

Appendix 1

Mandatory Hunter Ethics

Wild game is a sustainable resource, which if managed properly, can be harvested in perpetuity. The objective of hunting at Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve, and its satellite properties, such as Fishtail Forest, shall be to provide for the sustainable management of game populations in a manner that promotes a safe outdoor experience.

In order to meet the objective for hunting at Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve, the following ethical standards have been established. All hunters are bound by lease agreements to embrace and uphold these ethical standards at all times.

1. Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve, as the name implies, is a forested environment. All dangers commonly encountered in a managed forest shall be expected and accepted. Thus, hunters shall consider safety as the highest priority at all times.
2. All rules and regulations under the Fish and Game Act, the Firearms Safety Act, and the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Safety Act as well as any other applicable legislation, apply within the private property of Limberlost Forest & Wildlife Reserve. These rules and regulations shall be complied with.
3. Firearms shall be treated carefully at all times. Any hunter handling a firearm shall under no circumstances be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
4. Hunting shall occur in a safe manner. Shooting shall only be delivered if the target is fully identified, clear, free, and the harming of other forest users or creatures is not possible.
5. Firearms carried into camp shall be unloaded. Unattended firearms are to be unloaded and stored safely, in accordance with applicable legislation.
6. Shooting across trails or roads is strictly prohibited. Shooting at or across water surfaces is also prohibited. Shooting at or into neighboring property – be it private, municipal, or park land – is strictly prohibited.
7. All common traffic rules apply to the use of Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve roads. This also applies to the use of ATVs, snowmobiles, and other off-road vehicles.

8. ATVs, snowmobiles, and other off-road vehicles may only be used for the transport of game carcasses, personnel, and supplies. Recreational use of off road vehicles is acceptable providing it is restricted to established roads and trails, and is respectful of other forest users.
9. The marking and signage of watches and trails for the purpose of hunting shall occur in a manner that is un-obstructive and aesthetically pleasing. Signs shall only be attached to vegetation with aluminum nails or staples. Other markers such as ribbons, oil pails, milk crates, etc. shall be removed from the forest after each hunt. Under no circumstances can trees be mutilated (e.g. blazed) or painted for the purpose of marking hunting grounds or trails.
10. All hunters commit to cooperate with biologists, maintenance staff, foresters, or other personnel in the employ of Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve, at all time, including the collection of field data about wildlife management.
11. Game harvested from Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve shall at no time be stored or displayed in a manner that may be offensive to other members of the public.
12. Camps and their surroundings will be kept tidy and clean at all times. All garbage must be disposed of properly in a timely manner. No littering or storage of junk shall occur at any time on any part of Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve.
13. Hunters shall be conscious and respectful of the multi-use nature of land use at Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve. Hunting shall not interfere with any of the other uses, such as hiking or research. The other uses, in turn, shall not interfere with ethical hunting at Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve.
14. Property boundaries are well-known but it is the responsibility of each and every hunter to know where he/she is at all times, especially with respect to neighboring properties not owned by Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve.

Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve the right to immediately revoke hunting and occupancy privileges, without compensation, of either individual hunters or complete camps if they contravene any of the ethical standards laid out above.