

#### I. RESPONSIBLE OFFICE

The Doe Mountain Recreation Authority Board (DMRA Board) is responsible for overseeing this Hunting Policy.

### II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this written policy is to clarify permissible and prohibited public hunting activities occurring on DMRA property.

# III. DISCLAIMER

The guidelines under this policy are a basis for internal administrative review and guidance only. They are not intended to, do not, and may not be relied upon to create any substantive or procedural rights.

### IV. SCOPE

Doe Mountain Recreation Area, Johnson County, Tennessee.

# V. AUTHORITY

Tennessee Code Annotated § 11-25-103; Tennessee Code Annotated 70-4-108(b)

# VI. GENERAL

- A. All hunters on DMRA/Doe Mountain Recreation Area property must follow all State of Tennessee and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) rules and regulations.
- B. During big game hunting season, all hunters on DMRA/Doe Mountain Recreation

- Area property must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of blaze orange (daylight fluorescent orange) on their head and the upper portion of their body. The blaze orange must be visible from the front and the back. Blaze orange is not required for small game hunting but is strongly encouraged by TWRA and the DMRA Board.
- C. Hunting on or from Doe Mountain Recreation Area trail corridors is strictly prohibited. Trail corridors are 25 feet wide on both sides of the trail (50-foot wide corridor).
- D. Hunting/shooting from motorized vehicles is strictly prohibited.
- E. All hunters on DMRA/Doe Mountain Recreation Area property must physically possess, at all times, a current user permit appropriate to their mode of travel. For example, a hunter traveling by foot must purchase a hiking pass, and a hunter traveling by off-highway vehicle (OHV) must purchase an OHV pass.
- F. Hunting in the TVA powerline right-of-way on Doe Mountain Recreation Area, and downhill (north of) from the powerline right-of-way, is strictly prohibited.
- G. Hunting downhill from (east of) Trail 23 on the Highway 167 side (Neva community) of DMRA/Doe Mountain Recreation Area property is strictly prohibited.
- H. Hunters accessing the Doe Mountain Recreation Area trail system by OHV must abide by park rules and stay on appropriate trails at all times. Hunting activity is not an excuse to drive off-trail and/or drive vehicles on trails that are designated for non-motorized use.
- I. Firearms target shooting on DMRA/Doe Mountain Recreation Area property is strictly prohibited without DMRA ED and DMRA Board approval. There are no designated shooting ranges on the property.
- J. No permanent deer stands may be constructed/placed upon DMRA/Doe Mountain Recreation Area property.
- K. It is unlawful to hunt, shoot at, chase, or kill with or without dogs, any wild animal, wild bird, or wild fowl, on public lands and water within one hundred yards (100 yds.) of a visible dwelling/house, whether or not such dwelling or house is on public or private lands, without the homeowner's permission. (T.C.A. 70-4-108(b))
- L. The DMRA Executive Director (DMRA ED) has the authority to post this Hunting Policy on DMRA property; anyone found to be violating this policy will lose their user pass and could be charged with trespassing.
- M. The DMRA ED has the authority to open and close areas to hunting through posting of relevant information at the Doe Mountain Adventure Center, trail head kiosks, and <a href="www.doetn.com">www.doetn.com</a>. This will allow the DMRA ED to maintain public safety when special events are occurring and to post safety zones, if necessary.
- N. In park areas where hunting is permitted, the use of dogs may be allowed in accordance with rules of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission. However, the DMRA ED has the authority to prohibit hunting with dogs if the activity conflicts with other park events or public safety.