

# Green Hills Hunting Rules

Since the very beginning of the Green Hills sub division, an inclusive, multiple use philosophy for the common land has been a part of our community culture. Hiking, horseback riding, biking, trail running, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, ATV use, bird watching, hunting, and fishing are all part of what makes Green Hills such an attractive and wonderful place to live and enjoy with our families.

Over the course of many years a general set of agreements have been developed to help our community members (lot owners) enjoy the land in responsible and courteous ways. Following is an overview of rules pertaining to hunting and fishing on the common land.

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**Hunting is a long-standing cultural tradition** in Utah (and in Green Hills), supported by state and local laws. Hunting big game is also one of the most successful renewable resources around. Many in Green Hills moved here for the private hunting area and the private access to hunting areas that it allows. They feel reassured knowing that the people who are hunting near them are their neighbors.

**Green Hills Homeowners' Association follows all of the state and local laws regarding hunting**, plus we have a few of our own rules that have been accepted by common consent within the community and formalized in the rules of the HOA.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

There are different hunting seasons going on all year long. Deer and elk are harvested with archery equipment, rifles, or muzzleloaders in the fall, all in different seasons. Turkeys are harvested only with archery equipment or shotguns in the spring and early winter, and you must draw a special permit, in addition to having a regular hunting license.

Several fall upland game seasons start in August and go throughout the fall. Only shotguns are used, but there is not an abundance of upland game in Green Hills. Before reacting when you see someone in camo or orange with a gun, check out [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov) or call Utah DWR at 789-3103 to find out which hunting season might be going on.

- A person under the age of 16 must be with a parent, guardian or parental-approved adult over 21 to hunt with any weapon. They must have taken hunter safety classes.

- Big game bow seasons start in late August. General rifle deer hunting season begins in mid-October. However, there are also late-season hunts, specialty hunts, muzzleloader hunts and depredation hunts. Check out the DWR website or call the DWR with questions.
- Hunting begins ½ hour before sunrise and ends ½ hour after sunset.
- No one, for any reason, is allowed to shoot from a vehicle, or shoot across a roadway.
- No firearm may be discharged within 600 feet of any building, corral or pen, unless the person has permission from the owner. (Almost everyone in Green Hills has neighbors closer than that distance.)
- No one is allowed to trespass on private property without written permission from the owner.
- A dog may not take down, chase, harm or harass big game, with or without the knowledge of its owner.
- All rifle big-game hunters must wear a minimum of 400 sq. inches of hunter orange while hunting. Archery and muzzleloader big game hunters are not required to wear hunter orange, unless a rifle hunt is in progress.

## HOA Rules

- **No high-powered rifles are to be discharged anywhere between houses and the main loop trail, or on either the Maple Canyon or Kelley Canyon ridgelines that are in our common area. Some areas are hard to define. Use common sense.**
- No high-powered rifles are to be loaded until the hunter is on approved hunting land.

- Members may share the use and enjoyment of the common land with any family members, household guest, tenant, lessee, contract purchaser, or other person who resides on such Member's lot.
- **NO LOT OR HOMEOWNER HAS THE RIGHT TO GIVE PERMISSION TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OUR ASSOCIATION TO HUNT IN ANY OF THE HUNTING SEASONS, WHETHER THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THE HOMEOWNER OR NOT.**
- No visitors. NO ONE is authorized to give permission to anyone to use or cross our common land.
- All hunters should pick up a 'trespassing permit' from the Hunting Committee before going afield. This permit will allow you to access and hunt where the HOA has posted NO TRESPASSING/NO HUNTING signs. Hunters must have this permit in their possession while hunting.
- One final note: Know the boundaries of the Green Hills common area. If you leave the common area, it is your responsibility to make sure you are either on public land (Middle Fork) or have permission to be on someone else's property (i.e., Charwood, Winegar, Jensen, Price, McKay, Davis, Cutruba property, etc.).

#### **WINTER.**

All Green Hills common areas are in a Wildlife Conservation Easement which has access limitations. In order to effectively minimize disturbance to big game species and habitat during the critical wildlife wintering period, running from January 1 to March 31 annually, general access to the Property is restricted to designated trails and other areas where recreational access does not disturb wintering big game. **Wildlife has first consideration.** Many restrictions apply per our agreement with Wildlife Resources (DWR/DNR), but they can be summed up in: **DON'T DISTURB THE WILDLIFE.**

Filling late season depredation tags (doe and cow elk tags) obtained by home or lot owners and their immediate family is permitted during this time, but all rules and guidelines must be observed. Do not expect to cross private land in or out of Green Hills to retrieve game.

Deer and elk are already stressed during the winter months and can't afford the energy it takes to run. Many deer die each winter due to starvation and stress right in this community.

Don't approach wildlife on our common land during the winter. Don't allow your dogs to roam free. Even if a deer isn't caught by a dog, the deer can die from merely running. Be aware, dogs may be shot by the DWR or adjoining land owners if they are seen chasing big animals.

#### **FISHING.**

The Green Hills Pond is on common land. The pond is planted periodically with trout. Since we own the pond and the fish, no license is required. But a few simple rules apply.

- Fishing is mandatory catch and release for everyone 18 years and older and children under 18 may catch and keep one fish every two weeks. Use of single or barbless hooks is highly suggested. Fishing with flies is best.
- The fish are expensive. If you keep one (for a child's first fish for example), do not waste it. Eat it.
- Do not obstruct traffic by parking on the dam.
- Only the Hunting and Fishing Committee is authorized to plant fish.
- Fishing is generally restricted to homeowners and their families.
- Drive slowly on the dam to avoid kicking up dust.

#### **HUNTING AND FISHING COMMITTEE.**

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Feel free to call us with questions and to obtain a trespass permit. We are familiar with nearly every corner of the common land and with adjoining land, and can help you avoid problems and resolve any safety concerns.