The number of white-tailed deer far exceeds this property’s ability to support them. Natural Lands employs a Controlled Hunting Program to reduce the deer population and help protect the ecological balance of this nature preserve. The program is restricted to a limited number of hunters who must pass annual safety and proficiency tests.

Hunters and hikers can use the same land safely together. Hunters are generally more active at dawn and dusk, and they avoid hunting near hiking trails. Some visitors choose to wear blaze orange during their visits, though it is not required. As always, leash your dogs at all times and stay on the trails.

For more information, visit natlands.org/hunting.

**deer hunting 2022-2023**

**Bear Creek Preserve**

**archery**
**Oct 1 – Nov 18**

**muzzleloader**
**Oct 15 – 22**

**rifle**
**Nov 19 – Nov 22**
**Nov 26 – Dec 10**

**flintlock/archery**
**Dec 26 – Jan 16**

There is no hunting on Sundays (except November 13, 20, & 27).