

Tips for Hunting Wild Game Using Firearms, Traps, and Snares

1. Animals are more nutritious than most wild plants. But they are more difficult and time consuming to obtain.
2. Animals remain alive by being constantly alert. Their senses are superior to ours. Their physical attributes are superior for flight, fight, and hiding. The only advantage humans have is their brain.
3. A firearm is the best method for putting meat in the pot.
4. Sunrise and sunset are the best hunting times.
5. The best way to hunt is to sit quietly out-of-sight downwind along a trail leading to a water source.
6. If a wounded animal runs away, wait 5 minutes and then follow the blood trail. It will lie down if not pursued and become too weak to move.
7. Any wounded animal is dangerous. Approach it cautiously and kill it quickly and safely. Gut and bleed all animals immediately after the kill.
8. If you see a rabbit during the day, it can be frozen by emitting a sharp whistle.
9. When you skin and gut an animal, leave its entrails on the ground as bait. Set a series of snares along paths leading to the butchering area.
10. Observe birds. Their flight pattern may reveal their nest and their eggs. Efforts to obtain small birds far exceed any nourishment they provide.
11. Weighted nets can be used as snares.
12. Thin flexible wire is better than string for setting snares because animals can't chew through it to free themselves.
13. Don't set traps or snares on well used trails. Animals know their territory and avoid the unusual. Set traps on side trails.
14. Do not use whittled wood for traps. Leave the bark on snare sticks. Carved notches should be darkened with dirt or campfire ashes.
15. Check your traps and snares every morning and every evening.
16. Snares and traps should be moved to a new location every four or five days.
17. Never set traps that could hurt people.