

## National Conservation Training Center - Deer Hunting Requirements 2016

1. Hunters must comply with all Federal and State hunting laws and regulations. For purposes of WV hunting regulations NCTC is considered "private land". WV hunting regulations can be obtained from local license agents, or on-line at [http://www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/hunting\\_regs.shtm](http://www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/hunting_regs.shtm).
2. All persons hunting on NCTC will be required to obtain the necessary WV State hunting licenses, stamps, permits and hunters safety card, including out-of-state hunters, and present them at check-in. For information on licenses go to <http://www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/licensing.shtm>
3. All hunters, and those adults accompanying youth hunters, are required to have completed an approved hunter education course, even if born before 1975. For information about WV DNR sponsored classes in our area, call 1-800-243-9968 or view on-line at <http://www.wvdnr.gov/lenforce/huntered/classes.asp>
4. Children must be at least 10 years of age to hunt at NCTC. Youth hunters 10 to 14 years of age must possess a hunter's education certification and be accompanied by a responsible adult with a WV hunting license and hunters' education certification card. Youth hunters 15 to 17 years of age must possess the required hunting license and hunters' safety card but may hunt alone.
5. Archery hunters will be assigned to a designated zone and within that zone may hunt from a pre-existing stand (if one is present), a stand or blind erected by the hunter, or from the ground. See the Archery Hunting Requirements information sheet.
6. Firearms (shotgun and muzzleloader) hunters will be assigned a location with a two person ladder stand. No firearms hunter will be allowed to use a personal stand, but may choose to hunt from the ground within 10 feet of the NCTC stand.
7. All persons using any elevated stands are required to use a commercially-made safety harness, preferably one certified by the Treestand Manufacturers Association <http://www.tmastands.com/product/>
8. Archery hunters may use a bow or crossbow. WV regulations no longer require a special permit to hunt with a crossbow. Archery hunting is not allowed from NCTC permanent elevated stands during shotgun hunt days.
9. Only modern shotguns of 20 gauge or larger, loaded with lead-free slug or sabot rounds, are permitted during shotgun hunts. A muzzleloader rifle cannot be used during shotgun hunt dates. No handguns are allowed, even if carried for non-hunting purposes with a WV permit.
10. Lead-free ammunition must be used in all firearms. Lead-free ammunition is also known as non-lead or non-toxic ammo.
11. A hunter at NCTC must take an antlerless deer first (doe, or buck with no antler longer than 3-inches), and then may take an antlered deer if on a date when antlered hunting is allowed by WV. An antlerless deer taken on a

previous season at NCTC qualifies a hunter to take a buck; however, once an antlered deer is taken, another antlerless deer must be taken before an antlered buck. The last deer taken must have been antlerless in order to take a buck.

12. Hunting on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> is part of a Special Hunt granted by WV DNR, and is open to all hunters. Youth hunters and disabled hunters with a WV Class Q or QQ permit will be given preferential acceptance on October 15<sup>th</sup>. A total of 2 either-sex deer (subject to NCTC's antlerless-first rules) may be taken on Special Hunt dates, by shotgun or archery, which does not count toward the hunter's season bag limit and no stamps are required. On October 15<sup>th</sup> youth 10 – 14 yrs. of age are limited to one antlerless deer.
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 in electronically (new WV rules) and tagged at the check station before they are removed from NCTC property. Hunters who have obtained a WV DNR ID number (good for your lifetime) should have it with them.
14. Hunters selected for a hunt session must check in by the close of the check-in time for that session. If not present at that time they are no longer guaranteed a stand and an alternate may be drawn to take their places.
15. Hunters must park in designated parking spots for their stands, without blocking access trails, and travel to and from stands by the designated trails.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. Hunters may not track wounded deer with a firearm or bow. The firearm should be unloaded, chamber opened and left at the stand or cased and put in the hunter's vehicle.
19. Deer must be field dressed a sensible distance from the Stand site or at the designated area near the NCTC Hunt Check Station, not on trails or areas visible from roads or trails,. Archery stands in the main campus area must use the Hunt Check Station designated area for field dressing or remove the deer from NCTC property intact.
19. With the exception of hunting from the designated stand, a firearm is only to be loaded for dispatching a wounded deer if within 100 yards of the hunter's stand or in the presence of an NCTC hunt staff member.
20. Any accidents or injuries must be reported to the NCTC Check Station as soon as possible.

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