

EIDOLON NATURE PRESERVE 2022-2023

DEER HUNTING AND HIKING REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE

All hunters and hikers please note the following:

In the interest of maintaining a healthy forest and viable animal populations, the Eidolon Nature Preserve permits deer hunting on the property during the hunting season. To balance the safety of hikers and the interests of hunters during deer season, we ask all visitors to observe the following rules:

- Hunters must be licensed by the state and follow all applicable state laws and regulations.
- For their part, hikers should exercise appropriate caution during hunting season and wear at least one item of blaze orange clothing.
- In accordance with state law, hunting is now permitted on Sunday.
- All trails are closed to hikers during firearms, muzzleloader, youth and mountaineer heritage hunting sessions.
- On all other days of deer hunting season, the trails will be open to hikers from 10 am until 3 pm only.

Schedule at a glance:

Archery and Crossbow – Sep 24 – Dec 31

Youth Hunt – Oct 15-16, Dec 26-27; **No Hiking**

Firearms (antlerless) – Oct 20-23, Nov 21 – Dec 4, Dec 8-11, Dec 28-31; **No Hiking**

Firearms (buck) – Nov 21 – Dec 4; **No Hiking**

Muzzleloader – Dec 12-18; **No Hiking**

Mountaineer Heritage Hunt – Jan 12-15; **No Hiking**

For more information contact the Potomac Valley Audubon Society Land and Conservation Manager, KC Walters, at 304-283-7319 or Katelyn@PotomacAudubon.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <u>Deer – Archery</u> →
25	26	27	28	29	30	October 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 NO HIKING → <u>Deer - Youth</u> →
16	17	18	19	20 NO HIKING	21	22
				<u>Antlerless Deer - Firearms</u> →		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	November 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 NO HIKING	22	23	24	25	26
	<u>Buck and Antlerless Deer – Firearms</u> →					
27	28	29	30	December 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 NO HIKING	9	10
				<u>Antlerless Deer - Firearms</u> →		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<u>Deer - Muzzleloader</u> →					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 NO HIKING	27	28	29	30	31
	<u>Deer - Youth</u> →		<u>Antlerless Deer - Firearms</u> →			
January 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 NO HIKING	13	14
				<u>Deer – Mountaineer Heritage</u> →		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21