



Town of Emerald Isle 2012 Controlled Bow Hunt

Rules and Regulations

- The Town of Emerald Isle reserves the right to select or reject any hunter for any reason, at any time.
- Public safety is the Town's top priority for the controlled hunt, and all hunters must realize that they are hunting in or near residential areas. Extreme caution should be utilized to prevent harm to adults, children, and pets.
- All hunters must be 21 years of age or older to be eligible to hunt.
- All hunters must be specifically invited and authorized by the Town. All selected hunters must possess a valid NC hunting license and have completed an acceptable hunter safety course OR be current members of the NC Bowhunters Association and certified through the Bowhunter Certification and Referral Service Program.
- All hunters must agree to provide a criminal history report from the Clerk of Court of their county of residence, and must also pass a Town-sponsored accuracy proficiency test.
- All hunters must provide appropriate safety equipment for hunting (i.e., flashlight, first aid kit, cell phone, etc.).
- Hunters are only allowed to hunt in the designated areas set forth by the Town of Emerald Isle. Maps and a tour will be provided.
- Hunters will be required to check in and out with the Emerald Isle Police Department on the day of scheduled hunting. Hunters will be assigned to specific locations on the day of hunting and, if necessary or desired, may be transported to and from that location by EIPD personnel.
- Hunters are required to notify the EIPD supervisor upon killing of any deer. The EIPD supervisor shall make arrangements for the transport of the deer to the Town's designated deer processing location. No field dressing of deer is permitted.
- Hunters are only allowed to hunt between the hours of 5 am to 10 am and 3 pm to 6 pm. Certain locations may only be authorized for reduced hours only.
- Arrows should only be discharged with a downward trajectory. Archery equipment may only be discharged from trees, temporary platforms, or natural dune ridges that are elevated at least eight feet above the target deer.
- No hunter shall discharge a bow from, over or across any street, sidewalk, alley, or roadway, or toward any building, dwelling, or residential yard in such a manner that an arrow may strike it.
- No firearms other than a bow and arrow may be in the hunter's possession.
- No discharge of an arrow is permitted within 30 yards of a residential dwelling.
- Discharge of an arrow is permitted only in order to take a deer. No discharge of an arrow shall be made toward any person, any animal other than a deer, any structure or any vehicle in such a manner as the arrow may strike such person, animal, structure or vehicle, nor shall a discharge be made in such a manner that the arrow may strike in any roadway.
- No pursuit of an injured or wounded deer shall be permitted upon the land of neighboring landowners unless the hunter has first obtained permission from that landowner. Hunters should contact the EIPD supervisor in instances when a neighboring landowner refuses permission to retrieve a dead or wounded deer from their property.
- As a condition of the Town's depredation permit issued by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, antler-less deer are the only deer that may be taken during the Town's controlled hunt.

Unlawful Harassment

In North Carolina, it is unlawful for a person to interfere intentionally with the lawful taking of wildlife resources or to drive, harass, or intentionally disturb any wildlife resources for the purpose of disrupting the lawful taking of wildlife resources on public or private property. Violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor punishable for a first conviction by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00, by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or by both and punishable for a second or subsequent conviction by a fine left to the discretion of the court.

If you experience unlawful harassment or confrontation, immediately notify the Emerald Isle Police Department. Do not provoke a fight, threaten reprisals, or use profanity.

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