

Black's Bay Lodge ("BBL")
CAMP RULES

Each person is individually responsible for reviewing, comprehending, and following these Camp Rules and the governmental laws and regulations for hunting and fishing. Each person is also responsible for reporting **any** violations or **suspected** violations of these Rules to the **BBL** staff immediately.

1. Safety Orientation

- a. Immediately after arrival and prior to unloading of any gear, there will be a short (ie. 5 minute) safety orientation to the camp compound which everyone must attend.
- b. Prior to lights out on the day of arrival, there will be a short (ie. 15 minutes) safety orientation to the safety features inside the cabin and the basic emergency responses to which everyone must attend.
- c. Prior to leaving the area immediately around the lodge (ie. Walking down the road, going into the woods, scouting the hunting area or hunting, etc.), there will be a detailed review of the risks, standard camp procedures, detailed hunting safety methods, regional orientation, emergency procedures, firearm safety, and other topics. At the conclusion of these discussions, everyone will write a safety comprehension test with remedial help until they successfully pass.

2. Firearms & Ammunition

- a. All firearms will always be **assumed** to:

- i. Be loaded with live ammunition (1 in the chamber, and the magazine, if any, is full)
- ii. Have the safety off (ie. Ready to fire);
- iii. Have a cocked trigger, and the firing pin is ready to strike a live round
- iv. Have a hair trigger

until proven otherwise; **and will be treated as such at all times by all personnel.**

- b. For accidental shootings during hunting, most are caused by carelessness. They are generally divided into the following categories:

- i. Intentional discharge
 - (1) Victim out of sight of shooter
 - (a) Inadequate backstop
 - (b) Ricochet (off hard surface) or deflection (brush contact, twig, etc.)
 - (2) Victim hit by shooter swinging on game
 - (3) Victim moved into line of fire
- ii. Unintentional Discharge
 - (1) Shooter stumbled & fell
 - (2) Trigger caught on clothing, brush, etc.
 - (3) "Didn't know it was loaded": horseplay
 - (4) Loaded firearm in vehicle
 - (5) Defective firearm
 - (a) Safety not operating properly
 - (b) Worn sears
 - (c) Hair trigger
 - (d) No trigger guard
 - (e) Damascus barrel, blown barrels, cracked stock, loose fore-ends

- c. For accidental shootings (66 in 1991 from all sources), the statistics while hunting are generally as follows:

- i. 33% Self-inflicted
- ii. 40% Someone within 10 yards of the shooter
- iii. 23% Other

- d. All guns **MUST** be unloaded before entering the camp compound area (defined by orange survey tape on camp road). No loaded guns are allowed at any time or for any duration of time **WHATSOEVER** inside the camp compound, nor the main lodge of the camp, nor inside any vehicle (whether parked, stopped, moving, or stationary anywhere on the property). Guns are considered

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loaded if they have a cartridge in the chamber **OR** if they have 1 or more cartridges in a magazine attached or installed in the rifle.

- e. No firearm or other weapons, other than those that were prior approved by **BBL**'s staff for each hunter, are to be transported nor brought into the camp at any time.
- f. When firearms are left in an unsupervised area (ie. the cabin when nobody is there, or in the trunk of a parked car, etc.), the firearm will have a trigger lock properly installed, will be encased, and the area locked or secured so that unauthorized persons cannot access the firearm.
- g. So as to minimize the risk of mixing different ammunition, all ammunition and magazines are to be kept on the hunter's person or in that person's assigned personal quarters, bags, or suitcase. At no time is ammunition nor magazines nor clips (full or not) to be left in common areas of the camp buildings, on tables, or countertops, or other areas.
- h. No shooting will be allowed (from or to any direction) when the shooter is located within 25 yards of the camp compound or the nearest camp building or facility.
- i. No shot will be taken for any reason when the bullet's intended path, if extended for 500 yards with no trajectory, comes within 100 yards of any camp building or the camp area at its closest approach.
- j. No shots will be taken where the bullet's path would be into or over a body of water, or a rock beach area, or where there is a significant risk of directly striking a boulder or rock outcropping which is along the bullet's intended trajectory.
- k. No target practice will be permitted without prior approval from each and every paying hunter guest and **BBL**. Therefore hunters should come to camp with their firearm already tested and sights adjusted. Permission for target practice or firing prior to season opening is to be obtained in each incidence separately. If approved by all hunters and **BBL** is given, the target practice shall only be done in the area approved by **BBL**.

3. Outside Camp Compound

- a. Each person **MUST** wear a hunter orange cap and vest at all times when they are outside the camp compound, whether hunting or not (except while traveling in a vehicle on the camp road).
- b. It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that white or tan coloured clothes not be worn by anyone, at any time while outside the camp compound; especially while hunting.
- c. Each person will carry a compass, waterproof matches, whistle, map of the area (supplied by **BBL**), and a knife any time they leave the camp or the camp access road for any reason or duration.
- d. When traveling through the woods, all persons must:
 - i. travel within unaided eye and ear proximity of a buddy; or
 - ii. Have pre-planned their travel with **BBL** personnel as to their departure time, destination, estimated arrival time, route, safety gear to be taken, and an emergency plan.
- e. While Hunting:
 - i. All hunters should review a current version of the Summary of the Hunting Regulations published by the MNR prior to opening day, so as to refresh their memory on the legal requirements, and discuss any difficulties, clarifications, or interpretations that need to be addressed.
 - ii. All hunters will act in a manner that is adequately safe and respectful (as generally taught in hunting and firearm safety courses) prior to, during, and after each hunt.
 - iii. Only the designated, targeted game (ie. White tail deer) will be targeted, hunted, or shot at any time while on the property. No other game (whether or not it is in season or a valid license is in the hunter's possession) will be hunted, nor targeted, nor shot without the prior, specific permission of **BBL** staff in each and every instance.
 - iv. The hunters will not take long distance "pot shots" at game which are beyond the killing range of their firearm, or beyond which they are able to adequately control the accuracy, precision, and repeatability of their shot (ie. Due to windage, ballistic variability, lack of adequate forearm or barrel rest, standing shot, sighting, personal hunting & aiming skill, etc.) so as to be reasonably sure of hitting the targeted vital area with sufficient force (ie. a clear kill on first shot with at least 1200 ft-lb of energy still remaining at point of impact), and with adequate safety.

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- v. Each time before firing, each hunter is responsible for ensuring that:
- (1) The date & time is within the period during which you can legally hunt with adequate safety; and
 - (2) There is adequate lighting, line-of-sight, viewing, and hearing conditions in and around the intended target; and
 - (3) The object they will be shooting at has been positively and completely confirmed as legal game; and
 - (4) The intended flight path of the bullet between the shooter and the intended target is adequately safe, and includes an adequate safety margin; and
 - (5) The area beside and behind the intended target is adequately safe (including an adequate safety margins in windage, elevation, and trajectory), so that even if the intended target is completely missed, or the bullet goes completely through the intended target while retaining some of its original velocity or energy, it will still be an adequately safe shot. The shooter will consider the relative probabilities of a ricochet occurring, and the potential consequences thereof;
 - (6) Even if an unauthorized and unexpected trespasser suddenly and unexpectedly steps out from behind trees, or into a bush hunting area, the shooter will be able to interrupt his intention and preparation for taking a shot in sufficient time. This is generally considered to be 1 second time of flight for the bullet over 500 yards, during which a person could travel 6 feet, assuming they are walking at 5 mph. This would therefore require at least a 12 ft. wide corridor, 6 ft. on each side of the intended flight path of the bullet;
 - (7) Other safety and risk-reductions steps, methods or procedures as reasonably required under the circumstances, and/or as taught in most hunter safety courses
- vi. Telescopic sights mounted on a firearm are not to be used in the place of binoculars (ie. Is that Joe over there? Is there a deer in the bush over there?), whether or not the firearm is loaded. Hunters are recommended to bring a suitable pair of binoculars for viewing at distances. Only once game is confirmed and adequately safe to shoot is the rifle lowered into a firing position.
- vii. No one is permitted to observe the hunt, nor to participate in the hunt while under the influence of any drug or intoxicant that may affect their vision, perception, thinking ability; or under other circumstances that may have impaired their mental faculties or senses.
- viii. Each person is responsible for informing the **BBL** staff of their intended location, hunting plan, and movements, and their back-up (ie. alternate plan) each day or half day. Any changes to these plans must be communicated to **BBL** staff prior to deviating from the original plan. Any proposed deviation must not impact on the hunting plans of any other hunting group.
- ix. Each hunter is responsible to review and fully comprehend the hunting plans of all other hunters in the camp or on the property, and determining the firing directions that can be permitted with adequate safety. If there are 1 or more persons in the immediate hunting area who are not behind the shooter (ie. Opposite direction to the intended direction of fire), or there is a nearby restricted zone (ie. Camp buildings, vehicle, road allowance, etc.) then there shall be a "**SAFETY ZONE**" as follows:
- (1) Any and all persons in the immediate vicinity have confirmed to the shooter that they are aware that you intend to shoot, and **ALL** of these persons are:
 - (a) at least 8 yards offset at the closest approach for any bullet path or theoretical extension of the planned path of the bullet **OR** an offset which is adequately safe under the circumstances, **WHICHEVER IS GREATER ; AND**
 - (b) provided an adequate safety zone of 15 degree horizontal angle (ie. 7.5 degrees on each side of the target) **OR** a horizontal angle that is adequately safe under the circumstances, **WHICHEVER IS GREATER; AND**
 - (c) Other safety margins, allowances, and limitations as may be reasonably required under the circumstances, and/or as generally taught in hunter safety courses, **AND**

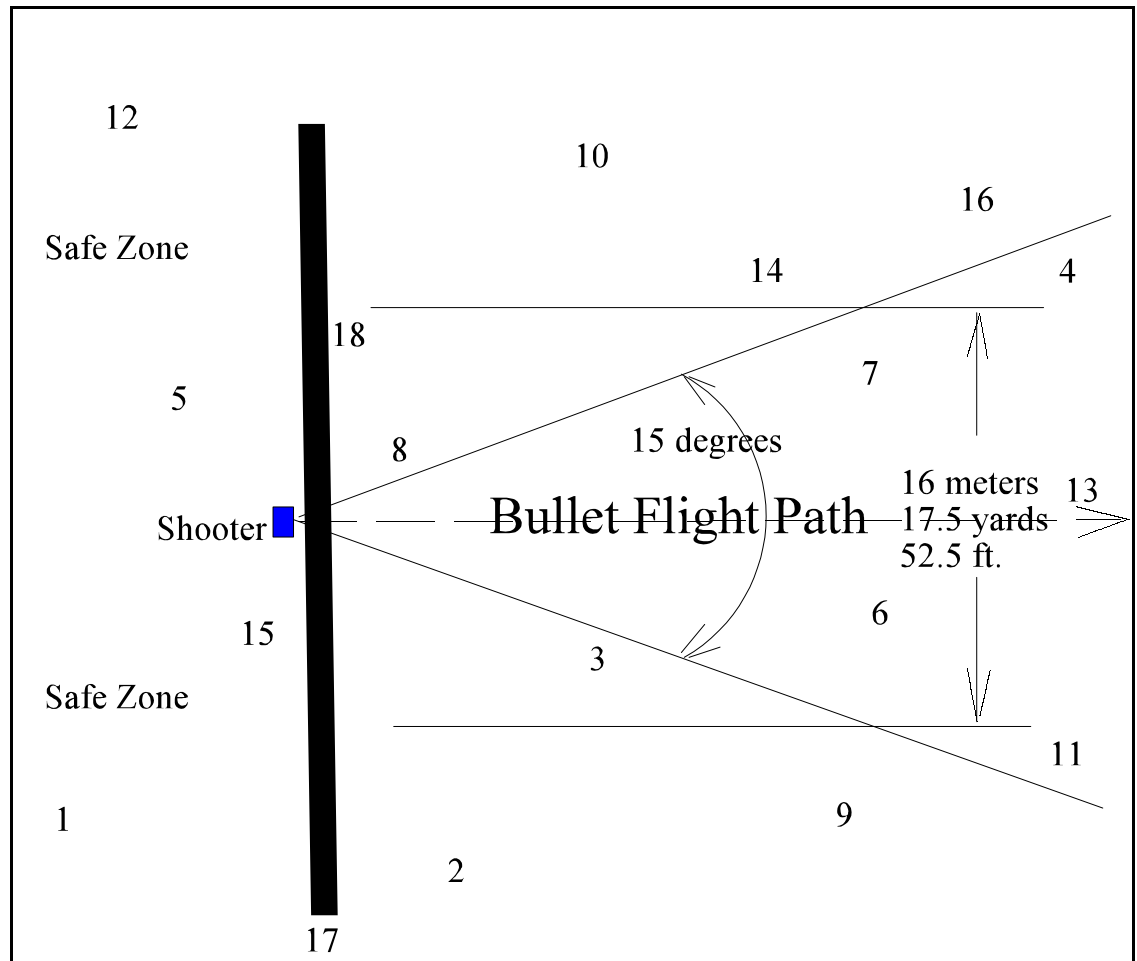


Figure 1 There is 1 person wishing to shoot and 18 other hunters in or around the shooter. Which hunters (if any) prevent the shooter from safely firing?

- (2) Any and all restricted areas (ie. The traveled portion of a unmaintained public right of way, private trail, inanimate personal property such as a parked car, trailer, camp buildings, etc.) are:
- (a) at least 8 yards offset at the closest approach for any bullet path or theoretical extension of the planned path of the bullet **OR** an offset which is adequately safe under the circumstances, **WHICHEVER IS GREATER ; AND**
 - (b) provided an adequate safety zone of 1.1 degree horizontal angle (ie. 0.55 degrees on each side of the target) **OR** a horizontal angle that is adequately safe under the circumstances, **WHICHEVER IS GREATER; AND**
 - (c) provided an adequate safety zone as described elsewhere in these Camp Rules, or as generally instructed in hunter safety courses
- x. Not using excessive firearm barrel elevation (ie. DO NOT try to overcome excessive bullet trajectory, or otherwise).
 - xi. Prior to beginning to hunt, each hunter will be required to independently score perfect (100% correct) on a closed book, written test based upon Figure 1 shown here, and the 7 steps before firing. The correct answers will be based upon these Camp Rules, Ontario Hunting Regulations, and hunter safety courses.
 - xii. The deer stands have been constructed of natural lumber with no preservatives (ie. Not pressure treated, creosoted, painted, nor other wood preservative) so as to minimize the odour to deer. The deer stand is constructed in, and supported by trees that are subject to rotting, lightening, wind damage, and other structural failures. Therefore, the

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stands will weaken & rot with time, and therefore **MUST** be inspected by each hunter prior to each use to ensure the stand is suitable for the hunter's weight, physical strength and capability, planned use, and their hunting style. Two full body safety harnesses are available from **BBL** for use while entering, exiting, and staying in the deer stands, and are highly recommended to be used at all times. The deer stands are available on a first come, first served, as is, where is basis, and the person using them does so at their own risk.

4. Inside the Camp Compound

- a. All personnel will immediately familiarize themselves with all emergency procedures (eg. Fire, accident, weather, sickness, missing person, emergency lighting, etc.) upon arrival at camp, and be prepared to execute those procedures on their own, without any assistance from others during an actual emergency. For example, fires inside the lodge will need to be fully extinguished within five (5) minutes, or the lodge will be totally engulfed in fire and a total loss. Once the lodge is totally engulfed in flames, there is a significant risk of starting a significant forest fire.
- b. No visitors or guests are allowed after 10:00 PM nor before 6:00 AM each day. Only paying members are allowed to stay overnight.
- c. No one shall leave the camp compound without informing **BBL** of their intended destination, travel mode & route, duration of stay, secondary trips (if any), and their expected time or return. In the case of an urgent trip and **BBL** personnel not immediately available, the above information will be written down and left on the kitchen counter of the main lodge.
- d. While under the influence of any drug or intoxicant, no person is permitted to leave the camp compound (marked by the orange survey tape on the camp road) without the continuous supervision of camp staff.
- e. Smoking in the main lodge is only permitted in the designated smoking area and only while the smoking lamp is lit. Smoking indoors is subject to the unanimous agreement of all persons, otherwise all smoking will be outdoors. Smoking in, on, or near the bed, or in the bedroom areas is not permitted under any circumstances at any time, and are ground for immediate expulsion from the remainder of the hunt..
- f. Personal gear and equipment will be stored in the owner's private quarters assigned to him. No clothing, equipment, or other material will be left in common areas of the main lodge or other buildings.
- g. Unless other prior arrangements have been made with the **BBL** staff, it is expected that each hunter will be responsible for sharing equally in the responsibilities for cooking, serving, and cleaning up the meals.. The various meals that a person chooses responsibility for will be scheduled according to the camp schedule, chosen on a first come, first scheduled basis.
- h. Each person is expected to keep their bed and personal area neat, clean, & tidy at all times. Their property should only be in the common areas when that person is present and actively using those items. Immediately after use, the common area should be cleaned up and returned to its normal state.
- i. There is no maid nor butler service at camp by **BBL** staff, nor others. Everyone is requested to do their fair share at keeping the lodge and campground in an on-going state of cleanliness, comfort, and tidiness.
- j. No camp fire or other source of ignition is permitted except in the camp fire pit, and then only as supervised and controlled by **BBL** staff. Prior to lighting any fire, the fire bucket will be filled with water and placed in close proximity to the fire pit, ready of any emergency use.
- k. No liquid fuel or flammable substance, nor fire accelerant (ie. Gasoline, kerosene, lighter fluid, Coleman fuel, barbeque starter fluid, propane, etc.) is to be brought into the camp buildings nor used in the wood stove at any time nor for any reason without **BBL** staff's prior permission in each instance..
- l. When the wood stove is above ambient temperature, it must be under the constant and undivided attention and responsibility of one person who will continuously monitor the stove and the surrounding area, or all combustible materials must be removed from a 4 ft. radius around the outside of the stove, all doors and air vents fully shut and locked in position.
- m. All camp facilities, tools, and other items will be treated with respect, used only for the purposes intended, cleaned and returned to their proper place immediately after use.
- n. No living tree, bush, plant, or flower shall be picked, cut down, trimmed, moved, or otherwise disturbed or damaged without prior approval in each instance from **BBL**.

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- o. The tractor, boat, water pump, propane storage system, solar collection/battery/inverter/electrical generator system is to be started, stopped, touched, or adjusted only by **BBL** personnel.

5. Conduct

- a. While on the property, or traveling off the property, smoking inside a vehicle is permitted provided all person in the vehicle are in agreement.
- b. While a vehicle is traveling through a wooded area or is on the property, under no circumstances are matches, butts, cigarettes, (or anything else that was hot at some point in time) to be held or placed where they could be blown, fall, or accidentally or purposely be knocked, dropped, or thrown out the door or window of the vehicle. This represents a serious fire hazard in the woods.
- c. Smoking outside the lodge, in the camp compound, in the bush or on any road or path while on the property is only permitted after the person has stopped and sat down. At no time nor under any circumstances is smoking, nor the lighting of matches, nor other open flame allowed while a person is walking outdoors. When done with the lit match or cigarette, they are to be extinguished, and then broken into 2 or more pieces between the fingers. This ensures the remnants have cooled sufficiently so that they do not smolder or start a forest fire. When the above steps have been completed, the person may stand and continue their travels. Violation of this rule is sufficient grounds for immediate expulsion from camp and forfeiting of the remainder of the hunt.
- d. Glass dishes, bottles, containers, and other items made of glass are not permitted outside the lodge due to the danger of breakage and subsequently cut feet.
- e. While in the camp compound, on the camp road or trails, or while in the woods there is to be no littering nor garbage disposal. Everything must be packed out and disposed in the garbage at the lodge. This includes cans, bottles, bottle tops, labels, cartridge brass, shell casings, candy wrappers, twist ties, used matches, and cigarette butts.
- f. Verbal or physical abusiveness, or threats towards the staff of **BBL**, a guest, or fellow hunter will not be tolerated.
- g. Use or possession of any illegal drug or intoxicant is prohibited. The abnormal, unprescribed, or illegal use of any legal or illegal drug or intoxicant is prohibited.
- h. Excessive use of alcohol or drunkenness is prohibited in common areas, as well as personal quarters.
- i. Theft, unauthorized use, inspection, or movement (whether done purposefully or as a joke) of staff member's, a guest's, or other paid member's property is prohibited.
- j. Horseplay, practical jokes, or excessively boisterous behavior is prohibited in the camp or anywhere on the property.
- k. The outhouse will be used for all human excrement, or the person will be responsible for burying it with at least 3" of dirt or sand cover over their waste at a location at least 20 yards from all watercourses prior to leaving the site.