

EIDOLON NATURE PRESERVE 2024-2025

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 WV 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 28 – Dec 31; Hiking permitted 10am to 3pm.

Youth Hunt – Oct 19-20, Dec 26-27; **NO HIKING**

Firearms (antlerless) – Oct 24-27, Nov 25 – Dec 8, Dec 12-15, Dec 28-31; **NO HIKING**

Firearms (buck) – Nov 25 – Dec 8; **NO HIKING**

Muzzleloader – Dec 16-22; **NO HIKING**

Mountaineer Heritage Hunt – Jan 9-12; **NO HIKING**

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