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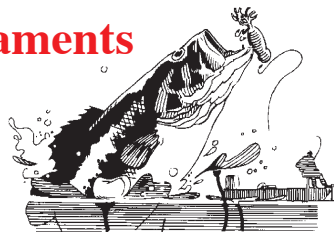
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Josh Carter, from Morgantown, went to Logan County for this very impressive 15 point archery buck. It gross scored 214 6/8 and is showing a green score of 200 4/8. This buck would probably end up as the third biggest non-typical archery deer taken in West Virginia.

Seems like the quality of racks in WV is improving over the years. A form is on page 22 to send in your quality pic of buck or game animal.

23 Hunting Facts

1. African Hunting Dogs vote to decide whether to go on a hunt or not. The most important animals in the pack need only garner around 3 votes; the lesser dogs need about 2.
2. Grizzly bears were so feared and respected by Native Americans that hunting them required a company of 4 to 10 warriors and was done with the same preparation and ceremonial as intertribal warfare.
3. In 2014, Namibia raised over \$350k by auctioning off the right to hunt one endangered black rhino. The rhino was past breeding age and detrimental to the rest of the herd. The money was used to protect endangered animals.
4. In 1859, English settler Thomas Austin released only 24 rabbits onto his property in Australia, stat-

- ing "The introduction of a few rabbits could do little harm and might provide a touch of home, in addition to a spot of hunting." By the 1920's the population reached 10 billion.
 5. If you don't pay child support in Texas you won't be able to renew your hunting license.
 6. The near-extinction bison hunting in the 1800s was not to gain food, but to restrict the American Indians' dominant food supply; herds were shot from trains and left to rot where they died.
 7. Serial killer/Cannibal Nathaniel Bar-Jonah after one of his victim's disappearance started to hold cook-
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72 year old Dan Wayne used his crossbow for a quality whitetail.



Greg Lucas hunted in Nicholas County for a 10 point buck.



Ethan Lucas, from Grafton, used a bow for a 14 point buck.

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outs in which he served burgers, chili and etc to guests. His response was that he had gone deer hunting. He did not own a rifle, a hunting license, nor had he been deer hunting at any time.

8. A couple of PETA members, after attending an anti-hunting campaign, wrecked into a deer. They followed up by suing the New Jersey Game Department claiming that their deer management program was to blame.

9. When the Champawat Tigress, a Bengal tiger responsible for the deaths of over 436 people was killed, it was discovered that its canine teeth were broken. This had prevented it from hunting its natural prey.



Julianna Murphy reeled in a nice Ohio River flathead catfish.

10. The reason cats and snakes have vertical pupils is because it increases their depth perception while hunting at night while prey animals such as sheep have horizontal pupils so that they may have a panoramic view of their surroundings to watch for predators.

11. There are a group of Native Americans in Mexico who run 200 miles in one session and hunt by

running their prey to death. –

12. In 1889, a dam owned by an exclusive hunting and the fishing club gave way, causing a flood that killed 2,209 people in southern Pennsylvania. The club's members included many of the richest men in America and efforts to hold it legally responsible went nowhere.

13. The term "Sniper" originally
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Andy Carte used a bow in Fayette County for a long tined buck.



Sophia Adkins bagged her 1st squirrel.

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referred to hunters skilled enough to shoot a Snipe, a species of bird.

14. The extinct Passenger Pigeon bird went from being the most abundant bird in North America and possibly the world during the 19th century, to extinct in the 20th century due to massive hunting and habitat destruction. Martha, the world's last passenger pigeon, died alone in 1914 at the Cincinnati Zoo, USA.

15. Some inmates in Greenland hold the keys of their own cells, may leave the premises during the day to go to work/school and are even allowed to go hunting with rifles to shoot birds and seals.

16. Wyoming issues Jackalope hunting licenses for its official hunting season. It is on June 31st from midnight to 2 AM, and only for hunters with an IQ no greater than 72.

17. The Nazi's were staunch animal rights activists with major efforts to limit hunting and general animal cruelty. Göring, in particular, was a professed animal lover
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Charlena Salisbury hunted in Wirt County for her 1st archery buck.



Devin Bokey fished at Shaffers Fork for a huge rainbow trout trout.

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who proclaimed bans on both vivisection (Nazi Germany was the first country in the world to do so) and the shoeing of horses. – Source 18. Edward James Jim Corbett tracked and killed 33 well-documented man-eaters, 19 tigers, and

14 leopards, that combined to kill over 1,200 people. Despite the dangerous nature of the beasts he was hunting, Corbett traveled alone and by foot while hunting the cats.

19. The Burkitshi are nomadic hunters of Mongolia. They capture a golden eagle at the age of four and train it to become a hunting partner. The Burkitshi live and sleep with the eagle for ten years, and then it is released back into the wilderness before death.

20. The U.S. Post Office sells a \$25 stamp that's required for duck hunting. The proceeds go to conservation efforts.

21. Ancient Egyptians used tamed and trained cheetahs for hunting; this tradition was passed on and kept alive until the 20th century by e.g. Indian royalty.

22. Scotland is so barren because most of it belongs to a few dozen wealthy people who use it as hunting grounds. Huge numbers of deer bred by them destroy all new seedlings.

23. A fox shot his hunter in Belorussia (now Belarus). The man tried to finish off the fox with the butt of his rifle, but the fox pulled the trigger with its paws, wounding the man in the process.

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Nathaniel Russell used a bow for a 10 point. Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins.

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Nathan Eastham used a bow for a wide rack buck. Photo courtesy of Hardcore Hunters in Grafton.

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Take a complete shower with some sort of scent neutralizing soap and shampoo. Always take care of your hunting clothes and all the other items you wear in washing them in a scent-free laundry detergent. Then let the clothes dry outside and not in the dryer. then place the clothes into a scent-free bag or sealed boxes. You can add some leaves, branches, etc. to give them a natural smell. Whenever you go to your hunting site, apply odor eliminators on your clothes, boots, body, and gloves, and let them dry. But don't forget about your camera, gun, bow and others gear be sure to spray it too so that the game does not detect the smell of plastic, human or others.

Tip 1: Hunt the wind. The Untapped Gold Mine Of SCENT CONTROL That No One Knows About

1. Here is the one secret scent control tip and it's free..... hunt the wind. During the off season, You need a bag that you get after you buy a comforter set, You must then place the all your hunting clothes into the bag, poke holes in it, place it in a big tote and fill it with dirt.

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The dirt will release all the air in the bag and the holes will help the NATURAL earth scent to seep into

the cloths.

But there is a downside of this
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JoAnn Cornell harvested a fine 10 point in archery season.



Mathew Shaffer used a bow for an impressive Braxton Co. buck.

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trick is that if you hunt in a mountain, this trick may not work properly because the wind blows in 360 degrees every 5 mins.

Tip 2: # 1 Form Of Scent Control For Deer – (If You Can Master This Technique, You Can Hunt Deer Anywhere)

2. You can do a lot more things for scent control but Don't Take a lot of time to do that if you spend an hour on scent control every time you go into the woods there's a lot more you need to be worried about. Simply remember, the number one form of scent control is simply your stand location where you stand your stand location is set or where you've planned it to set is the number one form of scent control. If you have your stand locate properly you should be smell like a pig getting in there do whatever you want. if your stand location is set correctly for archery hunting you can take your scent right out of the picture and should be able to fool a deer's nose easily. That's the basic foundation of all scent control...making sure that your stand is positioned well first.

A good reminder for all – The basic knowledge that You have to remember it's so important, Don't leave that scent Trail so the deer continue to the next page



Zach Ray brought in a high rack archery buck.



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Tip 3. Scent Eliminator Sprays – The Truth About Scent eliminator sprays

3. Dress outside the track and clean the boots, use a scent elimination spray even though I believe that it works and I have seen many proofs but the scent elimination spray can't eliminate the human scent completely but what does it, it just cover up the human scent little bit. Scent control is all about adding up small percentages. A Scent elimination spray might give you some extra advantage

Tip 4: Activated Carbon Lined Suit
4. Many claims wearing a carbon-lined suit will make you scent-free. Also of controversies arise whether carbon suits really work. If you are not using your carbon-lined clothing keep it in a separate pack.

This well keeps foreign odors from other clothing transferring to your deer hunting clothes.

To make it effective, you must activate it by placing it into the dryer for at least 40 minutes. Once your carbon suit has dried it will be activated, you must then place the suit into a scent-free bag and leave it in there until you arrive at the woods. Do not place your activated suit on the back of your truck or hang in your closet because this will attract odors.

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A fine archery buck was taken by Johnny Crockett in Braxton Co.

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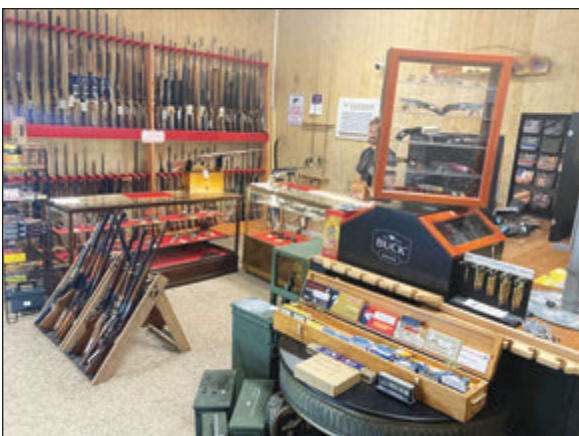
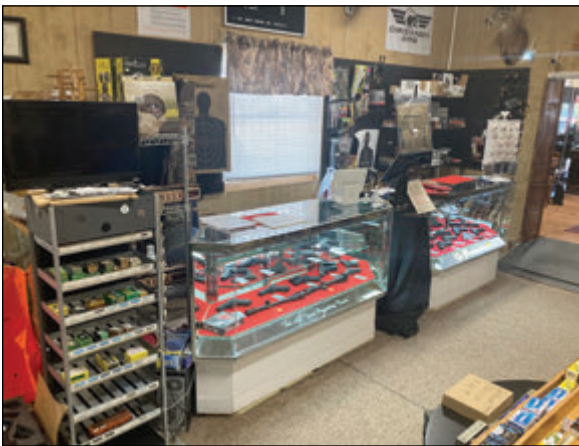
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Make sure that your suit is scent-free so that it can perform well. There are also available scent-free bags so that you can make sure your suit remains scent-free.

Tip 5: Being Scent Free is Easy!

5. Here are some more deer hunting tips before you leave your home and head to the woods, make sure to take a shower or bath to make you have gotten rid as much of the human scent as you possibly can. The smaller amount of human scent your body has, the better off you will be. When you are wearing your carbon suit, it's extremely important to remember to wear your gloves, hood, and hats. Human hair and breath give off a large amount of odor. To make the carbon suit effective you must wear the entire suit, not just parts of it.

Tip 6: The Lazy Way To Make Your Boots Scent Free

6. Along with the gloves and hood, you also need to remember to ensure your feet are also scent free. The nose of the whitetail deer detects the human scent that has been left behind by your hunting shoes even days after you have left the woods. To ensure your boots are also scent free, you should keep the hunting boots also in the scent-free container anytime you do not have them on.

During some point of this exciting deer hunting trip, you're most continue to the next page

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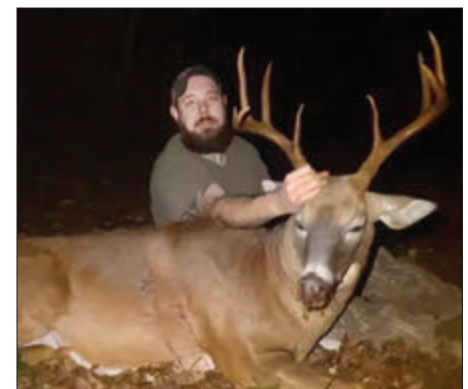
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likely have to walk a great distance to get to your deer hunting stand or blind. It is pretty likely that several deer will be walking over and around the exact same trail, you walked on. Rubber boots are the best for warm weather simply because the rubber boots will not hold on to foreign odors. On the boots, you use for cold weather use a scent free soap in order to wash them. Always use the cover scent spray all over the entire boot and this also includes the soles.

You can also spray scent eliminating spray to your boots and be sure to wear an odor eliminating socks before going into the woods
 Tip 7: Use some sort of neutralizer spray -Advantage against a deer's sensitive nose.

7. There are varieties of different odor eliminators that also include dirt covering scent. This spray helps to eliminate the odor from your boots and will make them smell just like dirt. Make sure to spray down all of your equipment that you will be bring into the forest with you like the bow and any other gear. They may have odd odors on them and that could possibly spook a deer. You can spray your clothes down also likewise



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them. Use some sort of neutralizer spray and/or covering scent spray on every piece of your accessories that you carry in. If any of your equipment is washable then you should wash it and store it along with your clothing.

Tip 8: Beware: Before You Go Hunting

8. Before you leave for your wonderful deer hunting trip you should shower and use scent free shampoos and soaps. You should not use any kind of soap or shampoos that contain a scent. You can also purchase deodorant that is scent free or possibly not uses any deodorant at all before you go on your hunt. Remember, do not use colognes, perfumes, or any scented deodorants.

You can also try using scent eliminating shampoos and soaps when you are showering. These soaps are used to help you eliminate more of your human scent than the conventional shampoos and soaps can do. Scent-free deodorant crystals are yet another one of these great deer hunting tips that can be used and it will last up to about ten years.

Tip 9: How to Cover the Human Scent on Your Breath when Hunting

9. A great deal of human scent comes from the mouth when breathing and the head. Wearing a carbon-lined hood is of great help. Chlorophyll tablets are yet another

er way that can help you eliminate your human body odor. It has been prescribed by doctors to cure extreme bad breath and body odor. Taking chlorophyll pills to help get rid of your human scent by starting with the metabolic level.

By chewing gum that containing chlorophyll help eliminates breath odor too.

Conclusion:

There are many ways to eliminate your human odor but regardless of what method you choose just be sure you have done that before going into the woods.

Anything you can do to help get rid of your human scent helps."The nose of the whitetail deer is similar to a smoke detector. Just as with the smoke detector and smoke, it only takes a small amount of human scent to set the detector or the nose in this case off.

The steps needed to be able to eliminate all of your human scents before you climb into your stand can seem like a great deal of work and time in preparation for your hunt. But think about the extra time as a well-warranted event once you have harvested a large buck. Not to mention that by following these deer hunting tips it can be very easy.

Covering all human scent your body is carrying can be a hard task, but can help you get a great buck.

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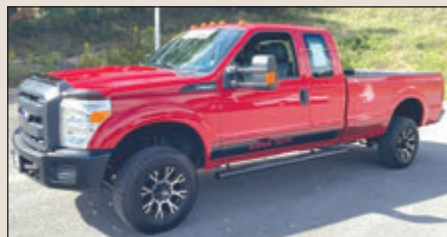
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Covid Virus Found In Deer In Four States

Researchers found antibodies to the novel coronavirus in white-tailed deer sampled in four U.S. states.

Deer are contracting the novel coronavirus in the wild, according to a recent USDA-APHIS study in preprint. Researchers found antibodies to SARS-CoV-2—the virus that causes COVID-19 in hu-

mans—in 40% of wild white-tailed deer sampled in 2021 in four U.S. states: Michigan, Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania.

The presence of the antibodies suggests that the white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) encountered the coronavirus in the wild, possibly spilling over from infected humans. Widespread human

infections “create the potential for reverse zoonosis from humans to wildlife,” researchers concluded in the paper published on preprint server bioRxiv. The paper has not been peer-reviewed.

The deer were not known to be sick, the USDA said. Previous research found deer exposed to the virus show minor symptoms. The risk of deer spreading the disease to humans is low, the agency said, and “there is no evidence that people can get COVID-19 by preparing or eating meat from an [infected] animal.”

Still, the appearance of the virus in the wild raises concerns about “the emergence of new animal reservoirs,” the researchers wrote, which could further spread the virus to humans or wildlife and allow new strains to emerge.

Future research should investigate whether predators and scavengers that interact with deer may be infected and look out for variants or other coronaviruses, the authors concluded.

Editors Note: I contacted the WVDNR office near me and talked to a wildlife biologist about Covid in WV deer. He wouldn't comment one way or the other. Strange.



Jake Stewart's first archery buck was a dandy.

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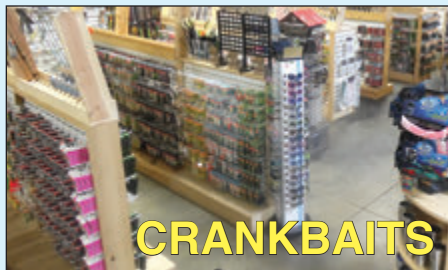


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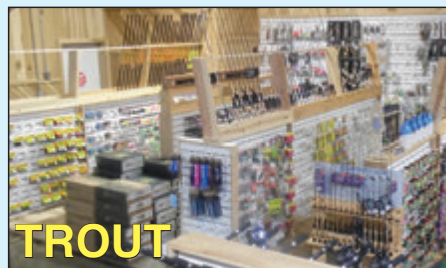
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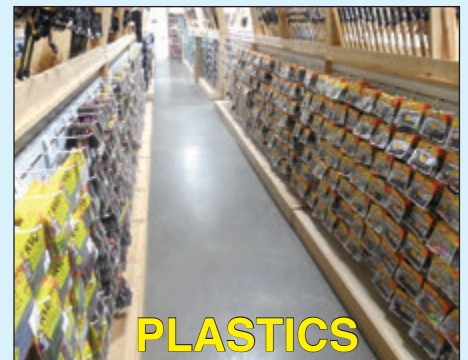
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Crankbait Sounds

By Keith Combs

I've cashed checks worth hundreds of thousands of dollars over the course of my career on Strike King crankbaits, and the 6XD in particular. If you tie one on under the right conditions, it's a great tool to help you be competitive. If you want to move from the check line into the winner's circle, you'll sometimes need to make sure that you're using the exact right model of a particular crankbait.

When it comes to tinkering with crankbaits, most people start by altering colors or retrieves. Those changes can clearly make a difference, but it you're not considering sound as well then you may not be tempting catchable fish. That's why the 6XD comes in three different versions: silent, regular (low knock) and the newest, the "Hard Knock," which is much louder than the other two. It's not obnoxious, but it makes substantially more noise, which can make all of the difference in the world.

The low-knock version is usually my starting point. I've done so much damage with it on the various tours that it's where my confidence

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lies. After using it to work over a school, however, I'll usually follow up with the silent one. That's my mop-up bait, and it often helps me catch a few more critical fish.

However, the silent model is sometimes my starting point, such as when chasing clear water small-mouth or fishing places like Amistad over the grass. A lot of people may not know that the silent mod-

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Still in velvet, Jason McCormick got a bow buck in Boone County.



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el runs 12- to 18-inches shallower than the “standard” version, which is another factor that you need to take into consideration. If your regular lure is getting bogged down in thick hydrilla, the silent one may just tick the tops of it, allowing you to get in more good casts.

If you want the silent model to achieve the same depth as the standard, or vice versa, then you can achieve that by switching up your line size. I typically crank with 12-, 15- or 17-pound test Seaguar InvisX fluorocarbon.

With Strike King’s squarebills, I also experiment with different sound patterns to maximize the bite. Fish in shallow water get a better look at your lure than those in 15 feet. That alters my thinking too.

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Emily Simmons brought in a nice archery buck. *Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins.*

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I tend to start off with the silent version, but this spring I got a lot more bites on the Hard Knock 1.5 than any other model. When everyone else is throwing a lipless crank or a vibrating jig, get one out and you’ll be surprised at how often you’ll outfish them.

Don’t forget about colors either. I’m not saying that you need every pattern in the catalog. That might make a difference, but it could also lead to confusion. However, you want to have some variations within a specific model.



A crossbow was used by Emily Postlethwaite. *Photo courtesy of Tyler Outdoor Supply in Middlebourne.*



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How To Attract Deer

Apples

Apples are a great way to get your whitetails near your stand, and they're particularly favored by bow hunters in most regions since rifle season usually starts after most of



Morgan Pullens had success in archery season. Photo courtesy of Bow-Listic Archery in Chelyn.

the apples are gone.

In many places, particularly the Northeast US they're a treat that offers your prey something out of the ordinary. The novelty of the apple as well as them being a sweet fruit makes them rather alluring for the animal.

If you have access to private property to hunt on, some hunters with an eye on the long term even make

small apple orchards as "food plots" designed to attract the deer to the area each year.

This can help to keep the deer around and get them used to an annual schedule which will allow you to easily find them when that time of year rolls around.

Pretty much any kind of apples will work, even crab apples. You
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either set down a pail some distance from your stand or plant some of the trees on your own land which might require some knowledge about growing the trees. Either way, apples are a great way to get the deer coming to you.

Corn

Corn has long been a favored bait for deer, and it's primarily used in dedicated feeders as scattering it on the ground can be both expensive and ineffective. You want to habituate the animals to coming to your feeder in the off-season if it's on your property and then you can move in and make your harvest.

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stem which will keep them coming back.

Remember that when people talk about using a bait pile, they're not actually talking about a pile but instead about spreading the food over a fairly wide area. You'll have a lot more success with this method, especially with corn.

Now, one thing about corn is that it can be considered bad for the deer. If you're using it in the late season after they've primarily been eating woody roughage the micro-organisms in their stomach can't keep up and it can cause a number of fatal conditions.

Aflatoxins are also a concern, while not generally fatal to deer they can kill game birds and other animals so be sure to pick up your

pile when you leave the area.

Acorns are frequently used by hunters to make bait piles. These hardy little nuts are available almost everywhere, and deer will readily accept them as food. The best acorns to use are definitely ones that aren't on the land you're using to hunt since it will add variety to the deer's diet.

You can collect them quite easily and if you pay attention to the trees
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Jimmie Duckworth, from Waverly, went to Ohio for his bow buck.



Cassie Brown got her archery deer in Wood County.

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in your area you'll be able to figure out which ones are new. Typically deer will prefer those lower in tannic acid, but if the area you're hunting in is already flush with white oaks you may be able to get some takers with something a little bit more bitter.

When there's a great season for acorns, you may want to take note of where the best feeding locations are for deer because they'll likely ignore your bait pile in favor of the wild acorns dropping. It's not quite baiting, but if you know where your prey is eating you'll be able to locate them more easily.



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Acorns are the preferred bait of a lot of hunters and a much safer alternative to corn as well. They can be stored for long periods, and those who choose to use them often find quite a bit of success with the humble oak seed.

Salt

While not exactly food, salt is hard to come by for deer in the wild. Some folks choose to scatter it on the ground, while others will use commercially available "licks" designed for livestock and horses in order to get the deer to come around.

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Phillip Taylor used his bow for a 12 point. Photo courtesy of Middle Mountain Sporting Goods in Elkins.

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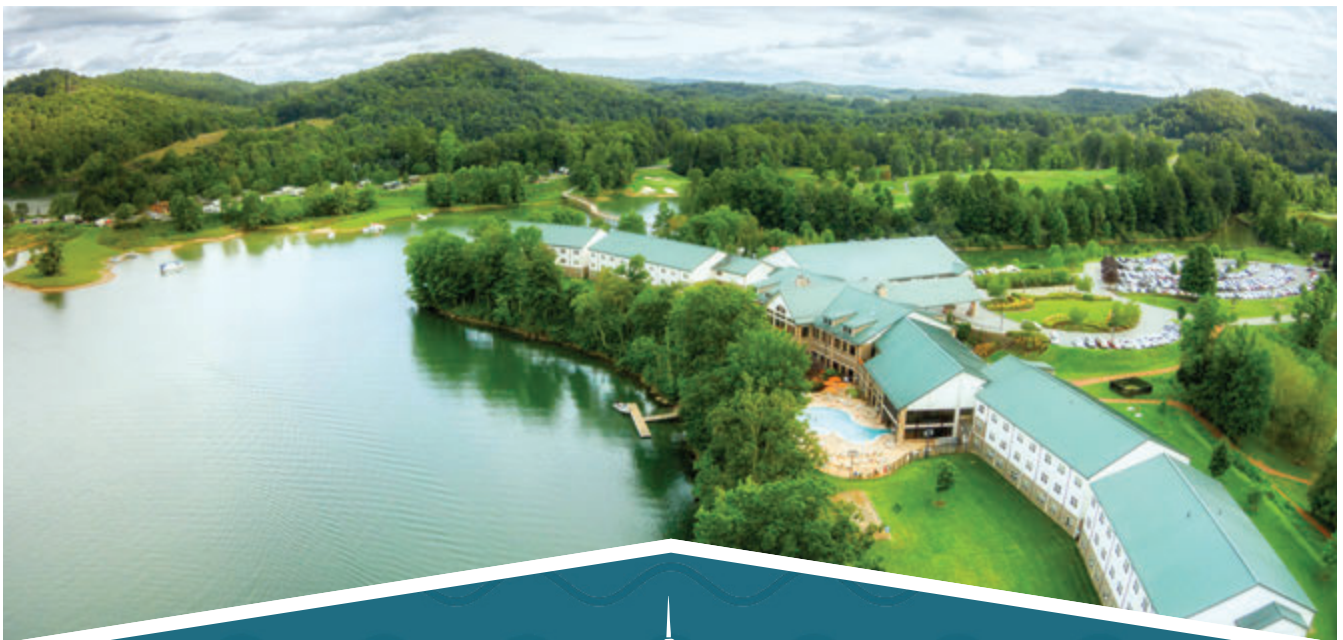


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There're a couple of bonuses to using salt over more traditional baits as well. The first is that the mineral content will help to keep the deer in your hunting area healthy, which is good for you. Healthy deer and bigger and taste better.

The last fringe benefit of using salt or other minerals is that it can help to attract a higher deer population to your own private property during the warmer months and with a few strategically placed licks you'll be able to know where



Derrick Miles arrowed a Harrison Co. buck. *Photo courtesy of Hardcore Hunters in Grafton.*



Zach Miles landed a nice native brown trout.

the deer like to hang out on your property.

It's not traditional bait, but it can make a huge difference in your hunting experience.

Sugar Beets

A lot of hunters swear by sweeter fruits and vegetables, and sugar beets come highly recommended as a great bait to get the whitetails where you can hit them from the stand. A lot of animals will actively seek out fruit with a high sugar content, and deer are no exception.

You can use these pretty much the same way as you'd use apples. Either spread them out or set up a bucket where they can get at them and let the waiting game begin. You're sure to be able to nab a big buck over your pile with a little bit of patience.

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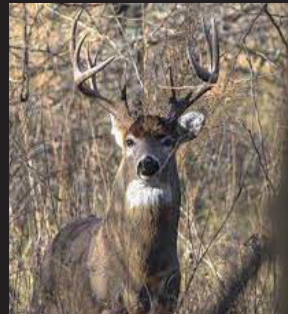


Jason Reed, shown with dad James, brought in a 10 point Ohio buck.

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A few helpful tips and tactics to keep in mind can really help you fine tune your squirrel hunting prowess.

Squirrels typically freeze in their tracks when they sense a predator approaching, so if you're set up on the ground under some oak trees then it's helpful to occasionally rustle some leaves and brush on the ground with your hand to imitate the sound of a squirrel combing the forest floor for acorns. This subtle noise in the understory of the forest can convince other squirrels the coast is clear and help lure them out into the open.

If you can find a creek or a stream bordered by hardwoods, then you're likely to find squirrels too. Especially if the area includes oak, hickory, sycamore, or ash trees. In some states it's even legal to hunt squirrels from kayaks or canoes, so hunting from the water can be a great way to sneak up on squirrels that aren't used to any threats coming off the water.

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Some of the most dedicated squirrel hunters use dogs, which certainly adds another element of excitement to squirrel hunting. Squirrel dogs hunt by site and scent, and



Jeff Summer arrowed a Calhoun County buck



Crystal Rocchio used a bow for a Wetzell buck. Photo courtesy of Tyler Outdoor Supply in Middelbourne.

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selves on the opposite side of a tree from a threat, so having a dog circling the base of a tree is an ex-

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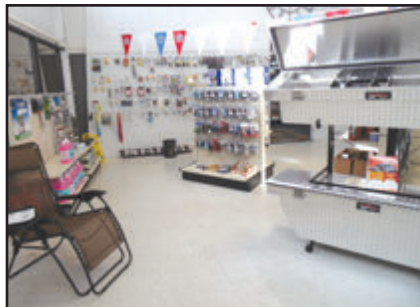
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Ronzil Drake reeled in a flathead catfish.








Mike Mace, from Elizabeth, caught a king salmon in Michigan.

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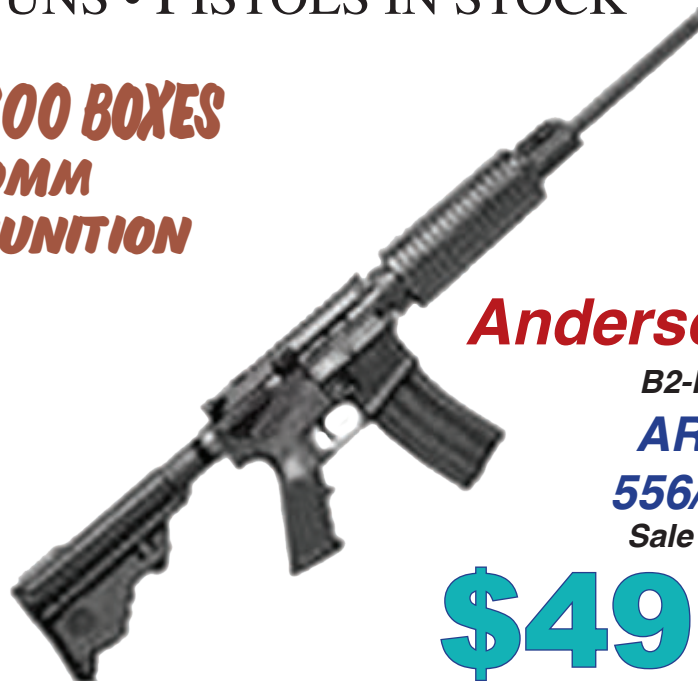
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Jeremy Martin arrowed a Nicholas Co. buck. *Photo courtesy of WV Wild Outdoors in Birch River.*

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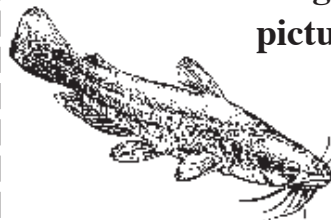
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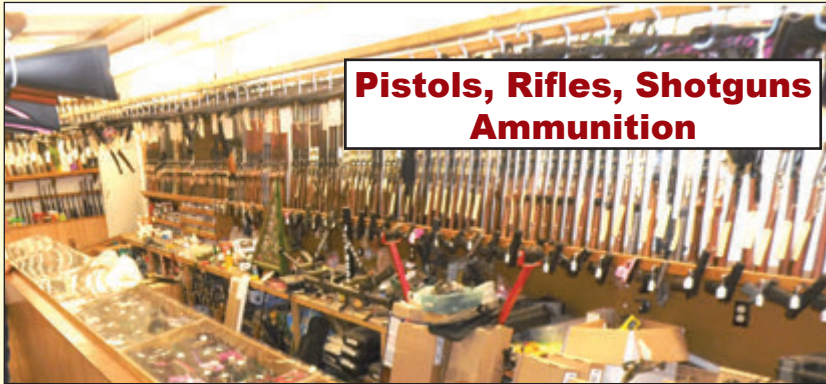
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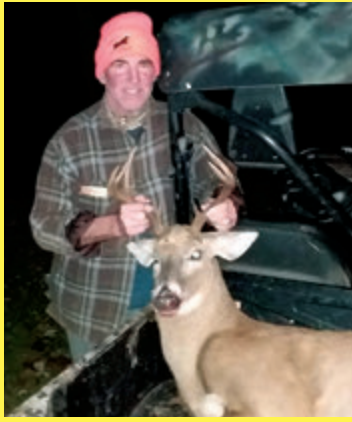


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