

URBAN ARCHERY

Archery hunting is permitted within the Town limits by licensed hunters during approved Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) Archery Seasons. In addition to the Urban Archery Season for deer, archery deer hunting is also allowed during the early archery deer season, general firearms deer season, and the later archery deer season. Hunting for other wildlife is permitted only during the season approved by DGIF. Licensed archery hunters must abide by all applicable sections of the Virginia State Code and Virginia Hunting Regulations.

Please refer to the DGIF website for all Commonwealth regulations and to the Town Code Chapter 167 - Weapons for all Town specific regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town's Police Department at (540) 635-2111.



VIRGINIA URBAN ARCHERY

Beginning in the 2017-2018 season, the Town of Front Royal allows archery hunting within the Town limits during the seasons established by the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries. Participants must have a valid archery license for the season and must adhere to both Town regulations and to those regulations established by the Commonwealth of Virginia.



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A Guide to Archery Hunting Within the Town of Front Royal



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URBAN ARCHERY IN FRONT ROYAL



The Town of Front Royal has enacted legislation that permits urban archery within the Town limits during established archery seasons as a means of controlling the population of certain wildlife as permitted by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF). Hunting for wildlife is permitted only during the season approved by DGIF. Licensed archery hunters must abide by all applicable sections of the Virginia State Code and Virginia Hunting Regulations (including bag limits and tagging/checking requirements). It shall be unlawful for any person, while archery hunting to violate any of the following additional Town restrictions:

- Discharge of an arrow is permitted only in order to hunt wildlife in season or for target practice. No discharge of an arrow shall be made toward any animal other than those in approved hunting season.

- Any person discharging archery equipment shall, at all times while engaged in such activity, have in their possession written permission from the landowner(s) to discharge such weapon on the private property. Approval from landowner(s) of a total aggregate, contiguous area of one-half (1/2) acres at minimum is required to conduct archery hunting.
- No person shall discharge archery equipment from, over, or across any street, sidewalk, alley, roadway, or public place within the Town limits or toward any building or dwelling in such a manner that an arrow may strike it.
- No person shall discharge archery equipment unless from an elevated position of at least ten (10) feet above the surrounding terrain. Any disabled hunter unable to hunt from such platform must comply with all regulations established by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.
- Except for target shooting, discharge of archery equipment is not permitted within one hundred (100) feet of any dwelling except with written consent of the owner of said structure.
- Discharge of archery equipment is not permitted within one hundred (100) feet of any school property line. Use of archery equipment on school property for school sanctioned activities shall be excluded from this restriction.
- Any person discharging archery equipment shall use reasonable care to ensure the arrow does not cross any property line and enter any property on which the hunter does not have permission to hunt. The discharge of an arrow across or over the boundaries of a property for which no permission has been given by the property owner shall create a rebuttable presumption that the use of the archery equipment was not conducted with reasonable care.
- The hunter is responsible for the disposition of the animal carcass to the local/regional landfill. Carcasses shall be double bagged. Field dressing of the animal shall be by agreement between the landowner and the hunter. No field dressing of the animal shall occur on Town owned property without express written permission from the Town Manager or designee.

