

Policy on Hunting on University Property

Policy Title	Policy on Hunting on University Property
Policy #	01.107.1
Policy Owner	Director of Public Safety
Contact Information	Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Director of Public Safety at (401) 874-2109
Approved By	Administrative Policy Committee
Effective Date	August 3, 2020
Next Review Date	No later than June 30, 2025
Who Needs to Know About this Policy	All staff with control of land under the control of the University, particularly staff associated with operations of W. Alton Jones Campus, Narragansett Bay Campus, Peckham Farm, and East Farm, among others.
Definitions	<p>Hunting. The action to pursue, trap, take, or kill, or attempt so to do, or in any manner molest or destroy, any wild animals, including birds and their nests and/or eggs, for sport, food, or any other purpose.</p> <p>University Property. Property belonging to the State of Rhode Island and held in trust by the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees; property held by the University of Rhode Island or any of its component units in its own name; and property owned by third parties but assigned to, occupied by, or managed by the University or any of its component units.</p>
Statutes, Regulations, and Policies Governing or Necessitating This Policy	<p>RIGL § 20-18-3 (Hunting on Public Land)</p> <p>RIGL § 20-16 (Furbearing Animals)</p>
Reason for Policy/Purpose	To provide clarity on Hunting activities on University Property
Forms Related to this Policy	None

Policy Statement

Hunting is disallowed on all University Property unless provided by Exceptions as noted below. This policy does not apply to the capture of aquatic fish, shellfish, insects, amphibians, or reptiles when such capture is undertaken as a component of a bona fide research or teaching endeavor undertaken through the auspices of the University.

Open spaces that might reasonably be construed as available for hunting will be posted, to the extent practical, with “No Hunting” signs by the University. Facilities Operations will be responsible for any initial posting and all maintenance of such postings on all University Property including the Kingston, W. Alton Jones, and Narragansett Bay campuses.

Exceptions

The University is responsible for maintaining the integrity of its property and thus there is an exception for the trapping or destruction of nuisance animals that present a clear menace to property, livestock, or humans by the University or its contractors. Regulations regarding trapping of furbearing nuisance animals can be found at RIGL § 20-16 (Furbearing Animals). The removal of nuisance animals must be coordinated through Facilities Operations, including, at minimum, notification of the removal activity when undertaken by a third party. Facilities Operations may, at its discretion, deny the third-party removal should it determine to complete the removal activity itself.

Exceptions for research activities other than those outlined above are allowed when permitted through IACUC review. For research or teaching activities that fall under both IACUC review and the terms of this policy, IACUC shall provide notification of the Hunting activity to the Vice President for Administration and Finance as a component of the IACUC approval.