

BLUE RIDGE SCOUT RESERVATION HUNTING RULES 2022-2023

RESERVATION PERMITS AND LICENSES:

All hunters on the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation must strictly observe all Virginia hunting and fishing laws. Failure to do so will result in loss of hunting privileges on The Blue Ridge Scout Reservation (BRSR), Blue Ridge Mountains Council (BRMC) reserves the right to close hunting on any portion of the Reservation at any time. The BRSR Ranger has the full and sole authority to revoke a person's privileges in the event that a dispute or infraction of the hunting regulations occurs. Any violation may require an immediate loss of privileges and removal from the property. This is at the sole discretion of the BRSR ranger.

1. Hunting on the reservation is by permit only. Hunters must:
 - a. Carry the permit on their person at all times while hunting.
 - b. Possess a valid Virginia hunting license in addition to a Reservation hunting permit.
 - c. Clearly Display their parking permit issued on the dashboard of the hunter's parked vehicle while that individual is engaged in hunting
 - d. A valid Permit acknowledges the hunter's agreement to all regulations and their release of liability of the BRSR and BRMC.

CAMPING ON THE BLUE RIDGE SCOUT RESERVATION:

Camping is allowed. Hunters who plan to camp must notify reservation rangers of arrival and departure times, campsite location, and the names and addresses of all overnight campers. Other rules hunters must agree to:

1. No fires are permitted.
2. No camping or hunting is allowed with 500 yards of any permanent building or structure on the Reservation except by special permit.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH VDGIF

Hunting is allowed on all legal hunting days in November including Sunday hunting.

- With the exception of the month of November, hunting with firearms is prohibited on Friday (after 12 noon) through Sunday, Holidays, and when Scout groups are present and using the reservation.
- Bow hunting is allowed Monday through Thursday on any legal hunting day of the season. Bow hunters may hunt Fridays through Sundays during the archery season by calling the Reservation Staff and providing information about the area and time they wish to hunt and a call back number where they can be reached.
- Hunters under the age of 21, while using a firearm must be accompanied and supervised by an adult (21 or older) who currently possesses a valid Virginia hunting license. (Age restriction is reduced to 16 while using archery tackle)

BLUE RIDGE SCOUT RESERVATION SPECIFIC POLICIES:

- Possession of alcohol or drugs on the Reservation is strictly prohibited.
- Portable tree stands are allowed but **MUST** be official tree stands purchased from reputable retailers. No homemade tree stands will be allowed. Hunters must wear and use property safety equipment (see handout) while climbing and occupying any elevated hunting perch (tree stand). Screw-in steps are permitted. Hunting stands and screw-in steps must be removed at the end of the hunting season. All stands on reservation property must be labeled with the hunters name and phone number.
- No loaded firearms may be possessed or transported in or on any vehicle at any time on BRSR Reservation property. Modern firearms are considered to be unloaded when both the chamber and magazine are empty. Muzzleloaders are considered to be unloaded when the percussion cap has been removed from the nipple. Firearms must be unloaded while walking through "No Hunting" areas
- No Firearms may be discharged within 20ft of any roadway.
- No off-road vehicles or ATV/UTV vehicles are permitted
- Antler restrictions apply to ALL antlered deer harvested on the Reservation. Bucks eligible for harvest must have an outside antler spread of at least 15 inches. Hunters can estimate a buck's antler spread by viewing where the antlers are in relation to an animal's forward pointed ears, the outside spread should be at least 15 inches. (However, a ONE-TIME exemption is allowed to YOUTH hunters "17 and under" who have not previously harvested a deer on Blue Ridge Scout Reservation property this exception applies to any legally harvestable deer under VDGIF). Hunters who violate the antler restriction will be subject to a \$200 penalty and loss of hunting privileges for the next deer season.
- Hunters on the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation (BRSR) agree to adhere to the Virginia Department of Game and any local rules and regulations
- Doe harvesting is currently limited to 1 per hunter. For the 2022 hunting season. Bag limits will be evaluated on a year to year basis by the hunters committee.
- Hunters who plan to visit, hike, or scout game on the reservation must notify reservation rangers prior to your arrival and will not be permitted during the reservation's summer camp season without specific approval from the ranger.
- Any violation of stated rules or regulations may result in eviction from the area and elimination of your participation in any future hunting programs sponsored by the Blue Ridge Mountains Council. BRMC reserves the right to amend, change, or revise the hunting permit regulations at any time.
- This year's combination is 0407

Bear regulation

Bear hunting will be limited to 10 bears during the 2022-2023 season all bear hunting will be on a first come first served basis. After 10 bears have been harvested hunting will be stopped. Assistance will be available for any harvested bear, contact a reservation ranger for assistance.

Predator Hunting

All predator hunting will be regulated and supervised by the reservation rangers. No predator hunting will be allowed that is not directly communicated with through the reservation rangers.