

General terms and conditions for small-game hunting on state lands above the “cultivation limit” (odlingsgräns) and within reindeer grazing uplands in the county of Jämtland

1. At the times and under the terms and conditions stipulated by Swedish legislation on hunting, small-game hunting rights for the 2008/2009 season on state lands above the cultivation limit in the counties of Norrbotten and Västerbotten, and within reindeer grazing uplands in the county of Jämtland, are granted, as of 25 August 2010, subject to the clarifications and exceptions set out below.

2. One-day hunting permits can be bought for SEK 250 per day (local regulations apply to hunting in Tåssåsen, Handölsdalen and Mittådalen Sami “villages” and the Ammarnäs area). One-day hunting permits may be bought no more than five days in advance and for no more than five consecutive 24-hour periods. Dog training licences may be bought.

3. Persons permanently resident in upland municipalities may purchase annual permits for small-game hunting within their own municipalities. The fee is SEK 800. To be able to exercise their hunting rights (“activate” the annual permit), holders of annual permits shall, via the point of purchase or the internet application, state within which area it is proposed that hunting will take place.

4. Each hunting permit is issued to the named individual. While hunting, the individual shall carry the permit along with the state hunting licence, gun licence and officially recognised personal identification.

To be valid, the hunting permit must be signed by the holder. Sold hunting permits cannot be redeemed.

5. Hunting shall be carried out in such a way that reindeer husbandry is not significantly inconvenienced. Examples of areas where significant inconvenience may be caused include sites where: reindeer are collected, separated and slaughtered in the autumn; and, sensitive sections of migration/herding routes. There is no right to hunt within 500 m of herds of at least 25 reindeer in an area of 100 x 100 m or less. It is incumbent on the hunter to ascertain where there is a risk of disturbing reindeer husbandry and to refrain from hunting in such areas. The hunter must bear in mind that disturbance may be caused anywhere in the hunting area.

6. There is no right to hunt within 1,000 metres of:

- enclosures that are intended, and currently being used, for reindeer husbandry/slaughter.
- areas where reindeer collect, migrate or are herded.
- fenced in areas that are intended, and currently being used, for sheep or other grazing animals.

- permanent dwellings, reindeer herder cabins and holiday homes. Near a dwelling, hunting rights may only be exercised near isolated buildings and only if the entirety of the dwelling is used exclusively by the hunting permit holder's own household.

Furthermore, hunting rights may only be exercised near such isolated buildings when there is no one in, or in the vicinity of, the building. It is also incumbent on the hunter to find out where residential areas are located and, in accordance with the above conditions, avoid hunting in and around such areas.

7. The hunting permit does not allow:

- hunting from 6 – 20 September in Jämtland's upland reindeer grazing areas (break in elk hunting).
- hunting for roe deer, duck and several other species (depending on county).
- trapping.
- training gun dogs (pointers/setters and flushers) after the following dates in the stated counties – Jämtland, last day of February; Västerbotten, 15 March; and, Norrbotten, 13 April.
- the shooting of more than eight ptarmigan and three grouse per each hunting day.

Dogs that worry reindeer must not be taken on hunts. When crossing land that is closed to hunting, dogs must be kept on leads.

8. In addition to § 93 of the Reindeer Husbandry Act (1971:437), the following also apply to the use of dogs in hunting:

- Pointers/setters and flushers are admitted to be used when bird hunting.
- All types of suitable hounds are admitted to be used when hunting in areas of coniferous forest.

9. Hunting in order to sell the game is not permitted.

For safety reasons, when using rifles to hunt ptarmigan in winter (January – March), only rifles intended for “class 3 and 4” cartridges may be taken and used.

10. Lands over which there are no hunting rights, or which are exempt from any other local regulations, are shown in the map that is to be supplied with the hunting permit. It is incumbent on the hunter to ascertain the precise location of areas that are subject to hunting restrictions and, for safety reasons, of areas where elk hunting is in progress.

11. Police officers, customs officers, the relevant officers of the county administrative board and the appointed “hunting ranger” are entitled to check that valid hunting permits are held.

12. A game report shall be submitted at the end of hunting. Before a new permit can be issued, this report must have been registered. For further details, see www.smavilt.se. In respect of a one-day hunting permit, the game report must have been received and registered no later than two weeks after the end of hunting. In respect of an annual permit, the time limit is no later than two weeks after the end of the hunting that has been activated.

13. To prevent disturbance to reindeer husbandry, and to limit the number of hunters in certain areas (so as to adjust activity to a level that is consistent with good hunting, good game conservation, etc.), the county administrative board reserves the right to suspend hunting in special areas. Hunting in areas covered by a suspension is not permitted. Holders of annual permits can continue to hunt when hunting activity under one-day permits has reached its maximum.

14. Under § 94 of the Reindeer Husbandry Act (SFS 1971:437), a fine shall be imposed on anyone who intentionally or negligently:

- closes off an established or otherwise recognised reindeer migration/herding route or, in, to or near such a route, does anything else that significantly impedes its use.
- scares or in any other way worries reindeer that are staying in an area where reindeer husbandry is, at the time, permitted.
- without authorisation, either drives reindeer away from an area where reindeer husbandry is, at the time, permitted, or prevents reindeer from grazing in such an area.

15. Setting up a tent or tents in the same square kilometre for more than four consecutive nights, as also setting up a tent or tents with a greater total base area of 18 square metres, requires the approval of the county administrative board. Hunting rights may be withdrawn if use is made of a hunting camp that does not have the required permission. For further information on hunting camps, see www.smavilt.se.

16. Where they are hunting under supervision, people below 18 years of age do not need their own hunting permits or state hunting licence.

17. A hunting permit can be immediately withdrawn if “General terms and conditions” are not followed or if there is any other proper reason for such withdrawal. The possibility of purchasing new hunting permits may also be lost for up to 5 years.