

Outdoor Safety Tips

- If you hike, ride, hunt, or fish alone, let somebody know where you will be.
- Familiarize yourself with the area you will be using, and know the activities which occur there.
- Ask landowners' permission to hike, ride, hunt, or fish.
- Dress appropriately and be prepared for any sudden changes in the weather.
- Wear bright clothing (400 square inches of fluorescent orange are required for hunters during the appropriate seasons) to increase your visibility.
- Avoid wearing gray, brown, tan, or white when hiking in hunted areas.
- Consider using a bell on your bike or horse during the hunting season.
- If you see someone hunting, call out to them to identify your location.
- Peak hunting occurs in early morning and late afternoon, primarily during the months of September through December.

Hunting accidents among hunters are rare; those involving non-hunters are extremely rare. Hunter education and stricter regulations have dramatically reduced hunting accidents over the past two decades.