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NZDA HUNTS has training links with, or receives support from the following organisations:

New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association
Fish & Game New Zealand
NZ Mountain Safety Council
Stoney Creek (NZ) Ltd
Sika Show Limited

Hunter National Training Scheme

NZDA HUNTS



A comprehensive course promoting hunting as a lifetime activity. Provides practical skills for safe, successful hunting.

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Overview

The New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association (NZDA) promotes hunting as a lifetime outdoor activity through the Hunter National Training Scheme (HUNTS). The HUNTS training programme is conducted at branch level under the guidance of a national coordinator and is proudly sponsored by Stoney Creek

HUNTS was first launched in 1987 and has seen thousands of hunters gain the skills needed to hunt safely and responsibly in New Zealand.

Learn about hunting and the outdoors with an instructor who has a proven level of competence through a national training and assessment package. Your instructor will pass on their experience and knowledge in hunting following the hunting guidelines of NZDA and Fish and Game NZ.



Course Content

The programme syllabus covers the knowledge and skills to operate safely as a hunter in the New Zealand outdoors and teaches the ethics of fair chase and the principles of managing a sustainable game resource.

The course is delivered over 16 hours of theory and 4 field days including at least 1 overnight camping trip.

Core Modules:

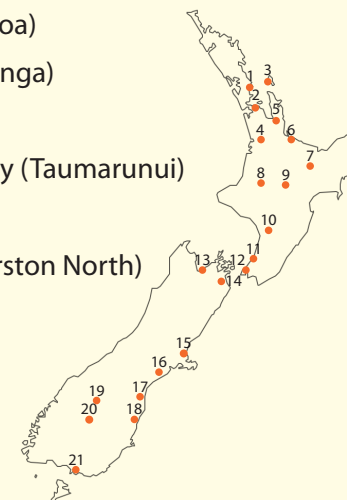
- Equipment and clothing
- Bush travel and navigation
- River safety
- Game animal species and hunting techniques
- Firearms safety in a hunting context
- Care for meat and trophy
- Preparing for when 'things go wrong'
- Range shooting and setting up a hunting firearm

HUNTS is designed for new hunters who are aged 18 plus, but younger hunters are welcome with guardian approval. HUNTS requires a level of fitness to carry a pack across country. A firearms licence is preferred but not mandatory.

NZDA is committed to 'best practice' in ethical hunting and safe outdoor practices

Where is HUNTS Delivered?

- 1) North Auckland (Silverdale)
- 2) Auckland (Point Chevalier)
- 3) Great Barrier Island (Direct branch)
- 4) Waikato (Hamilton East)
- 5) Thames Valley (Paeroa)
- 6) Bay of Plenty (Tauranga)
- 7) Rotorua
- 8) Central King Country (Taumarunui)
- 9) Taupo
- 10) Manawatu (Palmerston North)
- 11) Kapiti (Waikanae)
- 12) Porirua



- 13) Nelson
- 14) Marlborough (Blenheim)
- 15) North Canterbury (Christchurch)
- 16) Rakaia (Ashburton)
- 17) South Canterbury (Timaru)
- 18) North Otago (Oamaru)
- 19) Upper Clutha (Wanaka)
- 20) Southern Lakes (Queenstown)
- 21) Southland (Invercargill)

More information on our website:

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