



Green Mountain *National Forest*

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Hunting

General Forest Information:

Hunting

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is responsible for managing wildlife in Vermont. The Green Mountain National Forest manages forest and grassland habitat, which supplies food, water, and shelter for wildlife. Hunting is permitted on all National Forest land with the following restrictions.

When parking, accessing, and hunting on the Green Mountain National Forest:

- Park off the traveled portion of the road and do not block traffic.
- Do not block gates, emergency access may be needed.
- No ATV's or OHV's allowed on the Green Mountain National Forest.
- Do not travel off the forest road systems with vehicles.
- Be familiar with Green Mountain National Forest property boundary markings to ensure that you are on public land.
- Do not discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area.
- Temporary tree stands and ground blinds are allowed as long as no damage is done to any living tree in erecting, maintaining, using or accessing the stand or blind. This includes the use of nails, bolts, screws (including access steps), wire, chain or any other material that may penetrate through a living tree's bark. No live limbs shrubs or trees can be cut. Tree stands and ground blinds must be clearly, permanently and legibly marked with the owner's name and address.
- Be courteous and follow safe hunting practices. Be aware that there can be others forest users around who may not be aware it is hunting season.
- Please report any violations.

We recommend that you use a USGS Topographic Map, Vermont Atlas, or a Gazetteer for more detail on hunting locations. USGS Topographic Maps can be purchased at the Green Mountain National Forest Supervisor's Office in Rutland or at the Manchester, Middlebury, or Rochester Ranger Districts.



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The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

All people, regardless of age, are required to possess a Vermont hunting license when hunting on any land within the State, except Vermont landowners hunting on their own property. Prior to the issuing of a hunting license, a person must provide proof of a previously held hunting license or successful completion of an approved hunter safety or firearms safety course from Vermont or any other state or province.

Licenses are available at town clerk's offices, most sporting good stores, and at many convenience stores. Current regulations are listed in the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's "Vermont Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping", normally available with the purchase, at USFS Ranger Stations, or online at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. You should familiarize yourself with these regulations prior to going hunting.

Please observe hunter firearms safety precautions, obey all laws, and do not leave trash behind.

Trapping

Trapping is allowed on the Green Mountain National Forest, subject to the Vermont laws and regulations outlined by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. Fur bearing animals trapped in Vermont include beaver, otter, martin, mink, raccoon, fisher, fox, skunk, muskrat, bobcat, and coyote. Specific seasons for trapping these animals are set and can be found in the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's "Vermont Guide to Hunting, Fishing & Trapping".

For More Information:

Manchester Ranger District, 2538 Depot St., Manchester Center, VT 05255, (802) 362-2307

Middlebury Ranger District, 1007 Route 7 South, Middlebury, VT 05753, (802) 388-4362

Rochester Ranger District, 99 Ranger Rd., Rochester, VT 05767, (802) 767-4261

Rutland Supervisor Office, 231 North Main St., Rutland, VT 05701, (802) 747-6700

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