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Hunting White Tail Deer.

Maine has a abundance of white tail deer. There are a lot of hunters that do hunt the white tail deer and a lot of hunters that come from out of state just to hunt deer. Deer hunting is a sport and takes a lot of time and energy. The process can take several weeks to get prepared for the season.

One of the first steps I do before hunting season is to find a secluded place in the woods with no houses around and no other hunters hunting that area. Once I have found that spot the next thing to do is to set up my game cameras. This help me track the deer, and lets me see what time the deer are coming into the hunting area, and what direction they could be coming from. After I have done that, I wait a week to go back and check my cameras. It is a good idea to let the cameras set, and try not to disturb the hunting area. Deer can smell human scent from far away and also can hear a person walking out into the woods by hearing the crackling of the leaves and tree branches under the feet. After I get my game cameras set up, I start working on getting my ground blind up. This is where I hunt from. It is a camouflage hunting blind that I have to set up every season, this is similar to a tent. It is a good idea to get this set up early in the season so the deer can get used to it in the woods and any smells on the ground blind can diminish. Also, it is a good idea to have two ground blinds set up because the wind can affect the hunt. If the wind is blowing the scent of the hunter to the area that the deer are coming from this can push the deer away back further into the woods.

Right before hunting season begins, which is only a month long in the state of Maine. I gather my hunting clothes and air them out for a week on the clothes line. I then gather brush from the hunting area that I am planning on hunting, I add the brush to a bag with my clothes in it to help get the scent from the hunting area on my clothes. This helps my scent to blend into the area. The first day of the season I get up early in the morning, and most of the time it is still dark and cold out. I put on my insulated pants and my camouflage hunting clothes that smell like the woods from the brush. I always put on two pairs of socks. My feet get really cold out in the woods. I cover myself in a cover scent that smells horrible to keep the deer from smelling my human scent. There are certain shooting times for hunting so it is a good idea to get a law book and find out what the shooting times are in the hunting area. After I am all geared up in my hunting gear that smells like pine needles and cover scent, I get my hunting rifle ready and head out into the cold dark woods.

When I arrive to the wood line right before entering the cold dark woods, and I stand there for a minute and it is so quiet, I can see my breath as it is so cold. There is no snow on the ground yet but when I walk out into the woods, I can hear my boots crunching the leaves I am walking on. I get to my ground blind and open it up from the back and crawl in. As I sit inside in the dark cold, I hear a crunch from the right side of me. But it is still too dark to see and it was too early to shoot anything. I sit for another two hours and watch the sun come up and can hear the birds all around me.

After the sun comes up, I hear another snap of a branch on the ground. But this time to the left of me. I wait patiently, and then twenty minutes later I see a doe walk out from the edge of the woods, and the doe walks in front of my ground blind about thirty feet away. I do not have a doe license, and so I was unable to take a shot at it. My hunting license is only good to take a shot at a buck.

I wanted to write about how much time and energy it can take for a hunter to get ready for deer season every year, and how this sport helps supply food to families. Also knowing how beneficial getting a deer can help low income families make through a winter. I believe that if anyone ever gets a chance to learn how to hunt their own food to take advantage of it.