



Dear Hunter:

Thank you for your interest in deer hunting at Bluffside Farm during the 2019 season. There has been a lot of interest, so we are asking potential hunters to fill out the enclosed application for submittal in a lottery. Please return the application, postmarked no later than September 27 to:

Vermont Land Trust
Attn: Bluffside Farm Hunt Application
171 Scott Farm Road
Newport, VT 05855

Or email to: dan@vlt.org with “Bluffside Farm Hunt Application” in the subject line.

We hope to notify hunters of the lottery results by October 4.

Vermont Land Trust (VLT) will be issuing permission for hunting at Bluffside during three periods:

- **October 19- November 1** - last two weeks of the archery season, applicable rules apply,
- **November 16 – December 1** - coincides with the Vermont rifle season, but because of Newport City ordinance, **no firearms are allowed and hunting will be archery only**, and only deer that can be legally taken during the firearms season (legal bucks) can be harvested, and
- **December 7 - 15** - second archery season, applicable rules apply.

Game wardens will be patrolling, so hunters should have their permission letters with them at all times. VLT requires that all hunters abide by federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

Please refer to the enclosed map, which depicts the areas that have been designated for hunting this season. We will ask that hunters receiving permission hunt only inside the designated areas, except for the retrieval of game. Tree stands and ground blinds will be allowed, but we ask that only temporary stands be used which can be installed without placing hardware in trees, and that no live vegetation be cut. All stands and blinds must be legally labeled and removed from the farm at the end of the hunting permission period.

Bluffside has become a popular area for walking and will continue to be open to walkers during the hunting season. We encourage all property users to wear blaze orange during this time. It is possible that not all the recreational users at Bluffside will be supportive of hunting; we ask that hunters act in a respectful manner.

Hunters who receive permission to hunt on the property will be required to sign a hunter agreement in which they attest they are committed to safe and humane hunting practices, and assure that through proper practice they have obtained sufficient skill to safely and humanely harvest a deer with archery equipment. We hope to make this an enjoyable experience for all users of Bluffside Farm and we ask that hunters be ambassadors of safe, responsible, and respectful hunting. Thank you and good luck!

Best Regards,

Daniel Kilborn
Forester

Archery Hunting Application for Bluffside Farm

Applicant name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Hunting period preference (indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd preference, hunters may apply for all periods)

October 19 - November 1 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ No preference _____

November 16 – December 1 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ No preference _____

December 7 - 15 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ No preference _____

Please describe why you want to hunt at Bluffside Farm (you may attach an additional sheet if necessary):

Applicant signature _____

Date _____