

Before you post, you should know...

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department respectfully asks you to consider the following points before you proceed with posting your land. And new in 2013, if you're choosing to post because of a bad interaction with a single hunter, consider using "Hunting by Permission Only" signs to exclude only certain hunters. For more information, see vtfishandwildlife.com.

- Most landowners choose **not** to post their land – if you post you will be the exception, not the norm.
- Landowners are protected from liability for people who access their land to hunt, fish or trap free of charge.
- 'Road-hunting' is against the law; people cannot legally hunt within 25 feet from the road.
- 'Hunting by permission only' signs can be used to selectively allow access to your land.

Food:

- Many Vermonters rely on game as a source of healthy and nutritious meat to feed their families.
- When you leave your land open to hunting, you are helping to feed your neighbors and your community.
- Game meat is the ultimate 'green' food – local, organic, free-range, no hormones or antibiotics.
- Regulated hunting is one of the most sustainable, ecologically sound methods of obtaining food.

Safety:

- Hunting is extremely safe – there were no hunting-related shootings in 2012 out of tens of thousands of hunters.
- Non-hunters are virtually never involved in hunting-related injuries.
- Hunters typically avoid areas around towns, homes, and rec paths, because game animals also tend to avoid these areas.

Conservation:

- Hunter access is important for wildlife management and conservation.
- Hunters such as Aldo Leopold started the conservation movement – hunters are largely responsible for the tremendous diversity of wildlife that still exists today.
- Hunters financially support wildlife agencies that conserve wildlife for all Vermonters to enjoy.

Tradition:

- Hunting is a proud Vermont tradition – it is an important part of Vermont's culture.
- Hunting is an important way to get children outdoors and to show them an appreciation for nature.
- Hunting is economically important to Vermont, providing a boost to the tourism industry in the otherwise slow season in the late fall.

