



White Hall Hounds

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Welcome to wonderful world of Hunting and Hounds!
Below is some basic information pertaining those who wish
to join us hunting.

About Us

White Hall Hounds are working members of White Hall Farm. The farm maintains the pack of hounds for many practical and historic reasons. We encourage everyone to come share in the rural atmosphere and learn about the farm and the role of hounds and hunting, which is still relevant today.

Who runs the show?

The Masters are the absolute authority when it comes to hunting and the hunt. The Masters are financially responsible for the pack and any related obligations including horses, stabling, machinery, feed, veterinary care, etc. Riding to hounds or following hounds is at the sole discretion of the Masters and only with their permission. Always yield to staff and follow directions of the Masters or designated leader if you are invited to hunt. Above all use common sense and be careful! Hounds will hunt on regardless of if we follow or not!

What does it cost?

Those granted permission to hunt are required to help defray the cost of kenneling hounds. Hunting permission is only granted on a case-by-case basis and fees are personally set by the masters and are totally at their discretion.

Do I need a license?

Although Virginia residents are only required to have the Resident Foxhunting License (\$23), we encourage people to get the Resident Sportsman's License (\$100). You **MUST** have your license on your person at all times while hunting. Out of state persons are required to have the Nonresident Foxhunting License (\$111) at a minimum. Please click the link for additional details on purchasing a license. <https://dwr.virginia.gov/hunting/regulations/licenses/>

When and where do you hunt?

Generally, hounds go out twice a week during hunting season (September through April) usually those days are Wednesday and Sunday. We hunt at fixtures both in Virginia and Maryland. Sunday is typically in the Middleburg VA area and Wednesday is usually at outlying fixtures within an hour's drive. During the off-season hounds still go out twice weekly for exercise and training. Generally hunting times are adjusted linearly with temperature and conditions. As the weather cools, hounds will hunt later in the morning, or even afternoon if conditions require.



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What do I wear, what does my horse wear?

Hunting is a tradition, but every aspect has some basis in practicality. We continue to promote the tradition of Hunt Etiquette and proper turn-out, while making adjustment for practicality. During Cubbing Season our attire is rat-catcher. During the regular season (after opening day) formal attire is worn. Horses are expected to be outfitted with a flat hunt bridle, breastplate, and English Saddle. Brown colored tack is traditional. A safety or “jumping” strap is always a good idea. Tack such as martingales and other aides are permitted, but the more tack you put on a horse the more of a chance for a malfunction or to get caught on something in the hunt field. We recommend horses be shod on all fours and road studs be employed.

Paperwork and other notes.

Any person invited to hunt must complete a release form. Any junior must have a release form signed by a legal guardian. No photography and/or video is permitted without the express permission of the Masters. All manure at trailers must be picked up and taken with you. If you damage anything while out in the hunt field (fence, gate, turf, etc.) notify the Masters immediately so steps can be taken to repair the damage. Please do not speak to hounds, use a whip on them or impede them in any way. When a landowner is present it is proper to personally thank them for the privilege. If a member of the public stops you or asks a question, refer them to the Masters or an available staff person.

The most important note of all.

Remember riding to hounds is a privilege, but a joy as well. Our most fervent hope is that you will enjoy this wonderful experience as much as we do. Above all else, come with a smile and leave with a smile!

More Information

William Wadsworth's *Riding to Hounds in America* contains a lot of useful information.

[online copy of Riding to Hounds in America](#)