

## **Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT)**

### **Cowassock Woods Deer Hunting Regulations**

Nov. 10, 2015

The purpose of SVT's limited deer hunting program is to reduce deer abundance in order to restore the forest habitat, including tree regeneration and growth of herbaceous and shrub vegetation.

#### Permitting

- Only archery hunting is permitted.
- Only hunters who have an SVT Permit are allowed to hunt at this property.
- The SVT permit is good for only one season and must be renewed in subsequent years.
- Permits are not transferable to another individual and cannot be used at another SVT property.
- Hunting must follow municipal and state regulations. This includes:
  - No hunting on Sundays
  - No discharge of arrow within 500 feet of an occupied dwelling, except where landowner has provided permission.
  - No hunting from within 150 feet of a public way.
- SVT reserves the right to revoke permits or cancel hunting at any time, without cause.

#### Field Regulations

- Daily hunting hours will coincide with State's allowed hunting hours (1/2 hour prior to sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset).
- Hunting is permitted from portable tree stands only. Tree stands must be removed at the end of the season.
- Tree stands must be located at least 25 yards from any marked trail.
- Only strap-on steps or ladder steps are permitted.
- Hunters must carry, at all times photo identification, all licenses, permits and maps of approved locations showing boundaries. Hunters must be prepared to show their SVT Permit to anyone who asks to see it.
- Permit number issued by the SVT must be visible on tree stand and dashboard of car.
- No night-vision or other low-light devices are permitted.
- This year, hunting may commence on November 18<sup>th</sup> and continue until the end of the Massachusetts deer season, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### Take-Related Regulations

- No other forms of wildlife shall be taken.
- All deer taken must be reported to SVT within 24 hours or next business day.
- Harvested animals must be removed without damage to the area. All traces must be removed or buried at least 100 feet from any trail and streams/wetlands.
- If a wounded animal enters a no-hunting zone, the hunter will notify the homeowner first and call the Environmental Police. The hunter will also notify the SVT staff representative.