

NCTC White-tailed Deer Hunting 2009 Regulations and Fact Sheet

1. Hunters must comply with all current Federal and State hunting regulations, daily or seasonal possession limits, as well as any special requirements established by the NCTC described below.
2. All persons hunting on the NCTC will be required to obtain the necessary WV State hunting licenses, tags and stamps (including out of state applicants). A permit by the NCTC will also be issued at check-in.
3. Hunters must have on their possession during the hunt - 1) a copy of this current NCTC Hunting Regulation and Fact Sheet and 2) their NCTC hunting permit.
4. All hunters are required to have completed an approved hunter education course even if born before 1975. For information about classes in our area, call 800-243-9968 or visit www.wvhuntered.com.
5. All hunters must attend one of the NCTC hunt orientation sessions if not already done within the last four years. Orientations will be held on Wednesday Sept 23rd at 4:30pm or Saturday Sept 26th at 9:00am.
6. **Bow hunters** must attend and pass a proficiency test held on Wednesday Sept 23rd at 5:30pm or Saturday Sept 26th at 10:00am. The Proficiency test will consist of successfully hitting a target approximately 6"x9" with 3 out of 4 arrows at a distance of 20 yards. All bow hunters must bring their archery hunting equipment with them to orientation.
7. **Bow hunters** will be permitted for a designated zone and need to provide their own tree stand or ground blind. Only Climbing or Hang-On stands will be permitted. Hunters may **not** hunt from existing structures or wire, screw, bolt, or nail stands to trees or other objects, or drive any objects into a tree, nor cut any part of a tree. The second half of orientation will be to scout their location within their zone. Hunters must have each arrow marked with the last 4 digits of their SSN. Equipment must be put out at the beginning of each hunt and removed at the end of the hunt period. Stand hunters are required to use a Safety harness. (see #8 below)
8. **Shotgun and muzzleloader hunters** will be provided a two person ladder stand by NCTC. No firearms hunter will be allowed to use their own stand. Hunters may choose to hunt from the ground within 15 feet of the stand. Hunters using ladder stands are required to use a safety harness, preferably one certified by the Treestand Manufacturers Association (TMA), (website <http://www.tmastands.com/certified.php>). Only modern shotguns of 20 gauge or larger loaded with slugs are permitted during shotgun hunts at the NCTC designated tree stands and only a muzzleloader is permitted on that hunt day. A muzzleloader rifle cannot be substituted during shotgun hunts.
9. Hunters must be at the designated NCTC Check Station by the end of the check-in time indicated below. Those hunters assigned a stand or zone and who are not present will forfeit their hunting privilege at designated time below for that session and an alternate will be drawn to take their place.
10. In order to reduce the excessive deer population, a hunter at NCTC must take a doe first, and then, if drawn for subsequent hunts, may take a buck during buck/antlerless season (Nov. 28th and Dec. 5th) or muzzleloader season (Dec. 19th). A doe taken any previous season at NCTC qualifies a hunter to take a buck; however, once a buck is taken another doe must be taken before an additional buck may be taken.
11. Within the requirements of No. 10 above, Deer that may be taken are: Youth hunt October 31st – Antlerless only; November 28th – Buck or Antlerless; December 5 – Buck or Antlerless; December 12 – Antlerless only-may take two deer; December 19 (muzzleloader) – Buck or Antlerless.
12. Hunters must wear at all times, in which a firearm season is open, in a conspicuous manner on the head, chest and back a minimum of 400 square inches of blaze orange outer garments. Clothing required includes a blaze orange hat and vest.
13. Hunters will be required to check in at the designated NCTC check station prior to hunting and check out when they are finished hunting, whether they have taken a deer or not. All deer taken must be checked out and tagged at the check station before they are removed from the NCTC property.
14. Hunters must park in designated parking areas.
15. Firearms in vehicles must be unloaded and cased or disassembled. Firearms must be unloaded and have the action open when traveling to and from the stand. Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded when uncapped or when the priming charge is removed from the pan.
16. All deer that are killed or crippled shall be retrieved, if possible, and must be retained in the possession of the hunter in the field. In order to prevent accidental intrusion into the shooting zone of other hunters, tracking beyond 100 yards from the hunting site must be done in the presence of an NCTC hunt-affiliated staff member.
17. All accidents and injuries must be reported to the hunt check station as soon as possible.

2009 Hunting Time Table

Morning Hunts					
Date	Check-In	Hunt Start	Sunrise	Hunt End	Check-out By
10/03	5:45-6:15	6:38	7:08	11:30	Noon
10/10	5:45-6:15	6:45	7:15	11:30	Noon
10/31	5:45-6:15	7:07	7:37	11:30	Noon
11/01/2009	<i>Daylight Savings Time Ends, Eastern Standard Time Begins</i>				
11/28	5:45-6:15	6:38	7:08	11:30	Noon
12/05	5:45-6:15	6:45	7:15	11:30	Noon
12/12	5:45-6:15	6:51	7:21	11:30	Noon
12/19	5:45-6:15	6:56	7:26	11:30	Noon
Evening Hunts					
Date	Check-In	Hunt Start	Sunset	Hunt End	Check-out By
10/03	12:30-3:00	1:00	6:51	7:21	7:45
10/10	12:30-3:00	1:00	6:40	7:10	7:45
10/31	12:30-3:00	1:00	6:11	6:41	7:30
11/01/2009	<i>Daylight Savings Time Ends, Eastern Standard Time Begins</i>				
11/28	12:30-1:00	1:30	4:49	5:19	5:45
12/05	12:30-1:00	1:30	4:47	5:17	5:45
12/12	12:30-1:00	1:30	4:47	5:17	5:45
12/19	12:30-1:00	1:30	4:49	5:19	5:45

- **Check-In Time** – The check-in station is at the Support Services building. If hunters selected by lottery are not present at the end of check-in time “stand-by” hunters may be assigned to vacant stands. All hunters not selected for any particular hunt, and have all the requirements met are eligible to be a standby hunter.
- **Hunt Start Time** - ½ hour before Sunrise – Time that legal hunting may begin. Firearms should be unloaded (or muzzle-loaders un-primed or un-capped) until that time.
- **Sunrise & Sunset Times** - calculated times for Shepherdstown from Griffith Observatory calculations, and can be viewed at http://www.sunrisesunset.com/usa/West_Virginia.asp
- **Hunt End Time** – ½ hour after Sunset – Time that legal hunting must end. Firearms should be unloaded (or muzzle-loaders un-primed or un-capped) until that time.
- **Check-Out By Time** – Check-out at Check Station, regardless of success. Hunters may check out earlier. If help is needed locating a dead or wounded deer, contact one of the NCTC staff volunteers or report to Check Station.

Contact Information: visit the NCTC website at <http://nctc.fws.gov>, email nctc_deerhunt@fws.gov, or contact NCTC Land Management Office at 304-876-7347. Mailing Address: USFWS, Attn: LandMgr, 698 Conservation Way, Shepherdstown, WV 25443