

## Information for Sports Persons:

### Fishing and Hunting on State Forests:

Hunting and fishing are permitted activities on lands managed by the North Dakota Forest Service. All North Dakota Game and Fish Department regulations apply to hunting and fishing on public lands. Trapping of furbearers in accordance with North Dakota Game and Fish Department regulations laws is allowed on State Forest property without written permission.



### Hunting & Firearms on State Forests:

Hunting is permitted, pursuant to designated hunting seasons and regulations set by the ND Game and Fish Department, on all State Forests except within 800 feet of the campgrounds and day use areas. All hunters are subject to federal, state and local laws governing hunting and the use of firearms.

Target practice and sighting of guns is prohibited on all State forests. All firearm use is subject to federal, state, and local laws.

### Tree Stands / Hunting Blinds:

No person may construct or use a permanent tree stand or permanent steps to a tree stand on any State Forest. Construction of permanent hunting blinds is prohibited on State Forest lands.

Portable tree stands and portable steps, screw-in steps, and natural tree stand may be used. Portable tree stands and portable steps are defined as those which are held to the tree with ropes, straps, cables, chains, or bars. Screw-in steps are those that are screwed into the tree by hand without the aid of any tools. Ladder type stands which lean against the tree are portable stands. A notched board placed in a tree crotch is a portable stand. Natural stands include crotches, trunks, down trees, etc., where no platform is used.

Tree stands do not preempt hunting rights in the vicinity of the tree stand.

Tree stands and steps may not be put up before August 20th of the year, and they shall be taken down by January 10th of the following year. Stands and steps not removed by the 10th of January are subject to removal and confiscation by the North Dakota Forest Service.

### Baiting:

No person may place or use bait for attracting, luring, feeding, or habituating wildlife to the bait location for any purpose on a State Forest. Bait includes grains, minerals, salt, fruits, vegetables, hay or any other

natural or manufactured feeds. Bait does not include the use of lures, scents, or liquid attractants for hunting, or management activities of the agency.

A person may use bait to lure and take furbearers when engaged in lawful trapping activities.



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