The Office of the Duke Forest is preparing for its 15th hunting season through the NC Wildlife Resources Commission Deer Management Assistance Program. The 2022 season will begin on September 26th and continue through December 16th. 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 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. The Edeburn and Hillsboro Divisions will remain open as usual throughout the fall.

We appreciate that the demand for nature-based recreation on the Duke Forest remains high. However, deer management remains an indispensable tool for protecting the 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.
**2022 Deer Management Program Notice Summary**

From September 26, 2022 through December 16, 2022, the following divisions of the Duke Forest will be **closed to all public access** Monday through Friday:

- **Durham Division** | **Korstian Division** | **Blackwood Division**
- *Edeburn and Hillsboro Divisions will remain open.*

This closure is **for your safety** and for the effectiveness of the Deer Herd Reduction Program. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. The Al Buehler Cross Country Trail and the East Campus Trail are alternate locations for public recreation at Duke.

(See reverse for more information and a map.)

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