

# Hunting Season Safety

Wildlife Advisory Subcommittee



## Hunting Season Safety Tips

- 1) Wear bright colors and/or blaze orange while hiking on Township trails.
- 2) As per Township ordinances, **please keep all dogs leashed while hiking** and bright colored collars and vests for your pets are highly encouraged.
- 3) Stay on designated hiking trails. Trail systems are designed to improve safety and also to protect sensitive habitats.
- 4) If you encounter a hunter, be respectful. They are also expected to do the same. We are all members of this community.
- 5) Plan hikes for times of the day when hunting is prohibited, or hunting activities are less likely. Deer activity and hunting usually occur at sunrise and sunset.
- 6) Know your own comfort level. If hunting makes you uneasy, choose a hike location when or where hunting is not allowed:
  - a. Hunting is not allowed on Sundays on Township properties.
  - b. All firearms hunting is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. except as follows (Bow hunting is still allowed):
    - i. Saturdays
    - ii. Six (6)-day firearm season (12/4-12/9)
    - iii. Properties without posted Township trails.
- 7) Make yourself known. If you hear shooting, raise your voice and let hunters know you are in the vicinity.
- 8) Plan your hike and hike your plan. Always let someone know where you are planning to hike in the event of an emergency.
- 9) Know when hunting season is occurring. Please reference the below table of deer hunting season dates.
- 10) Any questions regarding hunting and safety issues can be sent to the Township Administrator and the Wildlife Advisory Subcommittee.

<b>2023/2024 Deer Hunting Seasons</b>	
Zones 8, 10, 12	
Fall Bow:	9/9/23 - 10/27/23
Youth Bow Hunt:	9/23/23
Permit Bow:	10/28/23 - 12/31/23
Winter Bow:	1/1/24 - 2/17/24
Youth Firearm Hunt:	11/18/23
Permit Firearms:	11/20/23 - 2/10/24
Six-day Firearm:	12/4/23 - 12/9/23