

**BLUE RIDGE SCOUT RESERVATION
SPORTSMAN PROGRAM**



2024-2025

Rules and Regulations

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Reservation Permits and Licenses:

All hunters on the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation must strictly observe all Virginia hunting and fishing laws. Failure to do so will result in the loss of hunting privileges on the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation (BRSR).

The Blue Ridge Mountains Council reserves the right to close hunting on any portion of the reservation at any time.

Hunting on the reservation is by permit only. Hunters must:

1. Carry the BRSR permit on their person at all times while hunting.
2. Possess a valid Virginia hunting license in addition to a reservation permit.
3. Clearly display their parking permit prominently on dashboard of parked vehicle while hunting.
4. A valid permit acknowledges the hunter's agreement to all regulations and their release of liability for the BRMC

Camping on the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation:

Camping is allowed. Hunters who plan to camp must notify reservation staff of arrival and departure times, campsite location and the names and addresses of all overnight campers.

5. No fires are permitted
6. No camping or hunting within **500 feet** of any permanent building or structures on the reservation.
7. Buildings may only be occupied with rental agreements signed by BSA council office personnel.
Cabin rentals are available by contacting the council service center at 540-265-0656.

In Compliance with VDWR:

Hunting is allowed on all legal hunting days including Sunday Hunting.

8. Certain areas of the Scout Reservation may be Closed to Hunting when scout Groups as well as other groups are present and using the Reservation. You will be notified by Email and Text advising you of such closed or restricted area in those cases.

9. Bow hunting is allowed Monday through Thursday on any legal hunting days of the season. Bow hunters may hunt Friday-Sunday during the archery season by contacting reservation staff and providing information about the area and time they wish to hunt and a call back number at which they can be reached.
10. Hunters under the age of 21 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult 21 or older who currently possesses a BRSR Permit. Age restriction is reduced to 16 when using archery equipment.

Blue Ridge Scout Reservation Specific Policies:

11. Possession of alcohol or drugs on the reservation is strictly prohibited.
12. Portable tree stands are allowed. Hunters must mark stands with hunters own permit number if the stand is left unattended. Hunters must wear and use proper safety equipment while climbing and occupying any elevated perch. All hunting equipment must be removed within 30 days of the end of the season.
13. Firearms must be unloaded and cased while in vehicle. Firearms are to be considered unloaded when both the chamber and magazine are empty. Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded when the percussion cap has been removed from the nipple. No firearms may be loaded in "No Hunting Zones".
14. No firearms may be discharged within 20 feet of any roadway
15. No ATV's or off road vehicles are permitted.
16. Antler restrictions apply to ALL antlered deer harvested on the reservation. Bucks eligible for harvest must have an outside antler spread of 15 in. A one time exemption is allowed for youth (17 or under) who have not previously harvested a deer on the BRSR
17. Doe harvesting is currently limited to **ONE** per hunter for the 2024/2025 season.
18. Hunters on the BRSR agree to adhere to the VDWR rules and regulations.

Any violation of rules or regulations may result in eviction from the area and elimination of your participation in future sportsman programs. The BRMC reserves the right to amend, change, or revise the hunting permit regulations at any time.

Quality Deer Management

All Hunters will participate in Quality Deer Management. Participation in the reservation QDM program requires you to collect biological deer harvest data and record it at one of the QDM check stations. This data includes: weight of the deer, certain specified harvest data such as location of kill, and an extracted deer jawbone. All deer must be checked in at one of the BRSR check station.

Bucks eligible for harvest on the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation must have a minimum outside antler spread of at least 15 inches. Hunters can estimate a bucks antler spread by viewing where the antlers are in relation to an animal's forward pointed ears. Ear tip to tip distance is approximately 15-16 inches. Therefore, if a buck's antlers are wider than his ears, the outside spread should be at least 15 inches.

Buck Violations

Hunters who violate our antler restriction will be subject to a \$200 penalty and loss of hunting privileges for the next deer season.

If you are unsure if the animal that you are about to harvest is large enough, err on the side of caution and allow the animal to live another day. Perhaps you will be rewarded with a larger buck later on.

Registration Fees for 2024-2025

Complete Hunting and Fishing Permit	\$250
Hunting Permit (three concurrent days)	\$100
Fishing Permit (annual)	\$100
Fishing Permit (three concurrent days)	\$ 30

Out of State:

Hunting Permit	\$500
Hunting Permit (three concurrent days)	\$200

Other Items:

Color Map of Reservation	\$10
Hold Permit for pickup at one of the Camps	\$10

All Permits will be mailed to address on the Permit.

Permit Pricing

Hunting Permit—Annual Fees \$250 (3-Day Permit \$100)



Fishing Permit—Annual Fees \$100 (3-Day Permit \$30)



Daily limit of three (3) fish.
The Blue Ridge Scout Reservation has an annual trout stocking program and plans to stock 3-4 times a year. Most stockings are directly related to an event and fishing may be prohibited during those days before the event.

Please consult the council calendar for days where the reservation will be closed to Fishing. (this will effect fishing at Camp Powhatan). The areas above the swinging bridge and below the spillway are catch and release only.

Deer Harvest

Only one deer per day may be taken during the 2024-2025 hunting season on the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation. The "Earn a Buck" program will be observed.

Agreement Pledge

Agreement between individual sportsman and the Boy Scouts of America, Blue Ridge Mountains Council.

The following agreement and regulations are designed to protect the scouts and leaders using the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation, sportsman and the landowner, and at the same time maximize the opportunity to utilize and enjoy the game available.

The sportsman agrees to respect the property and privacy of the landowner, and to observe Virginia game and fish laws.

The sportsman agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations established by the BSA, BRMC (to include but not limited to the list attached). Any infraction of the rules by the sportsman will result in revocation of all privileges. Such revocation will be at the discretion of BSA agent. The sportsman understands that he is responsible for property damage and/or injury to himself or others while utilizing any privileges or facility on the property of the BSA.

I agree to abide by your regulations and shall indemnify, hold free and harmless, assume liability for, and defend the Boy Scouts of America, its chartered affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers, and directors from any and ALL costs and expenses including but not limited to attorneys fees, reasonable investigative and discovery costs, court costs, and all other sums which the BSA, its chartered affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers, and directors may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any, all, and every demand for, claim or assertion of liberty, or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of my use of the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation belonging to the Boy Scouts of America, Blue Ridge Mountains Council, its chartered affiliates, agents, servants, employees, officers and directors, or by any action of omission.

New for 2024 - 2025

Hunting & Fishing (Annual) - - - - - \$250

One fee of \$250 covers both fishing in Powhatan and Ottari Lakes and hunting throughout the reservation.



Doe Harvest

Each Hunter will be allowed to harvest One Doe per season, this policy will be evaluated on an annual basis. Hunters may be asked, but are not obligated to participate in sampling for CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease)



Reservation Bear Quota

All Hunters will be eligible to take a Bear on the reservation until a total of ten (10) bears have been harvested. Assistance will be available for any harvested bear, contact the reservation ranger for assistance.



Predator Hunting

All predator hunting will be regulated and supervised by the reservation ranger. No predator hunting will be allowed that is not directly authorized by the reservation ranger

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