



Caution Trail Users

Deer Hunting Season in Ipswich

Hunting in Massachusetts is *only allowed* on land with written permission of the landowner. Hunting in Ipswich on Town owned land *is only allowed with a permit issued by Ipswich Police* (ph. 978-356-4343) and only on *specific, designated* Town properties. One area owned by the Town where hunting is allowed, *and only* with a permit issued by the Ipswich Police, is on land around the reservoirs where there are public trails. These trails are open for use during hunting season, so *trail users and hunters* need to be cautious and aware of each other's presence. Deer hunting season (including archery, shotgun, and primitive firearms) runs from **October 5, 2020 to December 31, 2020.**

Use these safety tips on the trails during hunting season:

1. Wear bright colors such as fluorescent orange
2. Attach a bell to yourself or to your dog, which should be leashed at all times, to alert hunters of your presence
3. DO NOT wear white, gray, brown, or tan
4. DO NOT stray from marked trails
5. If you see someone hunting, call out to them to identify your location
6. Hunting is not allowed on Sundays
7. Familiarize yourself with the area you will be hiking
8. Follow posted signage
9. If you hike alone, let someone know where you'll be and when you'll return

In an emergency, call the **Ipswich Police at 911**. For hunting questions, concerns, or to report violations call the Massachusetts **Environmental Police, 800-632-8075**. Additional information about hunting in Massachusetts can be found online: <https://www.mass.gov/hunting-regulations>