

EIDOLON NATURE PRESERVE 2026-2027

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:

- Eidolon is open for Whitetail Deer hunting ONLY. No other species is permitted to be taken from this property.
- Hunters must be licensed by the state of WV and follow all applicable state laws and regulations.
- All trails are closed to hikers during firearms, muzzleloader, youth, and mountaineer heritage hunting sessions.
- On all other days of archery season, the trails will be open to hikers from 9 am until 4 pm only.
- Hunters and hikers should exercise appropriate caution during hunting season and wear at least one item of blaze orange clothing.

Schedule at a glance:

Archery and Crossbow – Sep 26 – Dec 31; Hiking permitted 9am to 4pm.

Youth Hunt – Oct 17-18, Dec 26-27; **NO HIKING**

Firearms (antlerless) – Oct 22-25, Nov 23 – Dec 6, Dec 10-13, Dec 28-31; **NO HIKING**

Firearms (buck) – Nov 23 – Dec 6; **NO HIKING**

Muzzleloader – Dec 14-20; **NO HIKING**

Mountaineer Heritage Hunt – Jan 14-17; **NO HIKING**

For more information contact the Potomac Valley Audubon Society at Info@PotomacAudubon.org.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

HIKING RESTRICTIONS:

- ☐ Open to Hiking Dawn to Dusk
- ☒ Hiking Permitted 9am - 4pm
- ☒ NO Hiking
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OCTOBER SCHEDULE

2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

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30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

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JANUARY SCHEDULE

2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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