

# ALLEGHENY LAND TRUST HUNTING RULES

*Allegheny Land Trust* properties accommodate a wide variety of public uses including hiking, canoeing, cross country skiing, scientific research and hunting. In order to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all visitors, we ask hunters to review and comply with our hunting program policies and guidelines. Failure to adhere to regulations or rules results in suspension of hunting privileges, or citation by local law enforcement. As a local, not-for-profit organization, we ask that hunters' make a donation to the land trust so that we can continue to sustainably manage our conservation lands for all recreational users. To donate, contact Allegheny Land Trust at 412-741-2750 or to donate online go to [www.alleghenylandtrust.org](http://www.alleghenylandtrust.org) and click the DONATE button on the left side of your screen.

Please be aware that lands on which the *Allegheny Land Trust* holds a conservation easement are private property and the Land Trust does not have the authority to grant permission to hunt on these lands. For a current and up to date list of permitted hunting conservation areas, contact ALT stewardship or online at [www.alleghenylandtrust.org/about/hunting](http://www.alleghenylandtrust.org/about/hunting).

## Hunting Rules & Regulations

1. Hunters must possess a valid PA hunting license and comply with all applicable PA Game Commission regulations at all time. Hunter must carry a valid ALT permit card while hunting on any ALT property. These can be obtained at no cost online or by calling Allegheny Land Trust Stewardship department at 412-741-2750.
2. Take an antlerless deer first! It is ESSENTIAL participating hunters make every effort to take an antlerless deer as quickly as possible during the season and as many as you are permitted. Deer populations have far exceeded carrying capacity which is the level at which a habitat can no longer support an organism or it's populations with food, water, shelter, etc and still remain a healthy, intact forest system. There are several reasons for the overpopulation and included in those is a lack of natural predators. Game biologists and conservationists have provided a significant amount of scientific data and evidence that supports the notion that deer are decimating acres of wildflowers, shrubs and young trees (future forest canopy) in PA forests.
3. Only temporary, non-damaging deer stands may be used. **ABSOLUTELY NO PERMANENT TREE STANDS ARE ALLOWED.** The Hunter may put up a stand no more than 2 weeks before the start of the season and it must be removed two weeks after the close of the season. If it is not removed, it may be removed by ALT staff, volunteers or PA Game Commission officer. No stands shall be placed within 100 feet of a property boundary or defined trail system. Allegheny Land Trust has no responsibility for lost or damaged stands left unattended. Please be considerate of other hunters and space stands appropriately. Look to PA State Game Lands rules and regulations for tree stands for more information.
4. No target shooting, practice, or gun ranges are permitted on ALT lands. Be sure of your target and shoot to make a clean kill; indiscriminant or wild shooting will not be tolerated.

5. Drinking alcohol or using controlled substances is not allowed on any ALT property or in any adjacent parking areas.
6. Hunting is allowed on assigned ALT properties only. Not every ALT property is open for public hunting. Identify whether hunting is permitted on the property you are interested in hunting and know if it is Open or Restricted Hunting.
  - a. OPEN Hunting Area- Hunters are permitted to use any weapon available to them legally during the hunting season of September 1 – January 31 to hunt any legal game.
  - b. Restricted Hunting Area – Hunter are permitted to hunt White Tail Deer ONLY using only a Bow and arrow.
7. If an injured deer goes into another area, you may retrieve it **only if you have acquired permission from the lawful owner.**
8. ALT asks that all users abide by the “Leave No Trace” land ethic. This includes no fires, camping, littering (including the use of plastic flagging), or dumping of waste on the property.
9. No ATVS! The use of wheeled vehicles is strictly prohibited on ALT properties for the purpose of hunting. If you need to get a deer out of the woods, a deer carrier or sled may be used.
10. You are responsible for knowing the boundary of the property in which you are hunting. You can obtain property maps online at [www.alleghenylandtrust.org](http://www.alleghenylandtrust.org) or by contacting our office directly. On some properties, the boundary lines are marked with small yellow ALT conservation area markers.
11. All other ALT property rules and regulations must be followed at all times by all hunters. We have the right to remove you by contacting local authorities if you are not following the specific property rules.
12. Be SEEN and be SAFE– wearing orange is smart.

Please remember that you are sharing the woods with other recreation users, be courteous and smart. Don't put yourself or another in an unsafe situation. Remember all PA game laws apply on ALT land. You can be approached and cited by a game officer on ALT land. Know your laws, visit [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us) for all regulations.

If you are willing to share your harvest information, an experience you had on the conservation area or have an idea on how we can make ALT land better, please contact us at any time. We want to hear from our property users. Questions or comments may be referred to Allegheny Land Trust Stewardship Department at 412-741-2750.