

Staying Safe During Hunting Season

Tips for Non-Hunters



- **Be informed.** Visit our [hunt information](#) webpage to learn what hunts are occurring on the Dunn Forest. Plan your trip and comfort level based on this information.



- **Stay on designated trails and roads.** Staying on the trail and road will make it easier for hunters to be aware of your presence.



- **Wear bright clothing** (like blaze orange). Make yourself easily visible. Choose colors that stand out, like bright, fluorescent red, orange or green.



- **Don't forget to protect your dog!** Tie a brightly-colored bandana or swath of fabric around your dog's neck. Or purchase a blaze orange dog vest.



- **Make yourself known.** If you hear shooting, raise your voice and let hunters know you are in the vicinity.



- **Make noise.** Alert hunters to your presence by whistling, singing or carrying on a conversation as you walk.

- **Be courteous.** Once a hunter is aware of your presence, don't make unnecessary noise that disturbs wildlife.



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Tips for Hunters



- **Carry your paperwork.** You need to have your Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife license, animal tag, and OSU Research Forest letter of access on your person at all times while hunting.



- **Be sure of your target.** You're responsible for knowing what's in front of your target, near your target and beyond your target. If you aren't certain about any of the three, don't take the shot.



- **Wear protective gear.** Hunters' eyes and ears are vulnerable to a number of potential hazards while hunting, so it's important to protect them. Wear safety glasses and ear protection.



- **Stay in designated hunt areas.** Use a map and compass and stay within the boundaries. [Click here](#) for a map of the hunt areas.



- **Wear blaze orange.** Blaze orange has made hunting safer. Spotting a hunter wearing camouflage is hard, but wearing blaze orange makes you visible to others hunting in the area.



- **Be courteous.** You are sharing the forest with others who love to be outside and feel safe while doing so. Often the best way to avoid conflict is to be kind and respectful.



Additional resources: [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Tips for Hunters and Non-Hunters](#); [Mayo Health Clinic: 11 tips for staying safe during hunting season](#)