



## **Map Reading Challenge Guidelines and Scoring**

2.5 Day Hunting duration (5 hunts) in a location you have never hunted before. If hunting beyond 2.5 days, no points awarded for the Hunt #, but you still get points for the other categories that apply as long as your hunt is less no longer than 10 days.

Two days of scouting are allowed before the actual hunt.

You are allowed to set up a maximum of 4 trail cameras, not to be checked until the first day of the actual hunt.

The following is the scoring system.

### **TIME FRAME**

Even if you sit in one spot all day, each morning and each evening counts as its own hunt. So, if you start your hunt in the morning and sit all day, the morning counts as hunt #1 and that evening counts as hunt #2. The following morning is hunt #3, that evening hunt #4, and the following morning is hunt #5. If you start with an evening hunt, that is hunt #1 and the following morning is hunt #2, and so on until you reach hunt #5. Points if you harvest on one of those hunts.

Hunt #1 = 30 points

Hunt #2 = 25 points

Hunt #3 = 20 points

Hunt #4 = 15 points

Hunt #5 = 10 points

### **DISTANCE of the Shot**

20 yards or less = 30 points

21 to 30 yards = 20 points

31 to 35 = 10 points

## **AGE OF DEER**

For experienced hunters = 0 points for a 1.5 year old buck. (However, for people new to hunting with no previous buck harvests = 25 points for 1.5 year old buck.)

2.5 year old buck = 50 points

3.5 year old buck = 70 points

4.5 year old buck = 100 points

5.5 year old buck = 140 points

6.5+ = 180 points

Doe harvest age

3.5 and under = 30 points

4.5 and up = 45 points

## **SHOT PLACEMENT**

Heart and/or lungs = 30 points

Liver = 15 points

Spine followed immediately by a vital shot = 5 points

Guts or hind quarter = -5 points

## **BONUSES**

Capture the hit on a zoomable camera = 25 points for self-filmed; 10 points if someone is filming you. (Only one point value awarded if you are filming yourself and have someone filming you at the same time.)

POV camera(s) = 5 points (Only 5 points total regardless of how many POV cameras you are running at once. So, if running 3 POV cameras at once, you still only get 5 points toward your score).

Ground Hunting = (set up in stationary location not stalking) 10 points.

Public Land = 10 points.

Blind Map Reading Challenge = 35 points if starting in the dark.  
20 points if starting in daylight.

No trail camera = 10 points.

## **DEDUCTIONS**

(Keep in mind that the point of this whole challenge is to develop the ability to put yourself in an area where deer will be based on map reading and scouting alone without needing to rely on any form of calling or use of scents, which is the reason for some of the deductions below.)

If you decide to do any deer calling during the hunt where you make a harvest, -20 points.

If you use doe in heat scent, -20 points.

If you use regular doe or buck scent, or any other form of deer attractant scent, -5 points.

If you use a trail camera that sends pictures remotely, -20 points.

If you use regular trail cameras but check them at least once before the actual hunt, -10 points.

If you use a crossbow, -20 points (it is much harder to draw and make a shot with a bow, and a bow also requires a lot more continual practice to stay proficient, whereas a cross bow you can sight it in once and pretty much be good to go without needing practice every single day.)