



Tips for Hunting from a Stand

If you are unfamiliar with hunting from a stand, here is a list of things to consider:

- Carrying gear in and out of stands can be awkward. Take up only as much as you can comfortably carry, then go back and get the rest.
- Stands should be entered cautiously- look for critters (wasps, snakes, mice, raccoons, birds) before entering. If you encounter something, give it time and space to leave.
- Don't leave food or trash in or around the stands. Take out what you bring in.
- Get settled in quietly. Try out the chair and practice taking a shot. Adjust your position as needed.
- Move the curtains enough so you can see, but keep them down as much as feasible.
- Keep a low profile: move slowly and quietly while in the stand. Any quick movement will call attention to your presence. If you need to "take a leak," use a pee bottle or quietly leave the stand and walk 30 - 50 feet away from the stand and feeder.
- Many types of animals visit the feeders. You may use a slingshot or other tactics to shoo off animals you are not interested in, but this calls attention to you. Our recommendation is that you just sit back and be patient. Watch the game in the area; they will often give you clues if others are approaching.
- Plan your shot carefully. Do not shoot game under the feeder. Consider all animals and ranch equipment in your line of fire. You are responsible for what you shoot.
- Be prepared to observe the effect of your shot on your target. If it runs, watch which direction it goes in. If it drops, be prepared to take another shot. Big bucks often will get up and run.
- If you cannot see the animal you shot, we will help you track it.
- Never go after a wounded hog. They are tough, have an attitude, often circle back, and rarely leave a blood trail.
- Do not rush out of the stand! You can hurt yourself and cause a wounded animal to run further. Most will go a short distance and lay down. Allow them peace and quiet. A good rule of thumb is to wait 30 minutes.
- When you approach a downed animal, go slowly and be prepared to take a second shot.
- If your game is down and in the sun or close to the feeder, you may want to drag it away and into the shade. Get out of the stand quietly, move your game, and go back into the stand with as little commotion as possible. Chances are that other animals in the area will still come into view.
- Some game requires a tag; it should be tagged in the field.
- Generally, game is taken back to the house to be cleaned. However, you may field dress your kill before we pick you up. Please move your game away from the feeder and pay attention to your surroundings. You may not be the only predator in the area.
- When you are ready to leave the stand, gather your equipment and pick up trash, bullet casings, and bottles. Close windows. Latch door as you exit.