

TIPS FOR DEER HUNTING SUCCESS



1 BE OBSESSED WITH SCENT CONTROL

Never, ever underestimate the importance of wind direction and scent control when hunting whitetail deer. Their noses are sensitive defense systems that help alert them to predators... and that includes you!



2 MAKE THE WIND YOUR FRIEND

It's imperative that you pay attention to wind direction each and every time you prepare to hunt. Ignoring wind direction is one of the biggest mistakes you can make as a hunter.



3 JUST BE QUIET ALREADY!

Deer know what other animals sound like moving through the woods. They also know what people sound like. So, do all you can to be as stealthy as possible. Try walking on the heels of your boots to make less noise.



4 LET YOUR IMAGINATION GUIDE PREPARATION

Use your imagination and dream up all the possible scenarios that could happen during a hunt. Rely on past experiences as well.



5 DON'T LET YOUR DEER STAND GIVE YOU AWAY

It's not enough to know where the deer are on your hunting property and simply hang a lock-on stand or to use a climbing stand. Be sure what that stand placement will look like during the time of day you are hunting.



6 KNOW THY LAND

It's important to not only know where the deer are on the property you're hunting. It's also critical to know where they are traveling to and from.



7 AIM FOR LOW SCORES IN PREDICTABILITY

Don't hunt the same deer stand or blind location every time, even if the wind is right. Have multiple hunting locations and multiple ways to access them. And, of course, always pay attention to the wind when you make your entry and exit.



8 BE A DOE STALKER

Knowing where the does are and how they move on a property throughout the course of a hunting season gives you a higher probability of taking a deer, and possibly, the buck of a lifetime.



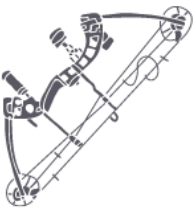
9 KNOW THAT THE RUT CHANGES THINGS

The rut certainly provides some opportunities to see daytime bucks. But, remember that as phases of the rut change, so do bucks' patterns and behaviors.



10 DON'T LET TECHNOLOGY GET YOU BUSTED

If you give a deer enough chances, they'll eventually be able to spot those busy little fingers texting away on a that wonderful piece of technology called a smart phone.



11 TAKE AN ETHICAL SHOT

Whether with a bow or a gun, taking an ethical shot on a deer is an important part of being a responsible hunter. To do this requires practice, patience and sometimes even the ability to pass up a shot that is not ideal. It's part of being a disciplined hunter.

