

Sportsman Information

Does Huber allow public recreational use of their lands?

All of our lands in Maine are open to recreational users including fishermen, hunters, trappers, hikers, and campers, as long as users comply with the laws of the State of Maine. Forest users should remember that you are guests on private land and that use of private property is a privilege, not a right. We ask that users respect our lands, the foresters and woodsmen that work here and others who come to enjoy these forests. Hunting is not allowed within one-half mile of an active logging operation (signs are usually posted). We may occasionally close newly constructed roads, areas around sensitive wildlife habitats, or other areas governed by State regulations or designed to provide a unique recreational experience.

Huber is an active member of North Maine Woods and all of our lands within the NMW system follow the day use, camping fees and policies established by NMW (www.northmainewoods.org).

Is bear baiting allowed on Huber lands?

Special permission and a fee are required for placing baits for hunting bears. For all of our lands, permits are issued by North Maine Woods and interested hunters should contact them at 435-6213. Baits will be located to minimize conflicts between you, other hunters and forestry operations.

What rules apply to camping?

All of our lands are open to camping in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine. Huber does not provide any form of campsite designation or maintenance so campers are expected to clean up after themselves. Littering will not be tolerated. Please bury all human waste away from any water bodies.

Burning permits are required for burning any material out of doors year around. Depending on fire danger, restrictions may be in place. In unorganized towns, a permit may be obtained from your local forest ranger or Forest Protection office. Burning permits are free. Contact the [Maine Forest Service](http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/FP_3.htm) office nearest you for more information (http://www.maine.gov/doc/mfs/FP_3.htm). Please be safe with fires.

Do not block roads or camp near active logging operations or camp leases without the owner's permission.

Unfortunately, we have noticed an increasing number of campers who are leaving tents and trailers on prime campsites for extended periods of time, even when they are not occupying them. This is unfair to others since they cannot use occupied sites even though no one is around for extended periods. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE AND DON'T OVERSTAY YOUR WELCOME.

Can we go snowmobiling?

Huber cooperates with all of the organized snowmobile clubs in our area to provide safe, groomed trails that are part of the Interstate Trail System. Please contact the individuals clubs or the [Maine Snowmobile Association](http://www.mesnow.com) for maps and trail conditions (<http://www.mesnow.com>). For safety sake, no riding is permitted on plowed roads.

ATV's

Due to safety concerns along our gravel roads and environmental concerns off-road, we do not allow the recreational use of ATVs on our lands. To accommodate big game hunters, we have recently changed our policy to allow hunters to use ATVs for retrieval only, of downed big game animals, including deer, moose and bear. During legal big game seasons, hunters may bring ATVs along in their vehicle but they are not to be used for hunting or accessing remote areas to hunt. Once the animal is down, you may use the ATV to bring it back to a drivable road. Please do not abuse this privilege.

Road Safety is important to us and to you!

The roads on our land were built to move wood products. Please give logging trucks the same respect provided to fire trucks and ambulances. When you see a truck coming from either direction, please pull over to let them pass safely.

- Travel with headlights on day or night to increase the visibility of your vehicle to others.
- Always travel on the right side of the road, especially around curves.
- Be prepared to stop at all times.
- Never stop in a corner or on bridges. Most bridges are single lane only.
- Park vehicles well off roads and never block side roads, even though they seem unused.
- Reduce speeds on freshly graded roads. You are more likely to blow a tire or lose control because of loose gravel.
- Yield to equipment working in road and pass only after operator's acknowledgement.
- Motor bikes, bicycles, horses and ATVs are not allowed.

Eagle nest reward

Over the past several years, we have located 4 eagle nests on or near Huber lands. However, the frequency of eagle sightings in different locations suggests that there may be eagle nests that we have not located. Because of the sensitive nature of nesting bald eagles, we want to know the location of all nests that occur on our lands before we inadvertently cut next to or build a road underneath a nest. In an attempt to locate any unfound nests that may be there, we would like to have the people who spend time on our lands help us. To encourage people to report nests, **Huber will offer a reward of \$100 to anyone who can show us a new, active nest on Huber property.** Our wildlife biologist will determine whether they are eagle nests and if they are active. One reward per nest.

Eagle nests are typically located in live white pine or large hardwood trees that stick out or above the surrounding canopy. Most are located within ¼ mile of a river, lake or large wetland. If you think you have located a new nest, contact the Huber wildlife biologist by phone (827-7195, ext. 120). Be prepared to describe what you saw and where you saw it. Please be as accurate as you can with the location or be willing to show us the nest.

By locating eagle nests and other sensitive areas ahead of time, we can better plan our land management and protect the other resources. Thank you for your help.