



## Safety Tips during Hunting Season

Hunting season occurs at different times of the year depending on the animal being hunted and the state you live in. You can check on the internet for hunting season dates in your state. Generally, most hunting takes place September through February, but some birds are hunted in the spring as well.



- **Learn the Season.** There are different hunting seasons for different animals in each state, sometimes even by county. It's best to know the exact time when hunting season begins for which type of animal.
- **Know your zones.** If you want to add another layer of safety on your hikes, know your park's zones. Some parks have designated hunting and no hunting zones. Knowing where these no hunting zones are can help you plan your activities much better.
- **Wear (B)right-Colored Clothes.** It's good advice to wear bright-colored clothes during hunting season, but great advice to wear the right colored clothes instead. For example, don't wear white because you might get mistaken for a white-tailed deer. Similarly, skip the reds or blues during turkey hunting season.
- **Make Yourself Heard.** As a non-hunter, quiet is the last thing you want to be during hunting season. If you're out in the woods and not hunting during hunting season, you should always make yourself heard.
- **Protect Your Dog Like You Protect Yourself.** If you're taking your dog with you on your hikes during hunting season, equip your canine with brightly-colored clothes as well. Dog vests, which sports the same fluorescent colors as human vests - are widely available in sporting goods shops. This way, it will signal the hunters of you and your dog's presence.

