Duke Forest Deer Management Program
October 5 - December 11, 2020

The Office of the Duke Forest is preparing for its 13th hunting season through the NC Wildlife Resources Commission Deer Management Assistance Program. The 2020 season will begin on October 5th and continue through December 11th. During this time, the Durham, Korstian, and Blackwood Divisions of the Duke Forest will be closed to all public access Monday through Friday. All divisions of the Forest (except Dailey) will be open on Saturdays and Sundays and on November 26th and 27th in observance of Thanksgiving.

We appreciate that because of the pandemic, the demand for nature-based recreation is particularly high, and that the Duke Forest has provided respite during this time. However, deer management remains an indispensable tool for protecting the long-term health of the Duke Forest and its role as a teaching and research laboratory. Please help us safely and effectively take care of the Duke Forest by observing all posted signs and seeking alternate locations for weekday recreation.

Deer management is conducted by two pre-selected hunt groups; it is not open to the general public. The Durham and Korstian Divisions will be hunted with bow and arrow only while the Blackwood Division will have both bow and gun hunting.

Researchers, teachers, and students with upcoming or ongoing work in the Forest should contact the Office as soon as possible to discuss arrangements for use during the deer season.

The Office of the Duke Forest appreciates your support and cooperation throughout the program. If you have any questions, please contact the Office via e-mail at dukeforest@duke.edu. You can also learn more about this program at our website: dukeforest.duke.edu/dmap.

Duke Forest Closure Notice

From October 5, 2020 through December 11, 2020, the following divisions of the Duke Forest will be closed to all public access Monday through Friday:

- Durham Division
- Korstian Division
- Blackwood Division

The Edeburn and Hillsboro Divisions will remain open during this period.

The Al Buehler Cross Country Trail and the East Campus Trail are also alternate locations for public recreation at Duke.

This closure is for your safety during the Deer Herd Reduction Program.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation

Please see reverse for a quick reference calendar.
2020 Deer Management Program Notice

Duke Forest Closure Quick Reference Calendar
Days in gray = Durham, Korstian, and Blackwood Divisions closed to all public access.

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Special Notice about Recreational Impacts

Duke Forest staff have recently observed a dramatic increase in unauthorized and detrimental recreational uses of the Duke Forest Teaching and Research Laboratory. Please help us take good care of the Duke Forest and ensure that recreation does not negatively impact its teaching and research mission or the protection of its natural resources.

To learn more and see how you can help, visit: dukeforest.duke.edu/recreationimpact2020

To keep up-to-date with the Duke Forest, sign-up for our newsletter at: dukeforest.duke.edu/newsletter

Masks are required when passing others in the Duke Forest and when social distance (>6ft.) cannot be maintained.