



## HUNTING RULES & REGULATIONS

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 land conservation nonprofit, we ask that hunters make a donation to help the continued, sustainable management of our conservation lands for all recreational users. To donate, contact Allegheny Land Trust at 412-741-2750 or visit our secure online giving portal: [alleghenylantrust.org/donate](https://alleghenylantrust.org/donate).

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

### Hunting Rules & Regulations

1. Hunters must possess a valid PA hunting license, comply with all applicable PA Game Commission regulations at all times, and carry a valid ALT permit card while hunting on any ALT property. These can be obtained online or by calling Allegheny Land Trust Stewardship department at 412-741-2750.
2. Take an antlerless deer first! It is ESSENTIAL that 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 its populations with food, water, shelter, etc. and still remain a healthy, intact forest system. There are several reasons for overpopulation. 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.** Hunters may put up a stand no more than two weeks before the start of the season and must remove stands no later than two weeks after the close of the season. If it is not removed, ALT staff, volunteers, or PA Game Commission officers may remove and dispose of the stand. 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. Please be considerate of other hunters and space stands appropriately. Look at 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. Indiscriminate 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, in accordance with PA Game Commission regulations, during the ALT hunting season of September 1 – January 31 to hunt any legal game.
  - b. **RESTRICTED Hunting Area** – Hunters are permitted to hunt White Tail Deer ONLY using only a bow and arrow or crossbow.
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. 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 [alleghenylantrust.org](http://alleghenylantrust.org) or by contacting our office directly. On some properties, the boundary lines are marked with small ALT conservation area markers.
  11. All other ALT property rules and regulations must be followed at all times by all hunters. We reserve the right to have visitors removed and banned from our properties by contacting local authorities if the visitor is not following property rules.
  12. Be SEEN and be SAFE – wearing orange is smart.
  13. There is no Sunday hunting permitted on ALT Lands.
  14. Overnight access and camping are not permitted.

Please remember that you are sharing the woods with other recreational users, be courteous and smart. Do not 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 <https://www.pgc.pa.gov/> 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 improve our lands, please contact us. Questions or comments may be referred to Allegheny Land Trust Stewardship Department at **412-741-2750**.