

HART MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ANTELOPE REFUGE

SPECIAL HUNT REGULATIONS

All hunters and visitors must abide by refuge Public Use Restrictions, State of Oregon regulations, and the following refuge special hunt regulations:

1. We prohibit hunting within 3 miles (4.8 km) of the Refuge headquarters to provide undisturbed wildlife for viewing by visitors and to meet safety zone requirements due to high visitor use in this area.
2. Only persons with a valid Oregon hunting license and an Oregon big game tag valid for the dates, unit, and species being hunted may use a weapon on the Refuge. The discharge of any weapon for reasons other than permitted hunting is prohibited on the Refuge. Hunting non-game species such as coyotes, rabbits, squirrels, snakes, etc is strictly prohibited. Further, the use of any weapon (including archery equipment) within a designated campground is prohibited.
3. Anyone providing commercial outfitting or guide services on the Refuge must possess a valid National Wildlife Refuge System Special Use Permit.
4. We allow the use of an artificial ground blind, but we prohibit construction of the blind earlier than seven days prior to the opening day of the legal season for which you have a valid permit. We limit hunters to one blind each and you must tag the blind with your name and hunting license number. We prohibit destruction of natural vegetation and below-ground excavation. We require that you remove your ground blind within 24 hours of harvesting an animal or at the end of the legal hunting season for which your tag is issued.
5. We do not allow hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter. We do not allow the use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a stand to a tree.
6. We allow the use of horses for saddle and pack stock. We prohibit the use of pack llamas and pack goats.
7. Camping on the refuge must be in designated camping spots at Hot Springs, Post Meadows, or Camp Hart Mtn Campgrounds or utilize a backcountry camping permit which requires filling out the backcountry camping permit, being at least a ½ mile away from vehicle/road, and camping at least 50 feet away from water. We require that hunters leave campsites clean of trash, gut piles, and other animal parts. We require hunters pack out trash. We do not provide trash collection service.
8. We prohibit the operation of all vehicles (including bicycles, motorcycles, “quads”, “4-wheelers”, “ATVs”, UTV’s, ORUVs”, etc.) off designated open roads. All motorized vehicles and operators must be licensed to operate on public roads in accordance with Oregon state law.
9. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Refuge Manager at Joshua_Loew@fws.gov or 541-576-9547.