

5 Things to Keep in Mind if Youâ€™ll Be Hunting Your Own Holiday Turkey

Description

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and with it comes a lot of decisions. If youâ€™re one of the brave cooks that will be handling the turkey, read on. Itâ€™s hard work, but hunting and cooking a turkey is a fulfilling adventure.

1. Preparation

Preparation is something that requires knowing [all about turkey hunting](#). You never show up without knowing if your equipment is suitable to hunt the current prey. Tactics that worked years ago may be out of date for the current hunt. Start with the basics (scouting, clothing, permits, weapons, shooting range) and then move on to the advanced stuff. It wonâ€™t take long, and youâ€™ll be twice as ready as the person that came before you.

2. Rules

Regulations for hunting are state and country specific. Turkey regulations go even deeper, and are completely [different than other seasons](#). This includes restrictions on hunting within a certain amount of feet in a baited area and taking home more than two turkeys per season. Always check the rules of the area you are planning to hunt in before making final plans. You donâ€™t want to be the hunter that pays more in fines than they did for a turkey. Regulations for your local area arenâ€™t hard to find, and the holidays makes turkey hunting a lot more accommodating than other game.

3. Tools

Certain shotguns are illegal during turkey season. Motorized decoys are sometimes completely outlawed, and drive-by turkey grabbing is frequently frowned upon. When it comes to turkey hunting, you donâ€™t need a big truck, flying drone or any other fancy gadgets. Traditional is the best way to go when it comes to turkey hunting, so there is nothing wrong with a dependence on the old tools. [Your hunting rifle](#), knife and a clean set of hunting gear will be more than enough to get the job done. But if you want to show up with some modern tools, take the time to see if theyâ€™re allowed in your current area. For instance, having a few extra [Thermold Magazines](#) for your hunting gun will ensure you are ready when that turkey appears.

4. Late Season

There are a lot of areas that have set up late season turkey hunting. The only problem is that the tactics for a good hunt are completely different when you're showing up after the usual dates. Instead of playing on an equal field, the turkey will have the advantage. Take this challenge to heart with preparation, and you'll have a story to tell at the Thanksgiving dinner table.

5. Group Up

Hunting in a group will always give you a big advantage. It's unlikely anyone in the group will leave empty handed, even if they are inexperienced with hunting. This is the best way to hunt turkey, and also the best way to introduce someone to hunting. There is no pressure, as the most experienced person in the group will usually take charge. Groups that are related have made seasonal turkey hunting a family tradition for Thanksgiving. Whether it's with family or friends, consider grouping up for a hunt a priority for a successful turkey season.

Have A Happy Thanksgiving

There are few holidays that provide the family bonding experience of Thanksgiving. If this is your first-time hunting, then prepare for a unique experience. Bring the heat, and the spoils will be the sweetest victory.

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