

Twin Oaks Hunting Club

2013-2014 Rules

Founder and President of Twin Oaks Hunting Club (T/O) Jason H Hocutt will represent the club to the highest of standards in the hunting and local communities. Jason will make decisions for the club only if the decision does not affect the budget or the acreage of T/O. Jason will also hold the title of Treasure of the club, should you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Jeremy Lewis will serve as Vice-President of Twin Oaks Hunting Club will assist Jason Hocutt in all club activities and is an additional contact person for any club matters.

GuestandFees

1. Guest fees will be dependent on the season see below.
2. A guest is anyone other than spouse, child (under age of 18), niece or nephew that you bring to the club and joins you in the field for any reason.
3. Your spouse, child, niece, or nephew may hunt as many times as they want with no fee.
4. The guest fee will include the use of the cabin the night before the hunt and the night of the hunt.
5. You as the member are responsible for paying the guest fees on the day of the hunt.
6. If your guest has a fine due then you as the member are responsible and must pay this fine within a 2 week time frame or you will not be able to hunt until the fine is paid.
7. To pay guest fees/fines there are brown envelops near the sign in book, write your name, guest name, amount paid and for what reason and place in gray payment box.

DeerSeason

1. You will be allowed to bring 4 guests per deer season. You may not bring the same guest 4 times in the same season. Guests are encouraged to be potential members of T/O, family from out of town that does not get to hunt often, or a client or boss.
2. You may bring the same guest a maximum of 2 times per deer season.
3. You must be at the club if you have a guest hunting.
4. You are responsible for your guest and all his action.
5. Any fines incurred by a guest must be paid by the member, all fines apply to guest just like members.
6. The guest fee for deer season will be \$15.00 per hunt.
7. From October 12th through November 16th any guest will be required to sit in same stand as the member they are guest of.
8. Any deer harvested by a guest counts towards your numbers it does not matter if it's a doe or a buck.

TurkeySeason

1. Guest fee for Turkey hunt is \$75.00 per hunt
2. You are allowed 2 guests per Turkey season.
3. No guest allowed during first week of season.
4. All other guest rules shall be the same as deer season.

DuckSeason

1. Guest fee for Duck hunting is \$25 per duck hunt.
2. You are allowed 2 guests per Duck Season.
3. Follow rotation of swamps no matter how many people are hunting.
4. All other guest rules shall be the same as deer season.

All Other Hunts

1. Opening day dove hunt guest fee will be \$25.00.
2. All other game guest fee will be \$10.00 per day.
3. All other guest rules will be the same as deer season.

Deer Season Rules

Definitions

1. A Buck is defined as a deer with horns extending past his ears when they are raised straight up above the buck's head.
2. A Spike buck is defined as a deer that has horns protruding through skin but do not go above the ears when they are raised straight up above the deer's head.
3. A Button buck is a deer that has no horns protruding through the skin
4. A youth hunter is under the age of 16.

Mature Bucks

1. A buck with an inside spread of not less than 16" and at least 6 points.
2. A buck at least 3.5 years old aged by a NC Biologist.

Scouting

1. All scouting must be done prior to August 1st this includes when you leave a deer stand, no walking through areas you don't have to.

Deer Harvest

1. You are allowed **2** Bucks during the season and 2 Does.
2. Any buck that is killed that does not meet the inside spread but might meet the 3.5 year old requirement must have the jaw bone pulled ASAP to be aged by a NC Biologist. This can be done on site or if you would prefer a taxidermist to do it then you must have it to the taxidermist within 2 weeks of the kill.
3. If you harvest a buck that falls outside the above guidelines you will be fined \$300 and will lose your second buck.
4. If your first buck of the year is within the guidelines of a "Mature Buck of Twin Oaks Standards" and you harvest a second buck and it does not meet the guidelines then you will be fined \$300 and you will lose one buck from the next season.
5. If you kill a legal deer "meeting Twin Oaks Mature Buck standards" you still have to mount this deer but you can choose to do a horn plaque, European mount, and any shoulder to full body size mount. You are not allowed to cut off horns and discard them or use them as out decoration.
6. If you have never killed a buck at Twin Oaks that meets the guidelines you are allowed one that is outside the guidelines without a fine but you must mount it "Shoulder Mount or better". This should still be a 6pt or better deer. This is not used as a reason to harvest a small buck.
7. If you kill a buck that is on our cull list this buck will not count against your 2 bucks for the season. This cull buck has to be pictured and listed on the kill list before any member takes him out of the herd.

8. Doe season will be open from the start of the bow season until October 11th then closed from October 12th through November 16th. After November 16th a member can take a doe if they have not already field their tags or if the club has more tags to fill before the season is up.
9. During the closed doe season there will be a limited number of designated doe stands that will rotate. These stands will be on a lottery system if we have more doe hunters than stands.
10. The Club Presidents will make adjustments as needed for doe harvest on each farm after November 16th, ie if the Perry farm has only had 5 does harvested we may open this up to additional does for remainder of season.
11. Button bucks will cost you \$25.00, \$50.00 for second and 3rd could result in revocation of membership, this fine does not apply to youth hunters under the age of 16. This fine is in place to encourage you to look over the deer very good before you decide to pull the trigger. We don't want Button bucks killed on purpose.
12. You are responsible for cleaning your own kill. This includes cleaning the skinning shed when done and taking the remains to the dead hole.
13. Take a picture of your kill with the board filled out with date, stand location, and name.
14. Take the picture with the club camera even if you have with your personal camera. Leave the club camera in the club house near the printer. Jeremy will print the pictures out.
15. A youth hunter who has never taken a buck may take one buck of choice. This buck will have to be mounted, after this they must follow adult rules. This one buck does not count against the adults quota. Adults should decide on which buck a youth harvests and make sure it is something to be proud of.
16. Youth must hunt with the adult at all times. Unless they have completed the hunter safety course and given Twin Oaks proof of doing so, the adult must hunt on the same farm as the youth. The Adult must provide T/O with copy of certification prior to the youth hunting.
17. Any youth under 16 must have in their possession their license exempt harvest report card.

TrailCameras

1. Each member will be required to provide one trail camera to the club. You may provide more than one if you desire.
2. Jason and Jeremy will be managing the cameras by setting them out and pulling cards and downloading the pictures to a computer.
3. These pictures will be public knowledge and will be posted online.
4. The location of the cameras will be in general to be determined by the club presidents.
5. The camera you provide will be documented by serial number as well issued a club number.
6. If you have more than one camera and want it out then it will be done as needed. If your camera is tagged as having a nice buck on it and you have more than one camera and want to start a time line to try to take the buck that is on your camera then a time line on that deer will start with only your cameras that the club has in stock "not other cameras"

7. TrailCamerasrule6 does not mean that this is only your buck to kill. Any member can hunt any stand on Twin Oaks lease but if a member starts to hunt one specific spot and you know that they are after a buck then use a ethical hunting practice about hunting on top of this member or you will be called out.
8. The pics will only have the farm that the buck is on and not a specific location on that farm.
9. If you have a certain location you would like a camera you will need to advise the club presidents and arrange with either Ben or Jim.
10. Any cull bucks will have the picture posted in the club house.

TurkeySeasonRules

1. Toms only, Jakes (Under 6") are not allowed to be taken on the property for anyone.
2. Use of turkey calls including shock calls is prohibited on the property from March 1st through the beginning of season.
3. Teaming up of members is encouraged to help open up areas for others to hunt.
4. You must sign in and out in the book just like you are deer hunting.
5. You must record any kill in the book and take a picture of you with your bird with measurements.
6. If the area you want to hunt has a corn feeder you will need to make sure it has been empty for 2 weeks prior to hunting.
7. Mature older birds are encouraged to be taken, a Jake is defined as a 4" or shorter beard.

DuckSeasonRules

1. No shooting of the roost. Until last day of season
2. The swamps will be rotated as outlined below

Thisisanexample: Could change before the season. The rotation will be posted at the club.

Sun= No hunting
 Mon= No hunting
 Tues= No Hunting
 Wed= Phillips Farm/Cow Pasture
 Thurs= Wilson Farm
 Fri= Perry Farm
 Sat= All swamps are open to hunt but if

3. All duck blinds that are built must be marked on the maps.
4. If we notice one swamp being over hunted on Saturdays we will step in and put it off limits for a few weeks.

RabbitSeasonRules

1. Twin Oaks may lease the Rabbit hunting rights out to one exclusive member.
2. If you would like to rabbit hunt you will be provided this members information to put together a hunt.
3. If you would like to walk and jump shot that is allowed.

GeneralInformation

1. Failure to comply with any of these rules could result in you being asked to leave T/O and to not return.
2. No refund of dues will be given if you are asked to leave due to breaking a T/O rule.
3. You must follow all NC State Wildlife Regulations.

Membership Dues

1. Dues shall be \$1200 per year.
2. Current Members are required to pay a \$200 Deposit prior to Feb 25th to hold your spot for up coming year, then \$600 more due by opening of turkey season and the other \$400 due by August 1st.
3. New Members are required to pay full dues by the start of turkey season
4. T/O will have 35 members.
5. New members will be required to pay \$100 new member fee for first year only.
6. Your dues includes use of the farms and clubhouse the entire year.
7. You will not be allowed to Turkey hunt if you have not paid at least \$800 by April 1st
8. You will not be allowed to deer hunt if not paid in full by August 1st and your spot can be filled even if you have paid a deposit. (do not make us hunt you down for your dues)
9. Dues are non-refundable.
10. If you own any fines from prior year you will not be able to hunt till they are paid.
11. If you incur a fine you have 2 weeks to pay or your membership will be suspended till it is paid.
12. Each member has the rights to see T/O books, you need to contact Jason.
13. Each year in January I will need a yes/no response from you for the upcoming season, if you say yes then this will mean the dues will be due as stated. If no then your spot will be given to a new member.
14. If there is a waiting list you may contact the President to be placed on the list. If a spot is open then you will be required to pay \$200 (non-refundable) to hold your spot. Dues will then be due as stated above.
15. Each member is required to work 3 work days, if you do not work all 3 you will be required to pay \$100 per day missed. Each work day will be 3rd Saturday of the month except during hunting seasons. Work days are full 10 hour days. We will be enforcing this!

Sign-in Book

1. Each member is required to sign into the book for all hunts.
2. You can't sign out until after 9PM the night before your hunt, a member may sign out for another member.
3. You can't sign out for afternoon hunt until after 1PM. A member may sign out for another member.
4. All guest are required to sign in the guest book for all hunts, the members are responsible to make sure this happens.
5. You must sign out when you return from hunting, including time and what you saw. Please be honest as this is used for record keeping for the club.
6. You must sign in for all activities on T/O land except work days.
7. For deer hunts you will sign in for the stand location and time in and out and what you saw during your hunt.
8. If you will be using a climbing stand put down the two closest stand locations.
9. For Turkey hunts, sign out for the stands in the area you plan to hunt, you can't sign out for entire farm.
10. If you need to move stands/farms for any reason you must come back to the club house and sign out and back in.
11. Be courteous of other members and their hunts, during turkey season you might be hunting close to another person.
12. For Duck hunts you will need to sign out for stands that are near the swamps you are hunting. If you are in a duck blind put down that blind number.
13. Rabbit Hunts, you will mark the designated location for rabbit hunting in the book. You are only allowed to turn loose on 2 farms in one day.
14. If two people want to hunt the same stand you will have to draw cards, high card wins. (A is always high card)

15. If you are hunting alone you must contact another member of the club (Call Buddy) to inform them of where you are hunting and you must call them back when you get out of the stand. Record who you talk to in the sign in book.
16. If you are caught hunting without contacting a call buddy you will be fine \$50.00 for the call in and \$50 for the call out so \$100 total for one hunt. Point of this is Call somebody!
17. If you see a land owner let them know where you are hunting as well. Be mindful of farm operations during the fall when harvest is taking place.

Responsibility of Call Buddy

1. If you do not get a call out in a timely manner you will 1st try to contact the hunter.
2. If you cannot reach the hunter you will then call Jason or a team leader with the stand location.
3. You and whoever you contacted will start toward the club.
4. The team leader or Jason will contact the land owner for assistance.
5. The team leader or Jason will contact the local game warden and local authorities with info on the last known location of the hunter.
6. If the hunter has not been found by the time you arrive at the club you will form a search party and find the hunter.
7. If you forget to call out to your call buddy a lot takes place so don't forget!!

Age Limit

1. Any youth under 15 may hunt alone provided they have their hunter safety certificate, the adult must hunt the same farm as the youth. A copy of the certificate must be provided to T/O prior to the youth hunting alone.
2. Any person 16 or above must have a valid hunting license and have taken the basic hunting safety course to be able to hunt alone. They must also be escorted to and from the stand they are hunting.
3. Any person 16 years of age till their 18th birthday will be required to make the club workdays just like a full member to pay their dues for the year. This will teach them responsibility and QDMA.
4. When this junior member turns 18 he will be eligible to become a member even if the club is at full capacity. They will have to pay full dues.
5. Any youth without a full license must have in their possession a valid license exempt big game harvest report card, this applies to turkey and deer season. They also must hunt with their adult guardian.

Expenses

1. If any member would like to purchase anything for the club and would like other members to help it will need to be put up for a vote.
2. If you purchase something for the club and would like the item to go with you if you leave then you must let the president know the day you bring the item. If you leave the item must be removed within 2 weeks of your resignation or it will become property of T/O.
3. If you purchase something to give the club let the president know so he can keep a list of items.

HouseRules

1. You are responsible for your mess! If you have kids then you need to make sure they are not leaving a mess.
2. If you use a dish or cup or pot wash it when you are done.
3. You can find something to do every time you are down, vacuum, sweep, wash dishes or dust. There is always something that needs to be done.
4. When the last person leaves the club each weekend they are responsible for rolling the trash can out to the street(Bynum Bridge Road).
5. You need to turn off the electricity and water going to the house. Do not get in a hurry when doing this. Leave the fridge on at all the time. All items are marked in the box.
6. Make sure the gas heaters are turned off when you leave. Also be mindful of their settings when in the house do not leave on high and turn down when everyone is leaving the house to go hunting.
7. This year if you leave a mess you will be called out so be a man about it!
8. To claim a bed you need to put your bag or clothes on the bed not just boots at the foot.
9. If someone has claimed an area but is not down you may use it just be respectful of the area and clean up the area when you leave.
10. Dogs are allowed in the house but they must be trained and listen. If your dog bites don't bring it! If your dog jumps on people it is not allowed in house.
11. It is up to each of you to make sure the house stays in good condition, please treat it as you would your own house.

Safety/Conduct

1. Safety is always the 1st priority.
2. Each member and their guest will be responsible for their actions the entire time they are at the club.
3. No member will be allowed to hunt if they are under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication that may impact their ability to safely operate a firearm or tree stand. If you have a beer at lunch you will not be able to hunt that afternoon.
4. If you are outside the club house or skinning shed with any alcohol it must be in a cup at all times. If there are kids at the club then it needs to be in a cup at all times.
5. No excessive drinking! Do not get sloppy drunk!!
6. If you are training a dog you must pull them out of the woods, swamps or fields one month before season starts.
7. You will represent the club throughout the community with the highest standards possible. There will be respect shown towards each member in the club, all landowners, all farmers, and all people in the surrounding community at all times.
8. Do not promise anything on behalf of the club to anyone outside our club without checking with the president first and the club voting on it.
9. If you promise something to someone outside the club then you are responsible for making sure you full fill that promise.
10. Any person driving on the farms in any vehicle must use the edge of fields while driving. Do not cross the field as you might get stuck or cause ruts in the field.
11. While in the club house yard there will be no hot dogging.
12. ATV riding around the club house will be limited to 2nd gear or low gear for automatic ATV's.
13. No joy riding of ATV after August 1st
14. Youth under 16 must wear a helmet at all times when on a ATV and must be supervised by an adult.
15. The shooting range is designed for sighting in guns during hunting season. Shooting times are 9am-Noon. If you would like to shoot after 12PM you need to check with all members in camp and make sure it is ok with them. During non-hunting season you may use this anytime you would like.

16. If you are using a climbing stand you are required to use a safety harness system while you are in the stand.
17. If using a loc-on stand screw in steps are not allowed.
18. Each member will be required to read and sign the Twin Oaks by laws and Patsy Perry Land Lease and turn it in before you are allowed to hunt at Twin Oaks every year.
19. Each member will be required to sign a injury/damage waiver. This will be provided prior to any hunting season.
20. You are not allowed to target shoot at the Perry farm this is a rule that is listed in the Patsy Perry Land Lease.

By signing below you understand and agree to all rules stated above, failure to follow these rules could result in you being removed from the club or club grounds.

Member Signature _____ Date _____