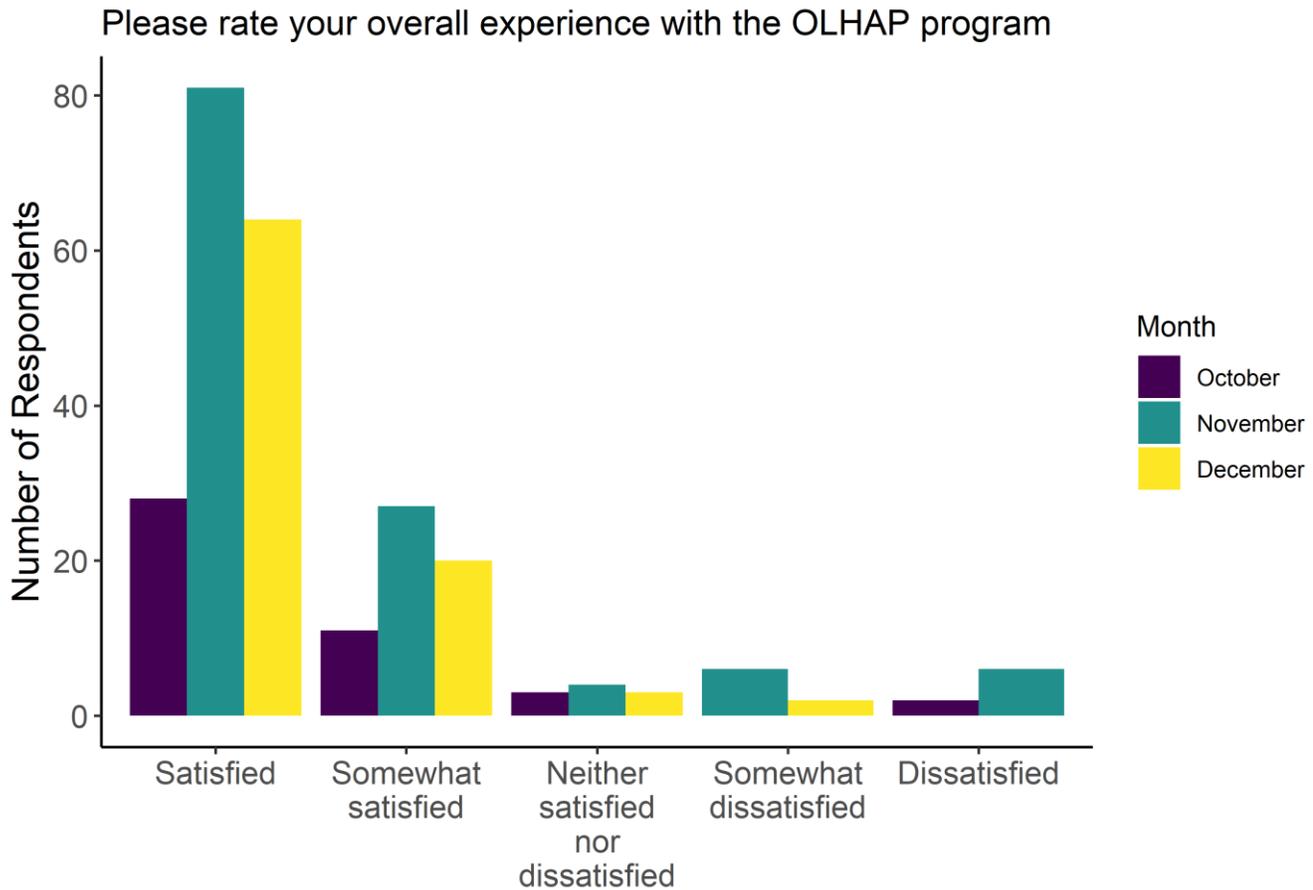


Figure 1. Responses by month distributed to randomly selected hunters using the Ohio Landowner-Hunter Access Partnership program reservation system regarding their satisfaction with the program.

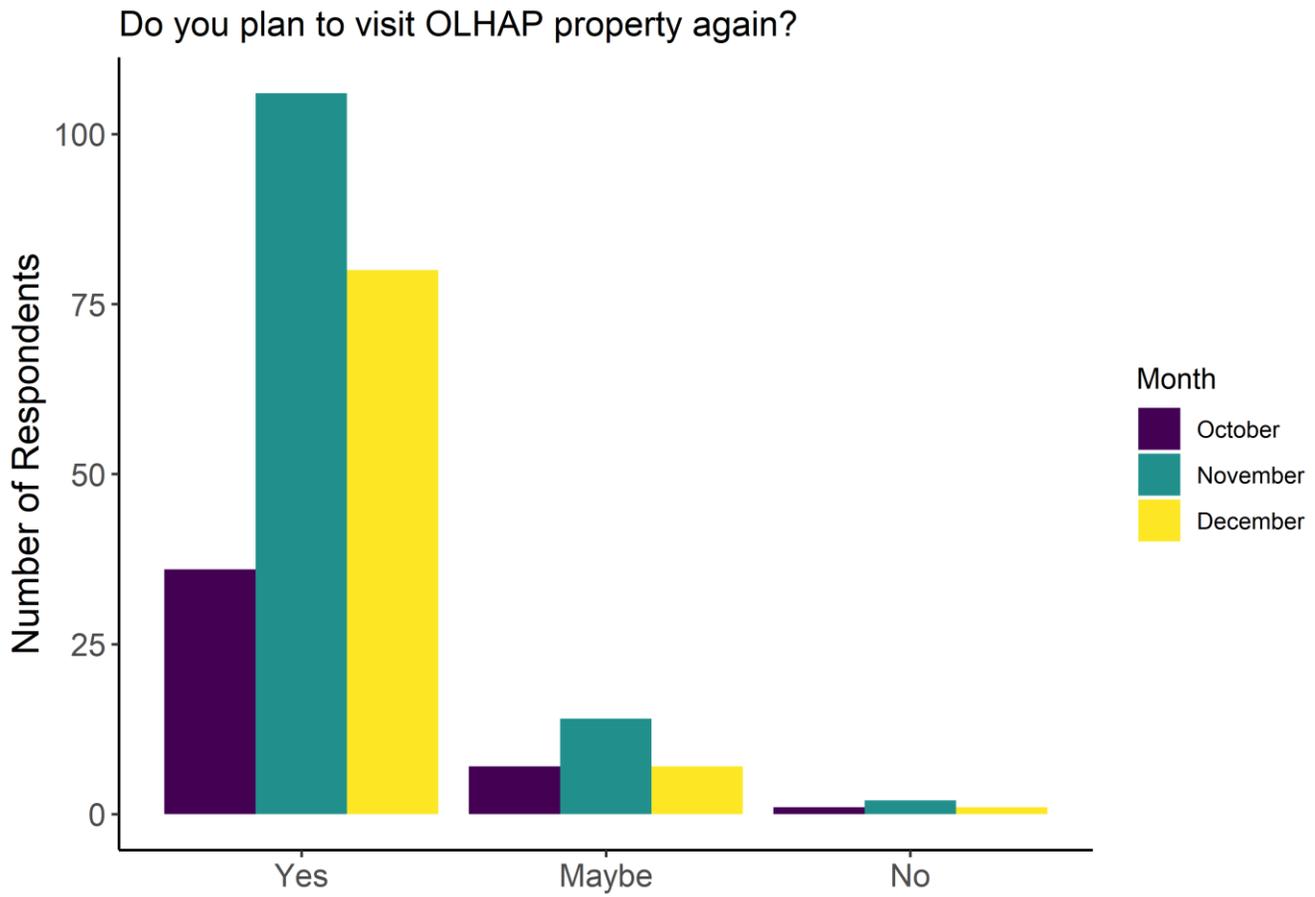
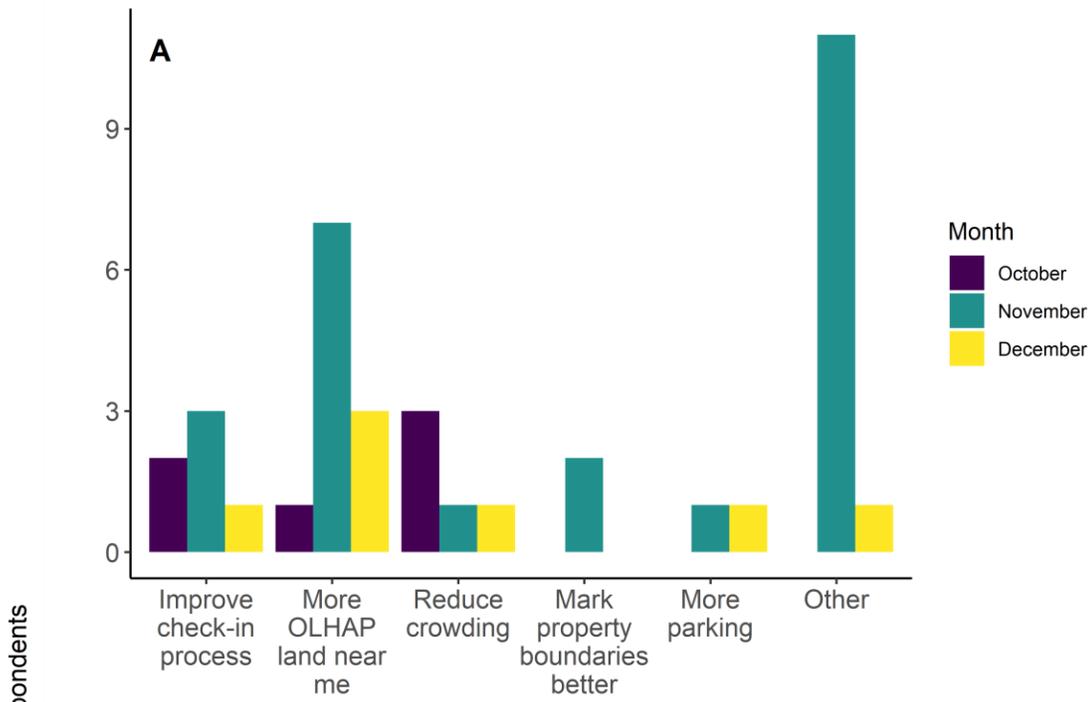


Figure 2. Responses by month distributed to randomly selected hunters using the Ohio Landowner-Hunter Access Partnership program reservation system regarding their future use of the program.

What could be done to improve your satisfaction with the OLHAP program?



Which of the following led to your satisfactory experience?

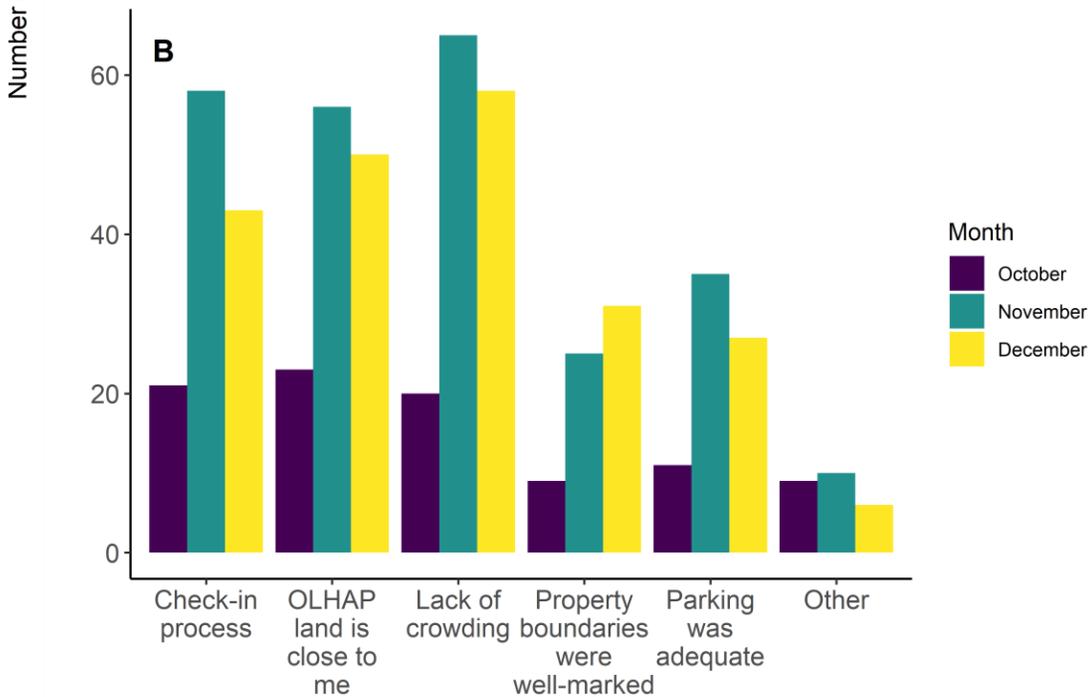


Figure 3. Responses by month distributed to randomly selected hunters using the Ohio Landowner-Hunter Access Partnership program reservation system. Questions were displayed to respondents based on their dissatisfaction (A; n = 26) and satisfaction (B; n = 223) with the OLHAP program. Respondents could select multiple options.

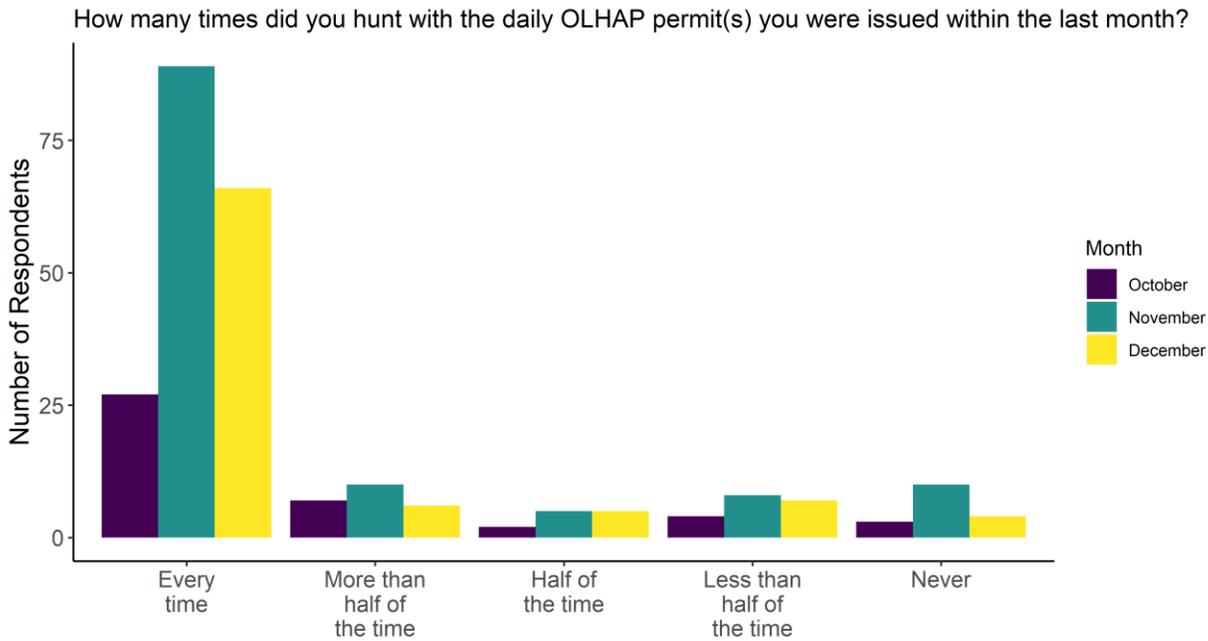


Figure 4. Responses by month distributed to randomly selected hunters using the Ohio Landowner-Hunter Access Partnership program reservation system regarding use of permit within the past month.

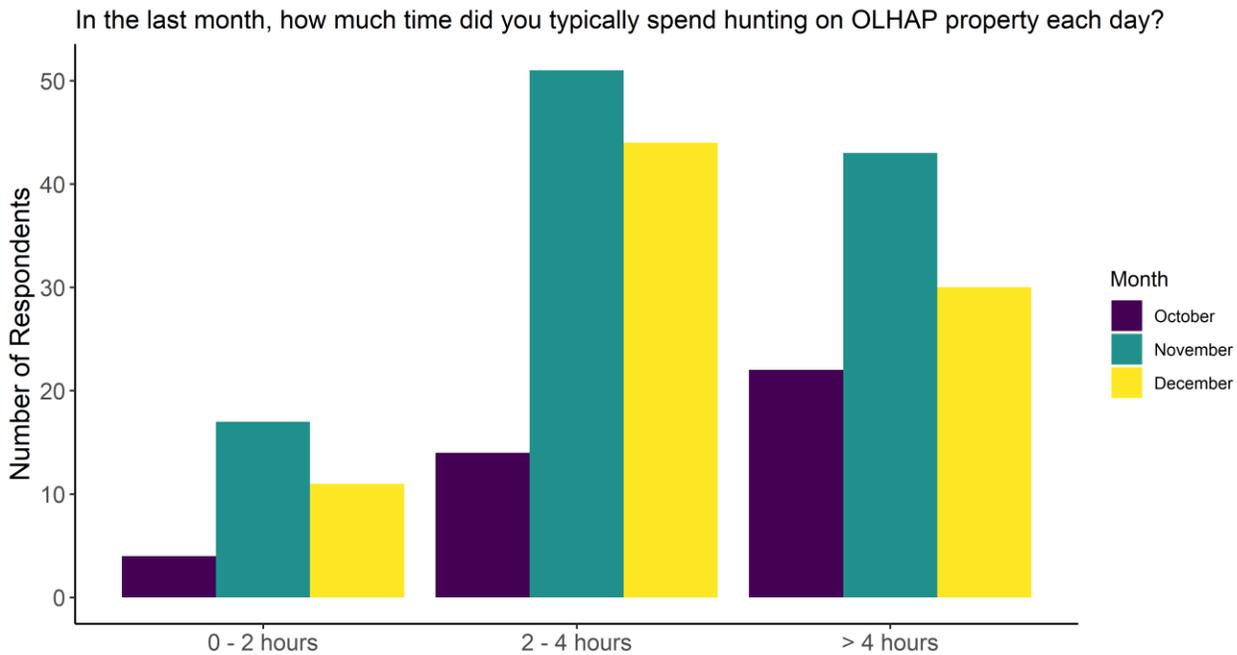


Figure 5. Responses by month distributed to randomly selected hunters using the Ohio Landowner-Hunter Access Partnership program reservation system regarding use of permit within an average day.

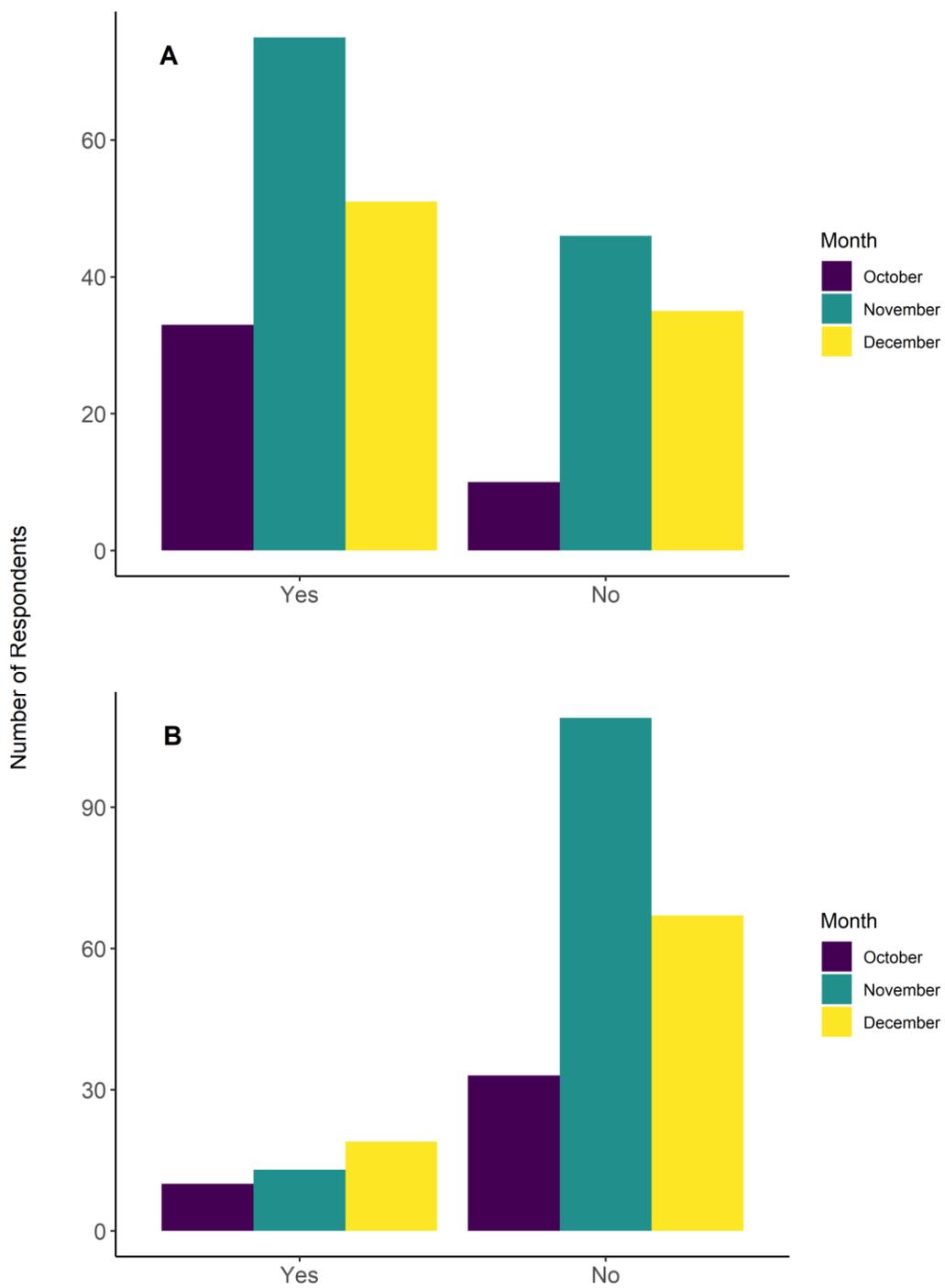


Figure 6. Responses by month distributed to randomly selected hunters using the Ohio Landowner-Hunter Access Partnership program reservation system of survey respondents that encountered game (A) and harvested game (B).

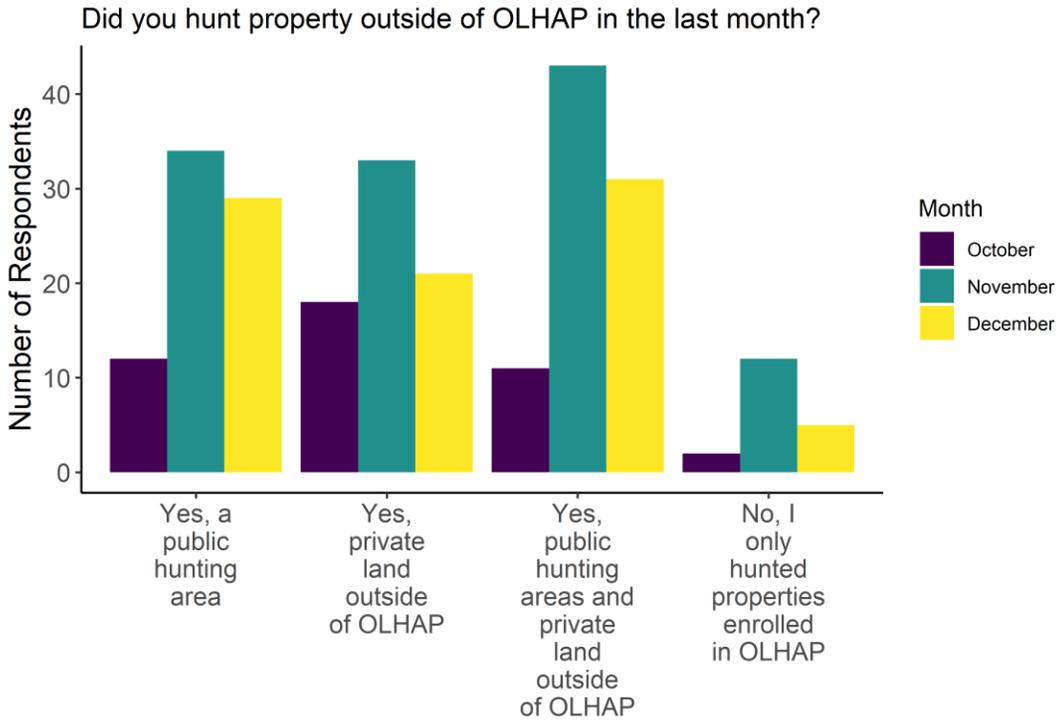


Figure 7. Responses by month distributed to randomly selected hunters using the Ohio Landowner-Hunter Access Partnership program reservation system regarding hunting activity.

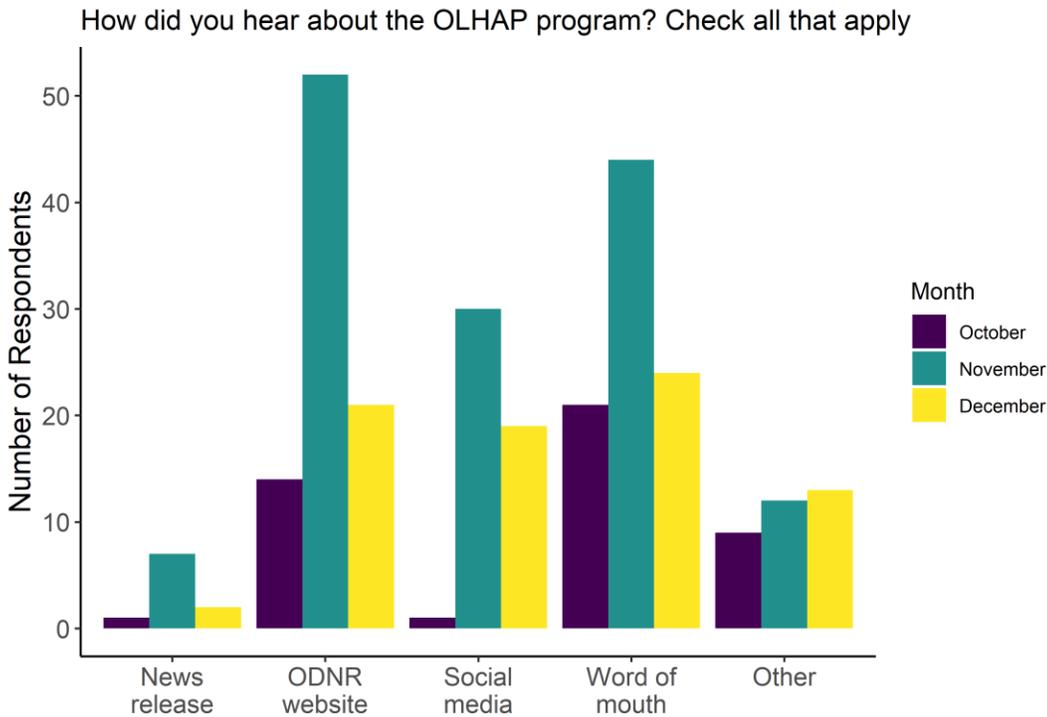


Figure 8. Responses by month distributed to randomly selected hunters using the Ohio Landowner-Hunter Access Partnership program reservation system regarding how survey respondents heard about the program. Respondents could select multiple options (n = 255).

Appendix 1. Survey introduction and questions with the display logic.

Dear Ohio Hunter,

You reserved at least one permit in the Ohio Landowner/Hunter Access Partnership (OLHAP) program within the last month. Your feedback will help to improve the program going forward.

Thank you,

Ohio Division of Wildlife

1. Please rate your overall experience with the OLHAP program. (*Displayed to all*)

- A. Satisfied
- B. Somewhat satisfied
- C. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- D. Somewhat dissatisfied
- E. Dissatisfied

2. What could be done to improve your satisfaction with the OLHAP program? (*Displayed if C, D, or E were selected in Q1*)

Check all that apply

- A. Improve check-in process
- B. More OLHAP land near me
- C. Reduce crowding
- D. Mark property boundaries better
- E. More parking
- F. Other

3. Please describe what could be improved to increase your satisfaction with the OLHAP program. (*Displayed if F selected in Q2*)

- Open text box

4. Which of the following led to your satisfactory experience? Check all that apply. (*Displayed if A or B selected in Q1*)

- A. Check-in process
- B. OLHAP land is close me
- C. Lack of crowding
- D. Property boundaries were well-marked
- E. Parking was adequate
- F. Other

5. Please describe what led to your satisfactory experience. (*Displayed if F selected in Q4*)

- Open text box

6. How many times did you hunt with the daily OLHAP permit(s) you were issued within the last month? (*Displayed to all*)

- A. Every time
- B. More than half of the time
- C. Half of the time
- D. Less than half of the time
- E. Never

7. In the last month, how much time did you typically spend hunting on OLHAP property each day? (*Displayed to all*)

- A. 0 – 2 hours
- B. 2 – 4 hours
- C. > 4 hours

8. How did you hear about the OLHAP program? Check all that apply (*Displayed to all*)

- A. News release
- B. ODNR website
- C. Social media
- D. Word of mouth
- E. Other

9. Please describe how you heard about the OLHAP program. (*Displayed if E selected in Q8*)

- Open text box

10. Do you plan to visit OLHAP property again? (*Displayed to all*)

- A. Yes
- B. Maybe
- C. No

11. Did you encounter game on OLHAP property? (*Displayed to all*)

- A. Yes
- B. No

12. Did you harvest game on OLHAP property? (*Displayed to all*)

- A. Yes
- B. No

13. Did you hunt property outside of OLHAP in the last month? (*Displayed to all*)

- A. Yes, a public hunting area
- B. Yes, private land outside of OLHAP
- C. Yes, public hunting areas and private land outside of OLHAP
- D. No, I only hunted properties enrolled in OLHAP

14. What is your Customer ID? Your customer ID can be found on hunting license, fishing license, or permit. (*Displayed to all*)

- Open text box

15. If you have any additional comments on the OLHAP program, please enter them below. (*Displayed to all*)

- Open text box

Appendix 2. Comments provided by survey respondents to questions with an open text box by question. All comments are exactly as survey respondents provided them.

3. Please describe what could be improved to increase your satisfaction with the OLHAP program.

I got to only Hunt one time and never could get logged back in to hunt again don't know if system is down if I could get back in to hunt would be a pretty cool program

Access was blocked to this property on the access road as soon as I turned off the main road by a resident's truck parked in the middle of the access road.

Longer then 1 day permits would be nice.
Maybe 2 or 3 days

Needs to be marked better that there us no gun week hunting on these properties. Now that I have a ticket to deal with. I will not be using this program again.

Could not believe the amount of trash left behind. Also, there were four blinds left on the property. Clearly, someone was trying to establish rights by placing blinds across property. Really didn't leave a whole lot of options to hunt the area without sitting on top of a blind.

The land owner came by oblivious to the fact we registered and had permission, yelling at us.

We were harassed by some guy that claimed to be the caretaker of the property and were told to leave, that we could not have guns on the property.

Does anyone from the State walk these properties? Walked two of them for opportunities, 1st one of 330+ acres, less than 1/3 of it was accessible, no access because of un-crossable ravines?? 2nd property was a waste of time?? Can't believe that the State & ODNR is spending money without first making sure that of a 330 acre parcel , maybe 80+ is truly huntable! Sounds like they could have spent \$2400 NOT \$9900 ????

Of the properties in Columbiana county, they seem to be all swampy or across a creek. Hard to get into for people who have trouble traversing.

firearms for deer hunting and better education of the program to the land owners that sign their ground up. one of the local land owners that has their ground signed up and getting paid to let people hunt was out harassing the hunters for being on his land that was signed up when they had a permit to be on it that day.

land had no cover for game.

Property appears to be severely over hunted. Tree stands and feeders everywhere. Small game was pretty much extinct.

5. Please describe what led to your satisfactory experience.

The only reason that I had a satisfactory experience was due to the fact that I could bumble my way through the process and get a result.

As for actually going to the property that I selected, i was deterred by the weather which you cannot control.

I look forward to trying again to be able to hunt a property soon.

Rules and system where easy to understand

It provides good access to some of these great properties.

Easy sign up process and a lot of deer activity and other small game

Everything about the program is well run. It's a great resource for people such as myself, a military member, who are constantly looking for additional areas outside of over-crowded public areas.

I like that is new and limited to hunters by acre. I wish they were close to my home. I have to drive at least 40 minutes to the nearest one. I like that you can shoot a doe with a management tag.

I don't have any land that i hunt other than public hunting land, this gave me more opportunity to hunt land that isn't anything goes(not me).

New area to try

I personally love the idea of providing private property access to hunters as it is becoming more more difficult to get access on your own. But I also believe in my county there isn't enough public land to support the amount of hunters, so maybe start a funding to allocate larger amounts of land to create park district of sorts for hunting for the public. This would help to take some of the pressure off the over hunted areas and give more opportunity for others to hunt and control the deer population as well as possibly lowering poaching problems.

The opportunity to hunt private land.

Easy check. Lots of properties so far for being a new program. I love the mapping system.

Overall a good experience. Seemed as though multiple hunters were hunting my area which pushed deer away at the same time due to most likely being over hunted.

I had a really hard time finding the property I wish that once I reserve my spot you could provide an address for gps or Google maps that would be awesome I really appreciate this new program an would also like to see if there is opportunity for people to have possible leased land to aquire through the odnr thanks for all you do!

It was all of the above. Check in process, boundaries were marked well, only one permit per property

Deer population... No ***** people...

Close to home, QUALITY habitat, see n plenty of deer, not crowded, and the guys that have hunted it for 20 years stopped to talk to me (multiple), they were not only friendly but helpful.

This is the best thing that has happend to me as a hunter in my area of ohio

The ability to access new areas that have not been overly pressured is great. I would like to thank all the landowners for their cooperation with the odnr in this project.

The property was a great choice, great big area nice amount of deer. Awesome woods and a good experience overall.

Opportunity to explore/experience new pieces of Ohio

the opportunity to hunt in a different location

We have been hunting public land and we were trying our luck with a private less pressured property.

I just think this is a great program, I can go out on land and know I'm alone or with my hunting partner by amount of spots available, and I don't have to worry about bumping into other hunters and messing up each other's hunts. I am so appreciative of the landowners that are participating in the program and the ODNR for all their work as well. The ODNR does a great job maintaining habitat and providing great hunting. Thank you

The land owners were very friendly and the property was well marked I do wish there was a clause that allowed the original hunter to bring up to 2 youths with them as a companion and still count as 1 hunter Especially since the youths would have to be in constant un aided communication both visual and audible

9. Please describe how you heard about the OLHAP program.

Another person

Odnr hunting and trapping regulation

It was in a Farm Bureau Publication

Posted signs

I saw an OLHAP sign and googled it

In ODNR Regulations law book

Division of wildlife officer

I randomly found an olhap sign

Looking for private land to hunt on in Ohio.

one of my friends saw a sign on an OLHAP property and we checked it out online

O2 Podcast

Ohio outdoor news paper

Farm Bureau publication

Sign posted on property

Saw the sign posted on the property.

podcast

Heard it from a dnr office I talked to on the phone. I was inquiring about a property that had a sign that said "wildlife area hunting and fishing".

Drove by and saw the sign

The orange sign that I saw when leaving my neighborhood.

Pheasants forever

Saw sign when driving by property on highway

magazine article

SWCD/NRCS newsletter

I have hunted this property since 1996. Tom Nesbitt the landowner is a very nice man and has allowed me and my kids to hunt his property since 1996.

Hunting book

I saw a sign on property near my house

Weekly Division of Wildlife email newsletter

O2 Podcast

Hunters safety course

Seen the signs on my neighbors property

I was researching hunting land in ohio and stumbled across an article on google.

Took a class threw the odnr for cleaning deer an they told us about it.

15. If you have any additional comments on the OLHAP program, please enter them below.

Love the program idea. Was not a fan of a duck hunter who was unaware of the program coming in to 'scout' an area, when I was the only one with a daily permit for the area. Believe it will only continue to get better once more properties are involved, and knowledge of the program grows.

I have no other comments at this time.

Some properties do not have well marked parking areas

Great program and look forward to using it more

Although I did get one permit for a day, I didn't actually get to hunt. The next time I was able to hunt, the permit for that property was already issued. I like the program and would love to see more properties enrolled.

Love what you guys are doing makes hunting a little easier for me

Keep it up! Awesome program.

I think it is a great program, just wish there were more properties available near me!

The parking on Tom deeds south property needs alternate parking on the opposite end of the property.

This is a wonderful program

The check in process needs fixed. It allows more permits then what is supposed to be issued for each area.

The check-in system becomes a 'race'• right at 8pm and if multiple people open the form at that time more than the allotted permits can be granted (I saw this several times). So the permit will say -1/1 positions open.

I love the program! It would be helpful to those of us who have to plan ahead for vacation days to be able to reserve the days for these properties further in advance (at least a week). And it'd be great if more landowners participated so keep pursuing this please.

Allowing smaller permit sizes so there aren't as many hunters

Need to make sure only one permit is given out. Says on my Shelley road property across the street from my house that there should only be one person in there. There's been multiple tags and multiple people in there almost every day.

Great program - I hope it expands!

Great program with new opportunities to hunt game. Excited to see the program expand to new locations. Seems like a benefit for hunters and property owners who need to prevent over population. I'm sure many farmers would appreciate the chance to participate. Signing in allows them to keep track of who is on their land, where they are allowed to be, and protects them from any liabilities.

This is looking to be a great program! Looking forward to additional properties in the future. Has the Cleveland museum of natural history been notified about this program? They have a lot of properties in the Northeast area. Also, a downloadable phone app would be nice so you don't have to rely on internet service to know the property boundaries and where you are within them. Thanks!

I would like to receive permission by text message as I do not have internet access myself.

Keep up the good work. Hopefully more can be added near me.

Also, please look to increase the amount of does on public land limits by region instead of blanket 1 in all areas. Some regions need some does harvested Thank you!

The only thing i see is that i think one person can control a property, if they want they can continually get a permit for said property which is the case, a property i want to hunt sw of findlay is always taken even though ive not see vehicles there.

The mobile version doesn't work to well for birth date had to go to laptop to register

Great program. Honor to have the opportunity. Thank you

wish you could reserve for 2 consecutive days at a time

Property lines clearly marked would be helpful. There are also a few paths that have been wiped out by creeks, even a make shift piece of wood over the creek would be awesome to avoid the water.

None

I wish there was an app that I could access OLHAP.
Just happy to have more opportunities to hunt on property that I wouldn't have access to otherwise keep up the good work
This is a wonderful program. I normally hunt public land, for finding private has become hard to find. I got my 9 year daughter in to hunting a couple years ago and being able to access private land, given that it's big enough, I can get permits for both of us and I feel safer knowing there isn't over crowding.
I love the program!! Great idea!! I wish the property I was using was able to be gun hunted it's very hard to hunt 43 acres of tall grass with a bow!! I understand why guns are not allowed though. If you guys ever need help in Auglaize co. Contact me !! I love the outdoors
A few of the properties I hunted the parking could have been marked better. I was nervous being a guest on someone's property I didn't want to park in the wrong spot.
Clarification on allowing youth to tag along on properties with only enough acreage for one permit is necessary. I'd have enjoyed taking my 4 year old squirrel hunting and scouting for deer on one of the properties but didn't due to her not being listed on the permit.
If you can figure out why I can't log back in to hunt please contact me erichutchings357@gmail.com
This is an amazing opportunity. The property I hunted in Columbiana County was amazing. Saw a great number of deer and was just grateful to be in the woods again as I had filled 3 tags in portage county and had a remaining management tag. I did not get to fill that tag but this awesome program allowed me the opportunity to continue my season. Thank you for all you do for our amazing wildlife
I already expressed my thoughts to Justin H., but I love the idea of the program, and the property I hunted was gorgeous. I am concerned that since the parking lot is far from most of the prime hunting area, that there will be crop damage to the farmer's field, due to hunters passing through. Perhaps a marked trail would be an idea until the soybeans are harvested. I would hate to lose this property due to crop damage by hunters. I look forward to more properties being added.
I love this program. It's given me the opportunity to hunt some properties close to me with a lot less pressure. I'm very excited about this program
Need land closer to me to hunt. 1 day on a property I've never seen is not worth the drive.
No hunting on game week needs to be printed clearer on the application process. While landowners road hunt and hunt from the back of the vehicle and nothing is done by dnr officer
Really enjoyed getting to hunt property that had an abundance of game but I felt there were too many people in a small area. Rather see 1-3 people have really good hunts that aren't ruined by others than 6 people who fight for spots. Over all a solid program.
None
More hunter per acre than most public I've hunted.
Great program for people that struggle to find private property to hunt. This is an excellent program. Hope it carries on for years to come. And a big thank you to the land owners that offer their property for this program.
Love that this program exists. Gives more opportunity for those with limited access to places to hunt. Hope to see more properties available in the future :)
More land please and make sure land owners know it's been permission given.
I would also like to see it become available to access these properties for more than one day at a time it would be nice to be able to enter at least 3 days in a row because it takes time to find deer and figure out where to set up just a thought I hope this program continues to flourish!
Great Program!
This is a great program, esp. for hunters who don't have access to private land. I found the application process easy to use and was surprised at the size of the land I hunted on. I hope more private land can be secured through OLHAP and that funding can be secured to make the program an annual option. I would be willing to pay more for my license in order to fund OLHAP.

The application process is very easy, the property lines were well marked on the property I hunted. If I could make one change it would be adding a checkout/check in process so that applications open back up when I'm not on the property. If I only hunt in the morning it's unfair that I reserved the permit for the whole day and take away another hunter's evening opportunity.

I did request a permit and printed a permit, however was unable to actually hunt

I think its a great program that will give many people more opportunity to hunt some different properties!

Absolutely love the OHLAP program. Gives hunters the opportunity to hunt property and manage population where they otherwise would not be able to. Also, reduces pressure on a day to day basis. Would love to see an increase in amount of properties. Only concern is with unethical hunters not following the agreed upon rules, such as taking vehicles deep onto the property.

None

I love the program. Thank you to everyone involved in it. I have noticed that some properties do not have parking identified on the maps. Will that change?

I loved the OLHAP registry, it's much better than Michigan's. I will say there were a lot of rules that were not being followed at the Niss-Waterfall Land. There were multiple tree stands, feeders, and cameras on the property.

Love the OLHAP program. Thanks so much. It is awesome to have so much land to hunt without the pressure.

But, ...checking in is usually a difficult process. It doesn't work from a MAC at all (problems with the script?). When you try on Mobile, the date of birth usually doesn't come up, and you don't have enough time to scroll back to 1972. Also, more than three minutes are needed.

You need to try get property in Athens County.

With the way the hunting industry has changed over the years, especially in Ohio, it is difficult for hunters to gain access to other areas outside of the ever dwindling public hunting grounds. This program gives normal middle class hunters the ability to experience a "lease for a day."• I hope to see this program grow as time progresses! Great job by the ODNR and thank you to all the participating landowners.

Very excited about this program I honestly was to the point of throwing in the towel for hunting due to no public property close to me. With the OLHAP program I can hunt somewhat close to where I live and not be in a crowded area. Really appreciate this program.

There was one time when another hunter was on the property while I was hunting. I had it reserved for that day. This was the Nye property in Seneca Co near New Riegel. Other than that the program was very nice. Pulling up my birth date year on the ODNR website was difficult at times. Thank you for the initiating the program.

Could use more property closer

Would love to see lots more properties in central Ohio!

I would like see that when you get a permit on OLHAP land that you get more than one day. Maybe at least 3 days with every permit. One day is not enough time to hunt the property in my opinion.

Would like to see some that allow gun

Please find more properties around south west Ohio

Good property will be back

Love the idea, only Problem I've had is running into other hunters while I'm in the stand On smaller properties, it would Be nice to limit each property to 1 person to eliminate that up to a certain size of property but understand on some of the 1000 acre lots a couple guys wouldn't do much harm

Would be nice if you could hunt with a firearm during firearm season. And would be a lot easier if you could get a permit before 8pm day before the hunt. Get more property's please :)

It would be nice if we were able to use guns for deer during gun week. Even if restricted to shotgun only.

Sorry I was unable to hunt the day as planned. Feel guilty taking up a spot someone else could have used.

I love that ODNR is developing this opportunity!

Great job !!! Thank you

Access from parking area was very very steep and dangerous

The only thing I would change is that some property is only a one person property and I hunt with my son and we would like to hunt together sometimes. I really love this program though. Its a great idea. Thanks would be nice to let a partner hunt with you, i would go more if I had a someone else with me.

Very thankful to the land Owners to open up their land and OLHAP for creating these opportunity. I am personally only upland hunting so it would be nice if there was a current description of the cover, one of the properties that I went to hunt was completely mowed with a thin line of cover along a creek. Again I am truly grateful to have this program, hopefully we can continue to add more properties. Thank you

If like the check in prices to have it so a person can type in their birthday. It takes almost 3 minutes to scroll back to my birthday

I wish they're closer to me on the southwest side of Ohio

I live in Shreve, Ohio Wayne County and would like to see private hunting areas closer to where I live. Me and my hunting partner have sit for days sunrise to sunset on Public lands and Ashland county parks and see either one or no deer. I am very grateful for this program. The closest place we have tried is the Niss waterfall preserve, saw 4 deer and plan to go back. Thank you.

Great program, will utilize it more often in the future.

The Gass Rd property in Richland county needs parking access on the south end of the property.

I really loved this program because it allows me, as an inexperienced hunter, to learn about hunting in a quiet land with a limited number of hunters around.

I can learn from different locations near me and choose the one that best fits my needs.

I appreciate all the organization going into this OLHAP program.

Thank you very much, it was a great experience.

It would be nice to get ahold of the land owner to ask for permission to hunt without applying to OLHAP.

list only land that at least has a chance to hold game

Thank you for exploring new avenues of providing access and opportunities.

During the permit submission process it is sometimes unclear what day you are signing up for. If there is a way to better explain the day you are actually able to request that would be great. For example, there was a day where there were permits available on a day even around 12 noon that day. In trying to get a permit to hunt that evening I was only able to get a permit for the following day. My issue is just that it can be hard to distinguish if you are even allowed to get a permit during the same day you wish to hunt. The confusion came after I was able to sign up for the next day but it was well before 8pm

Just scouted as i heard about land to late in season. Look forward to next year. This really helps guys like me. No land.

The program has been a great program to diversify hunting tactics as well as experiencing a new area to hunt , I did harvest a great buck hunting a OHLAP property that I would be willing to share

Access is key especially with limited hunts for whitetail deer. It would be nice to be able to access the property keeping the wind in mind.

Only things I can think of lol hat would of made using OLHAP land a bit more comforting is have some sort of sign for designated parking

I attempted to sign up for a property and it kept erroring after submitting. It was something that was "office use only". This may have been during November. I LOVE this program and wish there were properties closer. I thank every private landowner enrolling in this program. It is a great public-private partnership.

I would like to see additional properties added on the program close to me.

More info posted about possibility of owners hunting/allowing others on property that would be great. 1 location has things legal for private hunting but not olhap hunting, so not sure if it's old and abandoned, being used by private hunters allowed or if it's olhap hunters breaking rules. Also had more than 4 people on location wasn't sure if they were allowed via private owner or not. Just better to know if possible

The owner of Swetnam Property thinks that only bow hunting is permitted. I was hunting small game and was asked to leave because I had a shotgun. I readily agreed but that day for hunting was squandered.

Time will tell but the program looks promising

It would be nice to be able to accompany my youth hunter on olhap property that only allows for one permit.

The OLHAP land that I accessed was great it could use another parking area to allow access to disabled hunters such as myself and others. But my overall experience was great and I love the program keep up the great work and looking forward to seeing other property owners join the program to allow access to hunters.

Parking spots needed some gravel

would be nice to have the land owner's phone number, more properties would also be nice!

Appreciate the opportunity and am looking forward to utilizing the program again in the future.

I was harassed by adjacent landowner claiming it was his land and I wasn't supposed to be on there. In fact he pointed a rifle w scope and aimed it a a decoy set up and I yelled don't shoot.

Marked parking area on one property was not accessible.

Great program

N/A

Signage could be a little better

Check in website is not user friendly at all. Tried putting my birthday in but I had to swipe to the year I was born.

Thank you for the a great experience

I think the program is great! I do wish there were more properties to hunt in the north east corner of the state. I certainly saw more game on the OHLAP property I hunted than I did on the public hunting grounds I hunt.

I love the idea of this program and would like to see it expanded if possible. Also I'm currently unable to get a permit for a property that on the map appears enrolled in union county. Hoping this can be resolved.

Property appears to be severely over hunted with treestands and feeders everywhere. No rabbit, squirrel or deer were seen when small game hunting the property with trained dogs.

Great program! Sure hope this program continues and expands. It will give so many hunter's amazing opportunities we could never have.

It would be nice to be able to take a child or apprentice hunter with you without having to get them a permit also.

I hope the program continues

Would really like to see additional properties in the area added next year. Will help spread the word where and when I can.

A parking permit to leave in the car when parked at the OLHAP property might be a good idea.

Allow someone to accompany the hunter. My wife likes to walk with me and doesn't have a customer number.

Would be nice to be able to gun hunt

Keep working to secure more properties.

I really enjoy the new program. I hope to see more areas to hunt from this program in the future that are closer!

I think this is an great opportunity for us hunters.

this was a nice opportunity to hunt in other locations.

I seen some of the biggest deer I have ever seen.

this is a really good program and I do appreciate it.

thank you

Definitely need more landowner participation in this program, especially in northwest Ohio. Also, navigating the website and printing the daily use permit needs simplified.

This is a great program, hope to see more added soon. It's nice to go into an area and not be crowded as was my experience during this visit.

Great Program! Axioms to see additional private landowners join the program.

The one property was very disappointing due to a lack of cover.

N/a

Some of the properties seem to be controlled by a group of farmers or consortium. This makes it difficult to contact land owners directly, to seek additional permission to use firearms during gun season, instead of being limited to archery only. If the OLHAP site could provide additional information or other ways to get firearm permission (during gun season only) then that would be a great improvement.

Thank you for the opportunity of more land to hunt.

Didn't see any wild life out there at all. Wish there were more land closer to butler county to hunt threw the program...or someone to show me what I'm doing wrong so I can actually harvest a deer for my family to struggle less.