

HE Lesson Plan 11

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Finding Property to Hunt & Getting Permission to Hunt Private Property

Instructor Training Aids and References

This lesson plan, Thank You Cards, County Plat Book, DNR and County Forestry websites

TIME PERIOD (APPROXIMATELY): 30 minutes

TYPE OF LESSON **E.D.O.C.** **LECTURE** **DISCUSSION** **PRACTICAL****OBJECTIVE(S) For each student to:**

- ✓ Learn the use of plat books/websites/apps for locating property open to hunting.
- ✓ Understand that there are landowners who will allow them to hunt private property.
- ✓ Learn, and feel comfortable with, a proper method to approach landowners.
- ✓ Learn a proper method to maintain relationships with landowners.

LESSON OUTLINE**ITEMS NEEDED****EDUCATE:**

1. Not having a place to hunt is one of the top reasons people do not hunt.
 - All lands are owned either privately or publicly
 - It is illegal to trespass – Stay off lands unless you have permission.
 - Ask students what land is open to hunting
 - Their own family/friends private property
 - Public property – Federal, State, County, Township
 - Private Lands Open due to
 - Forest Crop Law (FCL)
 - Managed Forest Law –Open (MFL-O)
 - Other Private Lands ONLY with permission to hunt
 - Most property is in this category
2. How do we find the areas open to hunting?
 - County Plat Books
 - a. Available at County Clerk Office for purchase
 - b. Available at some local libraries
 - County GIS Property Tax websites
 - County Forestry websites for MFL and FCL locations
 - DNR websites & smart phone apps:
 - a. <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestLandowners/openToPublic.html>
 - b. <http://dnr.wi.gov/mobileapps/>
3. How do we get permission to hunt the private property?
 - Ask in a polite and proper manner

Plat Book(s)
Provide local websites

DEMONSTRATE or DESCRIBE/EXPLAIN:

1. What Information is available in the Plat Book and Websites/Apps
 - Shows Property Lines and Ownership
 - Public Lands Open to the public are often color coded
 - Private Lands marked with an FCL or MFL-O are usually open for public hunting purposes.
 - Be sure confirm with the County Forest/Land Office
 - MFL-C are closed to hunting without permission

2. DEMONSTRATE PROPER METHOD FOR ASKING PERMISSION

- Use 2 Instructors with this demonstration.
- Use a plat book/website/app to determine the land owner
- If possible go well ahead of time to ask the landowner for permission.
 - The same day is not recommended but works sometimes
- Introduce yourself tell them what game you are interested in hunting and ask permission to hunt the landowner's property.
 - Name and where you are from.
 - What game you want to hunt
 - When you want to hunt.
 - Permission would only be for those present
 - Never bring anyone else to the property without first getting permission from the property owner
- If the landowner says NO, then thank them for their time and leave.
- If asking to hunt deer the usual answer is NO, but don't be discouraged.
 - Often the landowner may allow other types of hunting
 - Often a good impression with small game hunting may eventually lead to include deer hunting.
- If the landowner says YES, then you have permission to hunt.
 - Give the landowner the Thanks for Permission To Hunt Card
- Be a responsible guest hunter so you are invited back.
 - Stick to where you have permission to hunt
 - Pick up any litter you see even if it is not yours
 - Leave fences and gates as you found them.
 - Stop when leaving to let the landowner know how you did
 - Offer the landowner some of the game.
 - Provide the landowner a small gift of appreciation
 - Offer to help the landowner with some work

Thank You for
Permission to
Hunt Card

OBSERVE:

1. Break students into small groups and go through the asking permission steps as outlined above.
 - Keep the lesson simple/focused and quickly move through the exercise in a positive manner.
 - Doing this in a "Skit Format" works well and adds realism.
 - Have the students take turns so that each gets some experience.
2. **OPTIONAL:** Break the students into small groups and go through some Plat Book/Website/App locations for public and private property identification practice.

CONGRATULATE: Give praise throughout and also at the conclusion to the entire group