

Blandin Policy

Blandin Paper Company welcomes visitors to its forest lands in northern Minnesota. We ask people using our lands to respect and help keep them in good shape for sustainable forestry and healthy wildlife populations, by following these policies. Each user should carefully consider how to have minimal impact as they use this land.

DEER STANDS

Hunters who use Blandin lands are expected to follow federal, state and local regulations. In addition, Blandin's policy allows only temporary portable stands or blinds on its property. WE DO NOT ALLOW the use of **any** stand that is permanently affixed to trees using nails or screws, is permanently affixed to the ground, is placed to take advantage of unauthorized cutting of vegetation, or is left in place out of season.

Up to seven days before season, hunters may place small portable stands. Trees and brush cannot be cut. Establishment of "shooting lanes" is not allowed. Trail construction for the purpose of ATV/OHV access to stand locations is prohibited. ATV/OHV travel on any formerly constructed and existing trails that access stand locations is prohibited. All ATV/OHV travel away from Blandin established forest roads is considered "cross-country-travel" and is prohibited. Hunters must adhere to the policy described below in the section ATV and OHV USE.

All stands and personal property are to be removed within 7 days after close of the hunting season for which they were used. Hunters are asked to remove stands they may have built on company land in the past.

NOTICE: Blandin will remove and dispose of deer stands of the type not allowed, or which have been left in place past the allowable timeframes described above. Blandin will remove and retain for one year, personal property left on the company lands. If the owner wishes to recover their personal property, they will be assessed a fee before any property is released. After one year, all materials will be disposed.

OPEN ACCESS

Our forest lands are open to public recreational use. Under the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act and the Conservation Easement between Blandin and the MN DNR, it is illegal for any person to attempt to reserve areas of company land for their personal use, by acts of intimidation, hunting stand construction, placing personal locks on company gates, or placement of signs. DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF BLANDIN GATES. These are Blandin access roads used for emergency vehicles, Blandin foresters, and forest management contractors.

Temporary fall season hunting camping is allowed, *provided* the camps:

- are at least 150' set back away from major roads and do not block any road access
- have no signs indicating permanence
- are not left unattended overnight and are continuously occupied during the hunt season
- are limited to a maximum of 3 weeks during the hunting season

Blandin also prohibits, on its lands, unauthorized

- cutting of live vegetation
- mowing of roads, trails, edges, and openings
- construction of cabins, hunting shacks, roads and trails
- storage or abandonment of personal property, trash or litter

ATV and OHV USE

Allowed:

- On existing Grant-In-Aid ATV/OVH trails
- On forest roads established and maintained by Blandin
- On other Blandin roads and trails posted "OPEN".

Not allowed:

- For any cross county travel for the purpose of accessing or installing tree stands, to retrieve harvested big game, or for trapping.
- During March 15 to May 15. The closure period may vary each year due to weather conditions. Check the Blandin web site for current status.

Drive responsibly! Failure to obey ATV/OHV rules will result in road closures.