

## Policy on Hunting on University Property

<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>Policy on Hunting on University Property</b>
<b>Policy #</b>	01.107.2
<b>Policy Owner</b>	Assistant Vice President of Public Safety and Chief of Police
<b>Contact Information</b>	Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Assistant Vice President of Public Safety and Chief of Police at (401) 874-4910
<b>Approved By</b>	President of the University of Rhode Island
<b>Effective Date</b>	July 14, 2025
<b>Next Review Date</b>	No later than July 31, 2030
<b>Who Needs to Know About this Policy</b>	All staff with responsibility for University Property, particularly staff associated with operations of W. Alton Jones Campus, Narragansett Bay Campus, Peckham Farm, and East Farm; also University faculty whose research involves Hunting.
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Hunting.</b> 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. For the purposes of this policy, Hunting does not include fishing.</p> <p><b>University Property.</b> 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 ("University" or "URI") 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>
<b>Statutes, Regulations, and Policies Governing or Necessitating This Policy</b>	<p>RIGL § 20-18-3 (Hunting on Public Land)</p> <p>RIGL § 20-16 (Furbearing Animals)</p>
<b>Reason for Policy/Purpose</b>	To prohibit Hunting on University Property except as stipulated under Exceptions.
<b>Forms Related to this Policy</b>	None

## Policy Statement

Hunting is prohibited on all University Property unless permitted by Exceptions as noted below.

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

**Research and Teaching Activities:** Lawful Hunting on University Property is permitted for any bona fide URI research or teaching activity. All such Hunting activities involving vertebrate species are required to undergo prior review by the URI Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and obtain IACUC approval. For such Hunting activities involving birds or mammals on University Property, IACUC shall provide notification of the Hunting activity to the Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Chief of Police as a component of the IACUC approval. All persons engaged in Hunting of vertebrate species on University Property under this research or teaching exception must comply with all relevant state laws and regulations and local ordinances; and they must carry with them the appropriate license or permit from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (Hunting License, Trapping License, or Scientific Collector's Permit) and a copy of the corresponding IACUC approval letter.

**Nuisance Animals:** The University is responsible for maintaining the integrity of its property. Accordingly, there is an exception for the trapping or destruction by the University or its contractors of nuisance animals that present a clear menace to property, livestock, or humans. 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.

The Vice President for Administration and Finance may issue written exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis, as appropriate.

## Policy Review and Revisions

(Versions earlier than the first policy number may be paper only)

Policy #	Effective Date	Reason for Change	Changes to Policy
01.107.1	August 3, 2020	n/a	n/a
01.107.2	July 14, 2025	Scheduled Review	Clarified and updated exceptions.