



Hunting Policies

Healthy Land, Healthy Living

Rules/ Regulations

All hunts are conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Hunters must understand and abide by all laws established by the State of Oregon and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Any hunter found violating any of these laws may have his/her hunt immediately terminated. Visit the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's website for additional information. <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/index.asp>

Hunters must also adhere to strict firearms/weapons safety practices. These rules include treating all firearms as if they are loaded, never pointing a firearm/weapon at anything you are not willing to shoot, keeping your finger off of the trigger until you are on target/ready to shoot, and knowing your backstop and what is beyond. Hunters will refrain from "flagging" any person with the barrel of their firearm. Hunters found in violation of these rules will be respectfully warned and reminded of safe handling practices. Hunters who repeatedly violate these rules will have their hunts terminated.

Hunters are expected to exercise good judgement. Vehicles operated on the ranch will be driven at safe/slow speeds in accordance with the terrain/conditions. As guests, hunters will respect the land, infrastructure, equipment, and animals. Hunters are expected to leave gates as they are found, be mindful of ranch workers/livestock, pick up all trash, and otherwise leave the land in its natural state.

Alcohol will not be consumed prior to or during any hunt. Hunters may enjoy adult beverages at the conclusion of the days hunt; provided they are sober prior to the following hunting day. Hunters will not consume alcohol while traveling on the ranch and are expected to drive sober. Any hunter found under the influence of any substance prior to a hunt will be left at the bunkhouse and may not hunt until they are sober. Use of any illegal substances will not be tolerated and will result in immediate hunt termination.

Wounded Game

The wounding of game is an unfortunate and usually avoidable aspect of big game hunting. If you do wound an animal, every effort will be made by the ranch and client to recover the animal. If the animal is not recovered, the hunt for that species is over and harvest fees are due.

Blue Mountain Ranch is not responsible for a client's lack of skill or proficiency with their weapon of choice. The best way to insure that you won't have to deal with these issues is to practice and be as comfortable with your chosen weapon as you can be.

As ethical hunters it is our responsibility to use our weapon of choice safely and proficiently. Everyone loses in the case of a critically wounded animal that is not recovered, especially the animal. Hunters are encouraged not shoot if the animal is in a poor position and to wait for the animal to present you with a clear shot. Remember, the final decision to pull the trigger rests on you, the hunter.

Blue Mountain Ranch will provide all hunters with the opportunity to check the accuracy of their rifle/bow prior to the start of the hunt. All first time clients will be required to demonstrate their proficiency with their weapon of choice. First time clients must arrive the afternoon prior to the start of their hunt. Those arriving later will forfeit the morning of the first scheduled hunt day to accomplish the proficiency check.

Deposits & Payments

All hunts are booked on a first come/first served basis. A deposit equal to one half of the hunt price is required to confirm your booking. Your requested booking will be held for 15 days to allow receipt of payment. Deposits may be made by money order, check, or cash.

Final payments are due 30 days prior to the start of your hunt. Full payment must accompany any booking made less than 90 days before the start of the hunt. Final/full payment may be made by money order, check, or cash. Signed receipts will be given for all payments received.

Harvest Fees

All additional harvest fees are due immediately upon your hunts end. Harvest fees are payable in cash or check. Signed receipts will be issued for all harvest fees.

Hunt Cancellation/Refunds

All deposits are non-refundable, unless a hunter is unsuccessful in the draw and a landowner tag is not available to be issued. In the event a hunter must cancel, a deposit may be transferred to another hunter or transferred to a hunt in a future year at the discretion of Blue Mountain Ranch; provided written notice is received at least 90 days prior to the originally scheduled hunt.

Refunds of payments, minus the deposit, may be issued at the discretion of Blue Mountain Ranch for cancellations occurring less than 90 days from the date of the scheduled hunt, provided a replacement hunter is booked.

We strongly recommend that hunters purchase health/travel cancellation insurance to cover unforeseen problems due to illness, business, family or world events. You can be reimbursed for monies forfeited if unforeseeable circumstances happen to occur. It is very reasonably priced (usually about 5% of travel/hunt costs) and there are several companies which offer various plans/options.

Hunt Contract/Waiver

All hunters/guests must read, agree with, and sign the policies form, a hunt contract and a waiver of liability at the time of booking.

I have read and understand the above written policies set forth by Blue Mountain Ranch. I agree with each of the above written policies and I will abide by them at all times. I am also familiar with and understand the rules and regulations set forth by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife pertaining to my hunt. I agree to abide by these laws/regulations. I understand that my hunt may be terminated immediately should I fail to follow the rules set forth.

HUNTER SIGNATURE:

DATE:

HUNTERS PRINTED NAME:

FOR RANCH USE ONLY
RECEIVED BY:

DATE: