



## Hunting & Trapping on NWLT-Owned Conservation Lands

Hunting is an important management tool for natural areas in Wisconsin. In much of northern Wisconsin, white-tailed deer populations have grown beyond the ability of plant communities to withstand their browsing. The Northwoods Land Trust (NWLT) allows hunting on most of our owned conservation properties as a means to better manage land by reducing deer populations and the damage they cause.

Most Northwoods Land Trust owned conservation properties (preserves) are open for archery and gun hunting of waterfowl, small game, turkey, big game, and trapping (with some exceptions). This **does not** include conservation easement properties protected by NWLT, which are privately owned and managed. If you are interested in hunting one of Northwoods Land Trust's preserves, you do not need a permit from us. However, you must abide by the following guidelines and any NWLT-posted signage. Any hunters using these preserves must have a hunting license from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and follow hunting season regulations put forth by state, federal and local government.

Remember that you are responsible for knowing the property boundaries, and respecting adjacent property owners. You can find property boundary information by visiting the mapping department of the appropriate county, or utilizing a mapping app such as OnX or Avenza.

### GUIDELINES

1. ATVs, snowmobiles and other motorized vehicles are not permitted on NWLT preserves.
2. Hunting is not allowed within a 100-yard radius of any inhabited dwelling, parking area or recreational structure. Trails are NOT closed during hunting season. Due to the meandering nature of these trails, please familiarize yourself with their location before hunting.
3. Alcohol is not allowed on NWLT property, including in our parking lots.
4. Unnecessary shooting or shooting at targets is prohibited.
5. Stands/Blinds:
  - a. Hunters may only place one stand on a Land Trust property per hunter.
  - b. Only temporary, non-damaging stands and ground blinds may be used. Spikes or screw-in steps are not allowed. **Stands and blinds must be labeled with the owner's name, phone number and address such that it is easily visible from ground level.**
  - c. You may not put up a stand more than seven days before the start of the season, and the stand must be removed within seven days after the close of that season.
  - d. Ground blinds may be used when the hunter is physically present. All ground blinds must be removed each day at the close of shooting hours.

- a. All ground blinds used on the preserve during hunting season must display at least 144 square inches of solid blaze orange material visible from all directions around the blind.
  - b. Because conflict often stems from hunting close to property boundaries, no stands or blinds shall be placed within 100 feet of the preserve boundary or another stand or blind.
  - c. NWLT assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged stands and blinds left unattended.
  - d. Northwoods Land Trust reserves the right to remove and dispose of any stands that do not meet these requirements.
6. The cutting of shooting lanes, or cutting or destruction of brush, trees or other plants for any purpose is prohibited. Planting of food plots or other vegetation is also prohibited.
7. Baiting and trail cameras are not allowed.
8. Fires, camping, littering (includes plastic flagging) and dumping of waste are prohibited on NWLT preserves.
9. NWLT makes an effort to appropriately post our boundaries. We ask that hunters do everything they can to ensure they are on NWLT land and respect the property rights of adjacent landowners.
10. Hunting with Minors: If the hunter or persons accompanying the hunter are under 18 years of age then those individuals must comply with all current WIDNR regulations regarding youth hunting. See the [WIDNR's Youth Hunting web page](#) for details.
11. Mentored Hunting Program: If an individual will be hunting under the Mentored Hunting Program, see the [WIDNR's Mentored Hunting in Wisconsin web page](#) for details on complying with this program.
12. Hunting with dogs: Hunting dogs are allowed off-leash for fall turkey, small game and waterfowl hunting purposes, only at preserves where these hunting opportunities are allowed and according to state regulations. Off-leash hunting dogs must be kept under voice control of the owner at all times to prevent dogs from creating a nuisance to adjacent properties and residences. From April 15 to July 31, hunting dogs must be on a leash to protect ground-nesting birds. Use of dogs to hunt bear is not allowed on NWLT preserves.
13. Hunters must comply with all local, state, and federal laws and ordinances governing hunting activities, including obtaining all required government licenses or permits.
14. Liability Waiver: By hunting on Northwoods Land Trust lands you acknowledge that hunting is inherently dangerous and that you are aware of the risks and dangers involved. By engaging in hunting as an activity, you assume all responsibility for any injury to persons or damages to property that occur in connection with your use of NWLT property. As a hunter, for yourself, your heirs, successors and assigns, you hereby agree to release, indemnify, and hold NWLT harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs and expenses incurred in connection with your and any accompanying minor child's activities or presence on NWLT property, whether or not due to any negligent acts or omissions of NWLT.
15. Non-compliance with the rules above will result in the proper authorities being contacted.

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The following table indicates which NWLT Properties are open to hunting and trapping.

<b>Preserve</b>	<b>Hunting Permitted</b>	<b>Trapping Permitted</b>
Camp 12 Lake Nature Preserve	Archery & Gun*	Yes*
Carlin Lake Nature Preserve	Archery & Gun*	Yes*
Crawling Stone Woods	Archery & Gun	Yes
Deerskin River Nature Preserve	Archery & Gun	Yes
Dugan Squash Lake Nature Preserve	None	No
Genevieve Lake Nature Preserve	Archery & Gun	Yes
Holmboe Conifer Forest State Natural Area	Archery**	No
Marshall Wildlife Conservation Area	Archery & Gun	Yes
Murphy Lake Road Conservation Area	Archery & Gun	Yes
Oxbow Lake Conservation Area	Archery & Gun	Yes
Papoose Lake Nature Preserve I&II	Archery & Gun	Yes
Rock Lake Nature Preserve I	Archery & Gun	Yes
Rock Lake Nature Preserve II	Archery	Yes
Sack Lake Hemlocks Conservation Area	Archery & Gun	Yes
South Turtle Lake Nature Preserve	Archery	Yes
Thunder Lake Conservation Area	Archery & Gun	Yes
Van Vliet Lake Conservation Area I & II	Archery	Yes
Walter "Len" Hilgart Flambeau River Preserve	None	Yes
Yawkey Forest Reserve	Archery & Gun	No
<p>*This property is located on a lake without public access, and is accessible only by water.  ** State Natural Area regulations do not allow dogs, even on leash. Bow hunting is permitted only if allowed by state and City of Rhinelander regulations.</p>		